

**Belgium - Lithuania** 

## **WEBINAR**

Post-Brexit procedures, handling and logistics in Belgian ports

3 December 2020



## Agenda

- New procedures and controls for transport to and from UK
  - Customs and Excises Department
  - Food Safety Agency
- Handling sequence of traffic flows and port community systems
  - Port of Zeebrugge
  - Port of Antwerp
- Traffic flows and recommended roads to the seaports
  - Flemish Agency for Roads and Traffic





## 1. New procedures and controls for transport to and from UK Customs and Excises Departement







## HOW TO: **BREXIT** IN BELGIUM



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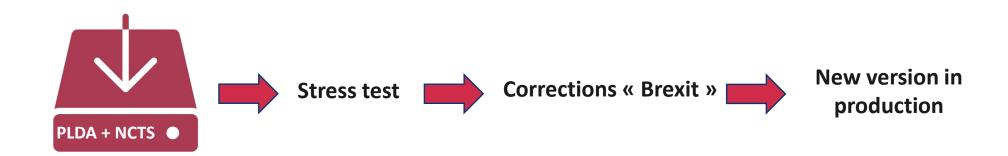


## Customs supervision on all the goodsflows between the EU and the UK

## 386 ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS OFFICERS



1st DECEMBER: RECRUITED and TRAINED







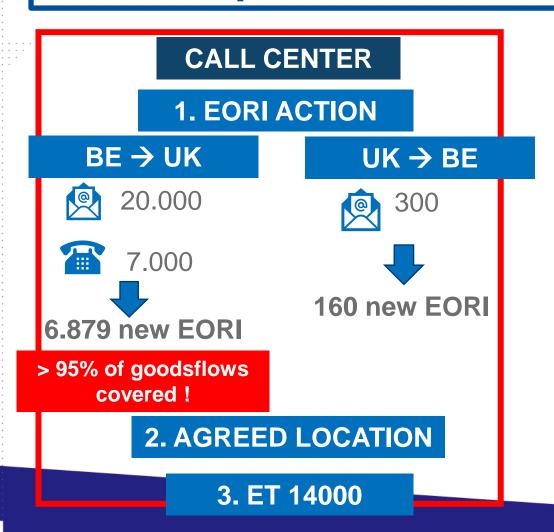




PCS are linked with Customs systems



## Inform trade and private persons about the consequences of the Brexit on customs-level



## PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS

> 80 seminars and webinars

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INFORMATION
Bilaterals
SPOC's
belgium.brexit.be

National forum
Subworkgroup Brexit

Brexit webpages FR + NL + EN



## UNACCOMPANIED FREIGHT TRAILER OR CONTAINER

#### Benefits for Brexit:

- No driver required for crossing → availability
- Trucks and drivers do not need licences to operate overseas
- Space for storage and warehousing
- Predictable time of delivery
- Direct links to Ireland (no customs formalities)
- Lower risk for congestion

#### • Requirements:

- Transport on both side
- Perishables require conditioned transport
- Booking in advance



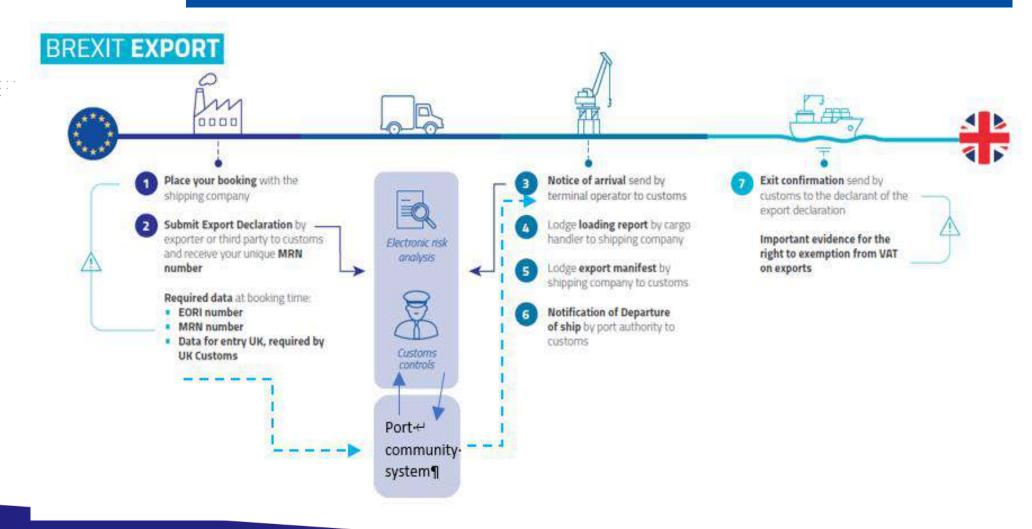
#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- ENS is lodged by the carriers
- Possibilities
  - Full declaration (TS procedure)
  - Pre-lodgement using type D declaration
  - Transit procedure
- Short sea container lines in Antwerp and Ghent
- Ro-Ro services (unaccompanied) in Zeebruges



