



October 2026 Newsletter

FORWARD Belgium activities

New members

We recently welcomed the following companies as **new members**:



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Seize your last chance to secure advertising space in FORWARD Magazine

Would you like to give your company extra visibility within the logistics and maritime sector? Then now is the time to reserve your space. Through its bilingual publication (NL/EN) and distribution in both print and digital formats, **FORWARD Magazine** reaches a wide audience of professionals and decision-makers in the sector.

Only a few advertising spaces remain available for the **Autumn 2026 edition**:

- 1 × 1/3 page
- 2 × 1/4 page

These remaining spaces will be allocated on a **'first come, first served'** basis. So don't wait too long if you want to put your company, products or services in the spotlight for FORWARD Belgium's members and contacts.

[Interested? Contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat straight away to reserve your advertising space.](#)

GOLD sponsors 2026



FORWARD Belgium Gold Sponsors 2026

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

- ✓ [BDO Belgium](#)
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Sustainability

FORWARD Goals for Sustainable Development

On Tuesday 29 September, the **evaluation committee** met once again to assess the applications from companies whose **FORWARD GOALS certificate** expires this year.

We are proud to announce that **BDP International, Cryo Logistics Belgium, Manuport Logistics, Naxco Belgium** and **Vedrova** have successfully renewed their applications. All applications were assessed positively, meaning these companies have once again been awarded the **GOLD label** for the period **2026–2028**. This renewed recognition confirms their ongoing commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility within the logistics sector.

Is your label due to expire soon and would you like to renew it? Or would your company like to participate in FORWARD GOALS for the first time? [If so, please contact the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)

[More info](#)



Human Resources

HOGENT Supply Chain Experience Day | 23 November 2026

On **Monday 23 November**, HOGENT is organising the 5th edition of the **Supply Chain Experience Day**. From 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm, companies will have the opportunity to meet over 200 secondary school pupils and students from the following programmes in the foyer of Campus Schoonmeersen:

- **Supply Chain Management**
- **Applied Computer Science** and
- **Accountancy Taxation.**

Companies will have the opportunity to present their organisation and discuss **internships, projects, vacancies for recent graduates** and **student jobs** directly with the students.

Participation is free, but the number of stands is limited.

You can register via: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4qz3vnZMnS>



Young FORWARD Belgium

13th FORWARD Quiz Night | An evening full of excitement, knowledge and fun!

On **Thursday 24 September**, we welcomed no fewer than 60 enthusiastic teams to the Ark Antwerp for the **annual FORWARD Belgium Quiz Night**. The participants were presented with a varied selection of questions and competed right up to the very last moment for a place at the top of the leaderboard. The atmosphere was great from start to finish and the enthusiasm was palpable at every table.

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Never a dull moment in liner shipping | 26 November 2026

On **Thursday 26 November 2026**, BSV The Next Generation & Young FORWARD Belgium are inviting students from Karel de Grote University College, the University of Antwerp and Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences to an information session featuring an insightful keynote speech. Stefan Verberckmoes, Senior Shipping Analyst at AXS Marine (Alphaliner), will guide participants through the **rapidly changing landscape of liner shipping in the container sector**. From basic logistics principles to current challenges such as market disruption and the greening of the fleet. It will be a session packed with real-world insights. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to chat during an informal networking session.

[More info and registration](#)

CUSTOMS CONFERENCE 2026



12th edition of the Customs Congress | 25 November 2026

The **EU Customs Reform** is now underway. With the introduction of the EU Customs Data Hub, the focus is shifting from fragmented systems to a single, data-driven European approach. For customs professionals, this means not just an IT update, but a whole new way of working.

The **twelfth edition of the Customs Congress** will therefore place digitalisation and data at the heart of its programme. It will also examine the impact of non-fiscal legislation on international trade, as well as the regulations governing military goods.

[More information and registration](#)



Nightmode logistics

By carrying out logistics operations at night as well, we reduce peak periods in container transport at terminals and on the roads. This not only helps the port run more smoothly, but also makes your **transport process more efficient**.

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*On our website, you'll 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 use WARD directly via our website. The secretariat remains available for any further enquiries.

Calendar

FORWARD BELGIUM EVENTS AND MEETINGS

October 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>TARGET AUDIENCE</u>	<u>MORE INFO</u>
15 October	Site visit to	Members of the governing body	info@forwardbelgium.be

TRAINING COURSES

INTERNAL TRAINING COURSES

- ✓ [Click here for the training courses offered by FORWARD Belgium](#)

TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY OUR PARTNERS

- ✓ [Document flow for imports and exports: the basics of logistics](#)
- ✓ [DMS: a practical guide to AES, NCTS and IDMS](#)
- ✓ [Incoterms 2020 exercises: applying international trade rules](#)
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- ✓ [AEO: the three strategic insights for effective customs operations](#)
- ✓ [Transport of batteries in accordance with the IMDG Code and ADR](#)
- ✓ [AI basics for operational staff in global trade](#)
- ✓ [Impact of Incoterms on customs declarations](#)
- ✓ [The practical aspects of the freight forwarding profession](#)
- ✓ [CMR consignment note: from theory to correctly completing the consignment note](#)
- ✓ [DMS: a practical guide to using AES, NCTS and IDMS](#)
- ✓ [Introduction to the Port of Antwerp](#)
- ✓ [Customs Masterclass – Module 04: Imports](#)
- ✓ [Document flow for imports and exports: essential for the shipper](#)
- ✓ [Key players in international trade: roles and responsibilities](#)
- ✓ [Practical online customs tools](#)

FORWARD BELGIUM PARTNER EVENTS 2026

- ✓ [12–13 October: Breakbulk Summit 2026](#)
- ✓ [26 October: Container Trends 2026 \(20% discount for FORWARD Belgium members\)](#)

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