



September 2026 Newsletter

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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FORWARD Magazine – Advertising Space 2026

The **biannual FORWARD Magazine** features trends, insights and stories from the logistics and maritime sectors, in both Dutch and English, distributed in print and digitally.

Would you like to raise your company's profile within this professional community? **Advertising space** is still available for the autumn **2026 edition**: **1 × 1/3 page** and **2 × 1/4 page**.

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GOLD sponsors 2026



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Customs

Webinar: new IRP bulk procedure (also relevant for quota goods)

NxtPort and The Way Forward will shortly be rolling out the new bulk procedure within IRP. An online information session will take place on **Thursday 15 October, 10.00–12.00**, during which the updated PN/TS process, its practical operation and the impact on freight forwarders will be explained.

The procedure applies not only to bulk goods but also to goods subject to quotas. Participation is therefore important for both bulk operators and freight forwarders who handle quota goods.

The new bulk process is scheduled to go live in **November 2026**.

To register: please email ines@forwardbelgium.be. Participants will receive the Teams link afterwards.



Sustainability

CBAM: New European guidelines for the final phase

The European Commission has published ten new guidance documents to support the implementation of the **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)** during the final phase.

The guidance is relevant to non-EU producers, authorised CBAM declarants and verifiers, and provides further practical clarification on, amongst other things, the calculation, monitoring and reporting of embedded emissions.

[Additional documentation is available and can be requested via the FORWARD Belgium secretariat.](#)

Young FORWARD Belgium

13th FORWARD Quiz Night | 24 September 2026 (FULLY BOOKED)

Thursday 24 September is the big night: the **13th FORWARD Quiz Night!** Young FORWARD Belgium and FORWARD Belgium are once again joining forces for an evening full of fun, team spirit and surprising quiz rounds.

Registration for the FORWARD Quiz Night is no longer possible, as the event is **fully booked**. Would you still like to attend? If so, you can ask to be added to the **waiting list** via vanessa@forwardbelgium.be.



As well as participants, we're also looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to help with practical tasks during the event. [Anyone interested can sign up via the youth secretariat.](#)

[More info](#)



FORWARD Academy ‘You can learn to sleep better’ | 17 September 2026
On **Thursday 17 September**, we’re organising a new **FORWARD Academy session** on healthy sleep. **Sleep expert Jana Maes** will give an accessible and practical talk on how sleep works, what factors influence our sleep and which habits really do help us sleep better.
For those who wish, we’ll provide a **brief introduction** to **Young FORWARD Belgium** beforehand.

[More info and registration](#)



Breakbulk Summit 2026

On **12 and 13 October**, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is organising the **first Breakbulk Summit**, a new international event focusing on the future of breakbulk logistics. During this two-day gathering, industry experts will share insights into trends, challenges and innovations, with opportunities for networking and an evening reception.

[More info and registration](#)



Container Trends 2026



How do we keep the container supply chain moving?

On **Thursday 22 October 2026**, the container logistics community will gather in Antwerp for **the 5th edition of Containertrends 2026**. This year’s event will focus on *“Congestion: The New Normal – How do we keep the container supply chain moving?”*
Use the **discount code FOWARD26** to get **20% off** your ticket for Containertrends 2026.

[More information and registration](#)



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You can use WARD directly via our website. The secretariat remains available for any further enquiries.

Calendar

FORWARD Belgium events and meetings:

September 2026

DATE	TOPIC	TARGET AUDIENCE	MORE INFO
10 September	FORWARD Belgium Governing Body meeting	Members of the governing body	info@forwardbelgium.be
10 September	Impact Through Partnership FORWARD Academy ‘You can learn to sleep better’	Sponsors and associate members of FORWARD Belgium	/ImpactThroughPartnership
17 September	FORWARD Belgium Quiz 2026	All logistics operators	jongeren@forwardbelgium.be
24 September		All logistics operators	forwardbelgium.be/quiz2026

FORWARD Belgium will be represented at:

- ✓ 1 September | The Way Forward Executive Committee
- ✓ 8 September | Alfaport Voka Management Committee
- ✓ 8 September | The Way Forward Strategic Committee
- ✓ 15 September | The Way Forward Executive Committee
- ✓ 15 September | SWG Control Processes
- ✓ 16 September | CLECAT CITI
- ✓ 17 September | ICC Belgium Incoterms 2030 kick-off meeting
- ✓ 28 September | The Way Forward Strategic Committee
- ✓ 29 September | The Way Forward Executive Committee

✓ [29 September | Portlunch with Els van Doesburg](#)

[Full agenda](#)

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