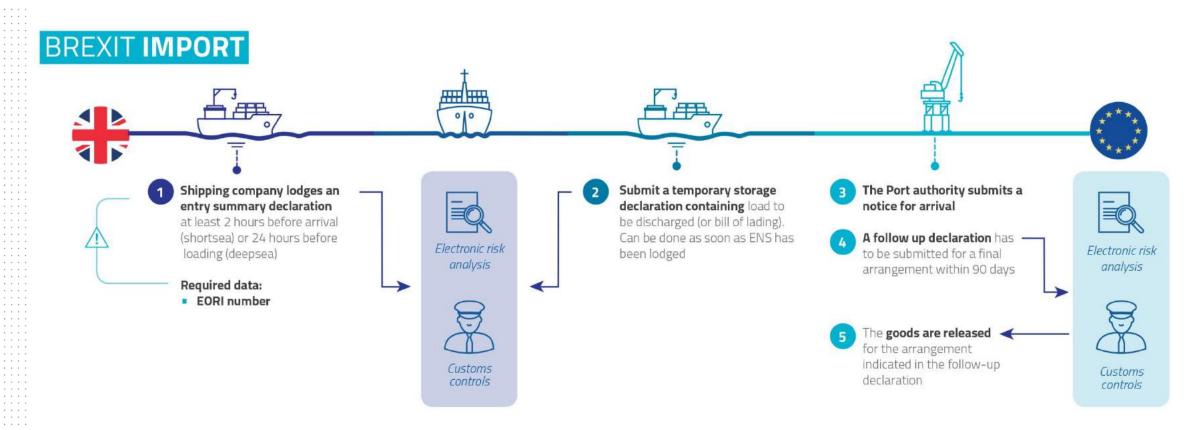


### **Scheme Export Process**





### **Scheme Import Process**





## EXAMPLE CONFORMITY: PRODUCTS ENTERING THE EU MARKET

- Before placing a product on the EU market, make sure it complies with the EU technical regulations.
- Harmonized products: CE markings and right documentation.
- Notified bodies: All the products should be certified by a notified body within the EU, where applicable.



## EXAMPLE CONFORMITY ISSUES: PRODUCTS ENTERING THE UK MARKET

- Harmonized products: UKCA markings instead of CE marks;
- Notified bodies: to find in the UK Database of notified bodies.

## 2. New procedures and controls for transport to and from UK

Food Safety Agency







## FEDERAL AGENCY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FOOD CHAIN (FASFC) JAN VAN SEGHBROECK

DVM - EXPERT IMPORT



## Import into Belgium

- Implementation of EU legislation
- FASFC = competent authority
- close collaboration with Customs
- high risk products (as mentioned in the OCR) entry only via BCP designated for the different live animals or goods
- BCP: 4 airports (Brussels, Oostend, Liège, Charleroi) 3 ports (Zeebrugge, Antwerp, Ghent)
- Official certificates need to accompany the consignment (unless ecertification TRACES NT)



## Import into Belgium

- mandatory notification in TRACES-NT one working day before physical arrival
- checks (documentary, identity, physical check) in BCP or other control points
- outcome: included and endorsed in CHED
- e-CHED possible TRACES NT (smartphone application)
- Landbridge procedure: trade in live animals and animal products with the island of Ireland: use of RX/Seaport tool for registration and origin check (green lane)



## Import into Belgium: BCPs





## Import into Belgium

- Points of attention for transport
  - (Live animals) products of animal origin always need a <u>full</u> check in the BCP
  - Transport from terminal to BCP monitored by customs
  - CHED with outcome of the check issued by the sanitary authority must be handed over to customs
  - Customs need to give the necessary follow-up



## Export from the EU via Belgium

- Implementation of UK legislation
- 3-stages certification: border operating model
- competent authority of different Member States: instructions for certifying officers
- UNN number (live animals, live products, other?) on export certificate
- TRACES forsees in e-certification: decision of UK authority?
- Export via other Member State: intra-trade certificate in TRACES for live animals, live products, certain animal by-products to the exit points issued by the competent authority of the Member State of origin (journey log for live animals)
- No intervention of FASFC unless transport of live animals! via landbridge.



