



Newsletter November 2025

FORWARD Belgium activities

New members

We recently welcomed the following company as **a new member**:

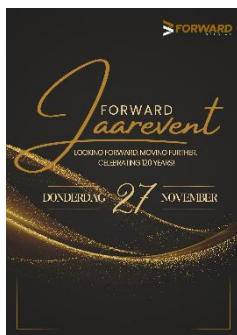


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New associate member

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

erdeXco bv
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FORWARD Belgium annual event 'Magic Ocean' | 27 November

In honour of **120 years of FORWARD Belgium**, we invite our members to a **magical evening** at the **Antwerp ZOO aquarium** on **Thursday 27 November**. We will start with an atmospheric walk through the **Magic Ocean** light festival, followed by a reception and seated dinner among the underwater splendour.

What can you expect?

6.15 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
Welcome at Flamingoplein, Antwerp ZOO
6.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Start of evening walk along the *Magic Ocean* light festival
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Reception in the Aquarium
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Seated dinner among the underwater splendour
10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Open bar
11:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Evening walk to the exit along the *Magic Ocean* light festival

You can register until 13 November at the latest [using the registration form](#) - be quick, places are limited!

FORWARD Belgium looks forward to celebrating this festive evening with you!

[More info and registration](#)

GOLD sponsors 2025



FORWARD Belgium Gold sponsors 2025

The following companies are **GOLD sponsors 2025** of FORWARD Belgium:

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

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Digitisation

Lunch & Learn: Efficiency in Logistics with Practical AI Tools | 20 November 2025

On Thursday 20 November from 12 noon to 2 p.m., FORWARD Belgium and The Beacon invite you to an inspiring Lunch & Learn in Antwerp. Discover how AI and smart digital solutions are transforming the logistics sector: from autonomous order processing to intelligent container tracking and fraud detection.



🎤 Speakers: Mbarq, Cnext and Dockflow will share practical cases and tools that really work.

📍 Location: The Beacon, Sint-Pietersvliet 7, Antwerp

[More information and registration](#)

Customs

Correct TSD write-offs for a smooth flow of goods

On 7 October, the information session '**Correct TSD write-offs for a smooth flow of goods**' took place in the Orangerie Room at Bluepoint Berchem. This meeting, organised by FORWARD Belgium and the Belgian Shipping Association in collaboration with The Way Forward, offered concrete insights into:

- Which data is crucial for correct follow-up declarations
- How the shipping agent can efficiently provide this information
- Roles and responsibilities within the logistics chain
- Practical tools such as the IRP's Import Consignment API

Aimed at management and customs officials, the focus was on transparency and coordination between shipping agents, freight forwarders and consignees.

📧 [The slides and recording of the session can be requested from the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)



MASP customs projects for non-customs specialists

The Way Forward will organise an additional online information session for non-customs specialists (C-level or other) on **21 November from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

Similar to a similar session held a year earlier, the entire MASP programme will be explained in broad terms. The emphasis will be on the impact on the operational process and the role that the various parties must play.

The Teams link can be requested [from the FORWARD Belgium secretariat at](#)



Sustainability

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

CBAM has been in force since **1 October 2023**, with a reporting obligation for importers. From **1 January 2026**, financial settlement will follow: companies will then pay for CO₂ emissions at the border.

For freight forwarders, customs representatives and logistics service providers, the role will change significantly. Mistakes can be costly, and many companies are only now realising this – preparation is crucial.

In order to inform members in good time, FORWARD Belgium and IACBAM organised an exclusive webinar on 2 October 2025. [The presentation and/or recording link can be requested from the secretariat.](#)



Human Resources

Public holidays and sectoral leave days in 2026

[Click here](#) for an overview of **public holidays and sectoral leave days in 2026**.



Legal

Review: Panoptes information session – digital platform for safety checks

On 10 October, DG Shipping organised an online information session about the new *Panoptes* platform, which will soon become the central tool for security verifications in the maritime sector. The session was specifically aimed at shipping agents and freight forwarders and provided clarity about the future working method.

