

## Newsletter June 2026

### FORWARD Belgium activities

#### New associate member

Companies or organisations whose activities are related to the scope of FORWARD Belgium and/or its members may join as [associate members](#). FORWARD Belgium recently welcomed the following associate member:



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### GOLD sponsors 2026



#### FORWARD Belgium Gold sponsors 2026

The following companies are **GOLD sponsors** of FORWARD Belgium for 2026:

- ✓ [BDO Belgium](#)
- ✓ [Van Breda Marine](#)
- ✓ [SSC Consolidation](#)
- ✓ [Van Doosselaere & Partners](#)
- ✓ [Customs Support](#)

### FORWARD Belgium



#### Customs

##### *AEO event: key insights for the future of customs*

On 21 May, the annual **AEO event** took place at the Pacheco Centre in Brussels, in conjunction with the General Assembly of the National Customs Forum. The auditorium was packed with representatives from the private sector, the customs administration and academia – a clear sign that customs and the upcoming reforms are a major concern in our sector.

The programme covered topics including **EU Customs Reform**, the **UCC reform**, **MASP developments** and the **revision of the General Customs and Excise Act**. Speakers emphasised that the upcoming changes – such as the European Customs Data Hub, new e-commerce rules and the ‘trust & check’ principle – will fundamentally reshape the sector’s business model.

The common thread running through the afternoon: **close cooperation between government, the business community and knowledge institutions** remains essential to making this transition a success.

**FORWARD Belgium** continues to monitor all these issues closely.

#### Sustainability



##### *Interactive Sustainability Committee | 15 June 2026*

The logistics sector is changing rapidly, and the role of the freight forwarder is becoming increasingly crucial. During the **interactive Sustainability Committee** on **Monday 15 June**, we will focus on the **key challenges and opportunities** for our companies: from modal shift and night-time logistics to sector image, concrete sustainability actions and the growing European reporting obligations.

We will bring together insights, practical examples and expertise from our members to further strengthen the sector’s sustainability ambitions.

[More info and registration](#)



##### *CBAM – Updated European Commission FAQ*

In May 2026, the European Commission published an updated version of its **CBAM Questions & Answers**, providing clarifications since the start of the definitive CBAM period on 1 January 2026. **CLECAT** has summarised the **key changes**. We advise members involved in CBAM imports to review these updates and adjust their procedures where necessary.

The documents (CLECAT summary and FAQ) can be requested from the [FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#).



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De Wereld.**



### Human Resources

#### Marketing Focus Group [jobsindehaven.be](http://jobsindehaven.be)

Alfaport Voka is setting up a **Marketing Focus Group** to further strengthen the campaign strategy of [jobsindehaven.be](http://jobsindehaven.be). The group meets once or twice a year to assess what is working, what could be improved and which elements are currently missing.

Participants come from professional associations, youth organisations and a selection of companies within the port community, with a mix of communications and HR profiles.

**FORWARD Belgium** is still looking for a few member companies that would like to join and help shape the direction of this strategic think tank. First meeting: **17 June at 2 pm – Alfaport Voka, Markgravenstraat 12, Antwerp.**

Interested? [Please contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)

### Young FORWARD Belgium



#### Young Antwerp Anchorage 2026: third edition confirms success

On **21 May**, the **third edition** of **Young Antwerp Anchorage** took place in Antwerp. More than 120 young professionals from the logistics, maritime, supply chain and air freight sectors came together for an afternoon full of inspiration, insights and networking.

The programme featured a mix of keynote speeches, personal development sessions, economic and geopolitical analysis, AI insights and an interactive youth panel. Two new youth associations also joined in, bringing a fresh perspective and even more cross-pollination within the community.

You [can](#) relive the atmosphere of this edition through the [photos available here](#) and [the aftermovie, which you can watch here](#).

With this edition, Young Antwerp Anchorage once again confirms its role as a connecting platform where young talents find, strengthen and inspire one another.



#### Come and support us at the 9th FORWARD Cup

On Friday 5 June, the **9th FORWARD Cup** once again promises an evening full of football, team spirit and an after-work atmosphere at City Pirates in Merksem. With 26 teams, food & drinks, children's entertainment and plenty of networking opportunities, it promises to be another top edition. Supporters are more than welcome!

📍 Jef Mermans Stadium, Merksem

🕒 Reception from 5.00 pm – kick-off at 6.00 pm – final around 9.45 pm

[More info](#)

## Accessible Port



#### Dialogue session: Accessible Port | 22 June 2026

An easily accessible port remains crucial for every business in the Antwerp and Waasland port area. That is why Alfaport Voka, Voka – Antwerp-Waasland Chamber of Commerce and Port of Antwerp-Bruges are once again organising an *Accessible Port Dialogue Session*.

During this session, you will receive an update on ongoing and planned roadworks, the planned mitigation measures and projects relating to alternative mobility. On **22 June**, we will look ahead to what this means for mobility in and around the port area.

[More info and registration](#)



**On our website, you will find WARD, FORWARD's digital assistant.**

WARD helps members quickly find the right information, documents and answers to frequently asked questions. By digitising processes and making information more accessible, WARD contributes to more efficient and sustainable operations within our sector.

**Less searching, fewer emails, less paper — more time for what really matters.**

You can access WARD directly via our website. The secretariat *remains available to answer any further questions.*

## Calendar

### FORWARD Belgium events and meetings:

May 2026

DATE	TOPIC	TARGET AUDIENCE	MORE INFO
5 June	FORWARD Cup Interactive Sustainability Committee	All logistics players	<a href="#">/forward-cup</a>
15 June		FORWARD Belgium members	<a href="#">/SustainabilityCommittee</a>

### FORWARD Belgium partner events:

- ✓ [9 June | Executive Committee The Way Forward](#)
- ✓ [17 June | CLECAT CITI](#)
- ✓ [22 June | BITO-IBOT Governing Body meeting](#)
- ✓ [22 June | BITO-IBOT General Meeting](#)
- ✓ [23 June | Alfaport Voka Management Committee](#)
- ✓ [23 June | The Way Forward Executive Committee](#)
- ✓ [26 June | Portilog Board of Directors](#)

[Full agenda](#)

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