👉 The presentation can be requested from [the FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#). You can also contact them if you have any additional questions or require clarification.



Young FORWARD Belgium

Supply Chain Experience Event | 20 November

BSV The Next Generation & Young FORWARD Belgium invite their members and Supply Chain Management students to an inspiring information session with shipping expert Stefan Verberckmoes (AXSMarine). Under the title '*Never a dull moment in liner shipping*', we will dive into the world of container shipping, disruption and greening. We will conclude with an informal networking moment.



- 📅 Thursday 20 November
- 🕒 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- 📍 KdG Campus Groenplaats, Antwerp
- 🎓 Free for FORWARD members – advance registration required

[More info and registration](#)



Looking back on the 12th FORWARD Quiz
On **Thursday 2 October**, the **12th edition** of the **FORWARD Belgium Quiz** took place at **De Ark Antwerp**. With 59 enthusiastic quiz teams, challenging rounds of questions and a battle for the coveted challenge cup, it was an evening full of excitement, fun and connection.

🏆 Winner: *De bende van t elfde* (Schenker)
🗣️ Most original team name: *Ceva très bien, merci* (CEVA Air & Ocean Belgium)
📷 [Click here](#) for photos and the full report.

On behalf of FORWARD Belgium and Young FORWARD Belgium: thank you to all participants and sponsors!

What's happening on LinkedIn?



Today is the day: the 12th edition of the FORWARD Quiz!
An evening full of knowledge, fun and team spirit is just around the corner. 🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

The FORWARD Quiz is in full swing! The teams are sharp, the questions are tough, and the atmosphere? Priceless. 🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

The 12th FORWARD Belgium Quiz: an evening full of brains and a lively atmosphere! 🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

Why does networking work? Because it's more than just a handshake or a business card. 🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

Live from Bluepoint Berchem: the information session 'Correct TSD write-offs for a smooth flow of goods' is in full swing!
🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

Building a modern customs sanctions law together
Quote from Olivier Schoenmaeckers (co-chair of the Multidisciplinary Committee for the Revision of the Customs & Excise Sanctions Policy).
🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

LUNCH & LEARN: Efficiency in Logistics with Practical AI Tools
A great example of how collaboration accelerates innovation. 🖱️ [Read the post here](#)

Intermodal Marketplace



On **19 November**, Port of Antwerp-Bruges will once again organise the annual **Intermodal Marketplace** in A Room with a ZOO (Elisabeth Centre). This networking event focuses on **sustainable freight transport** by rail, inland waterways and short sea shipping.

Discover the latest developments in the transport ecosystem during the plenary session, visit the stands of transporters and inland terminals, and take part in the exclusive morning programme with a boat trip on the Albert Canal.

📅 Registration is open until 7 November. Don't miss it!

[More info and registration](#)

Agenda

FORWARD Belgium events and meetings:

November 2025

DATE	TOPIC	TARGET AUDIENCE	MORE INFO
13 November	FORWARD Belgium governing body Supply Chain Experience Event: Never a dull moment	Members of the governing body	https://forwardbelgium.be/jaarevent-2025
20 November	in liner shipping Lunch & Learn: Efficiency in logistics with practical AI tools	All logistics players	https://forwardbelgium.be/SCE-Event
20 November	Webinar MASP customs projects for non-customs specialists	FORWARD Belgium members	Lunch & Learn: Efficiency in Logistics with Practical AI Tools Tickets, Thursday, 20 November 2025 at 12:00 PM Eventbrite
21 November	FORWARD Belgium Annual Event 2025	FORWARD Belgium members	ines@forwardbelgium.be
27 November	'Magic Ocean'	All logistics players	https://forwardbelgium.be/jaarevent-2025

FORWARD Belgium partner events:

- ✓ 19 November 2025 - Intermodal Marketplace
- ✓ 19 November 2025 - Customs Congress 2025: Customs reforms and their impact on your reality
- ✓ Extra session due to great success! 26 November, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., BDO Antwerp training centre: IDMS workshop Dive into the world of IDMS and discover useful tips and tricks during this practical workshop.

[Full agenda](#)

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