## Export from the EU

- Points of attention for transport
  - Live animals always need a check at the exit point of the EU (journey log)
  - Driver continues transport on UK territory
    - ✓ Transporter authorisation
    - ✓ Transporter certificate of competence for handling live animals
    - ✓ Transport vehicle approval certificate
  - Customs need to give the necessary follow-up



## mail/links

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## 3. Handling sequence of traffic flows and port community systems

Port of Zeebrugge







## **Port of Zeebrugge Brexit Procedures**

Patrick Van Cauwenberghe Trade Facilitation Director



#### A GATEWAY FOR THE EUROPEAN MARKET

A PORT WITH A GREAT LOCATION

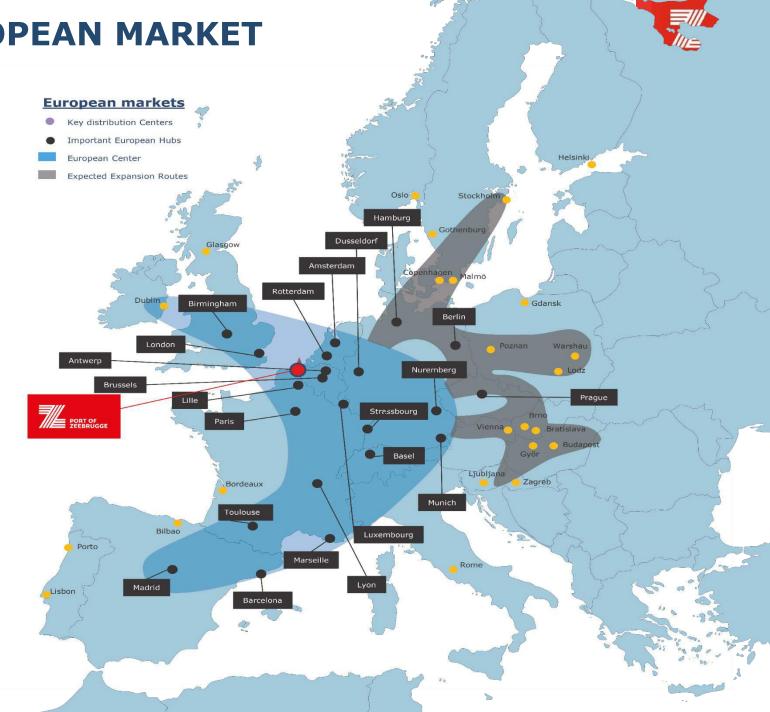
**Range Le Havre - Hamburg** 

Easy access coastal port

Unique position vs. UK

In the middle of the EU markets

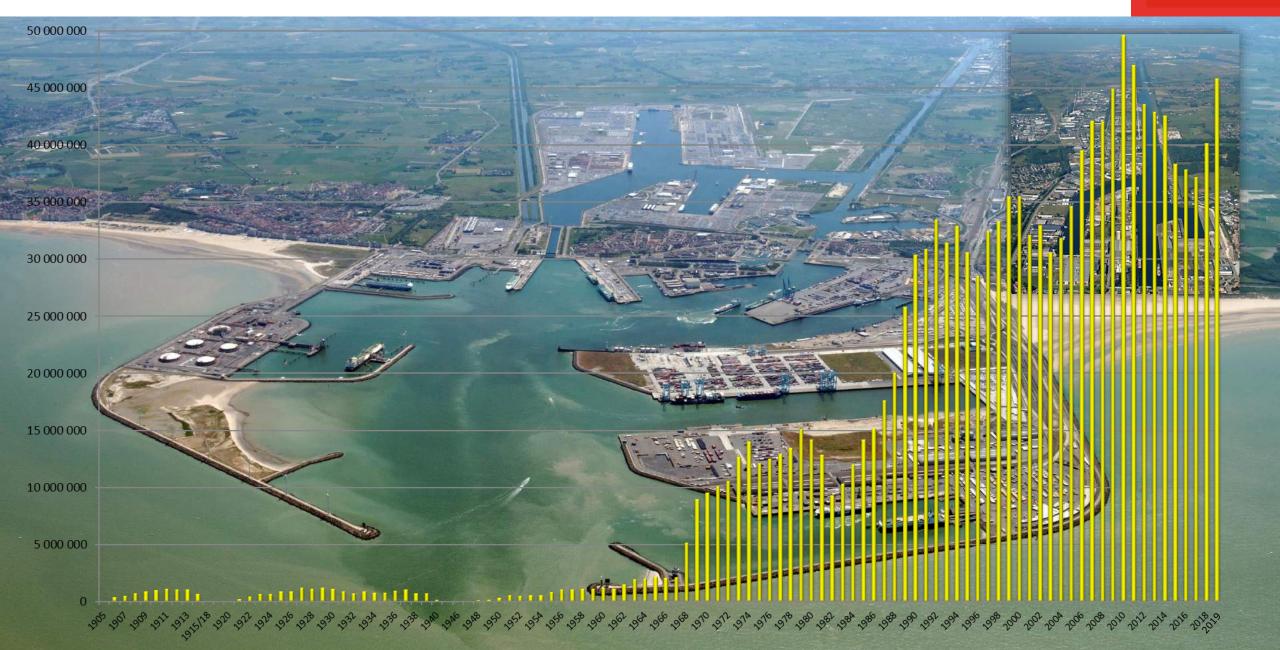
**Dense road and rail network** 



### **Evolution total traffic (in tons)**

### **45.8 MILLION TONS/2019**





### **Key figures 2019**



8.151 vessels handled



1.7 million TEU handled



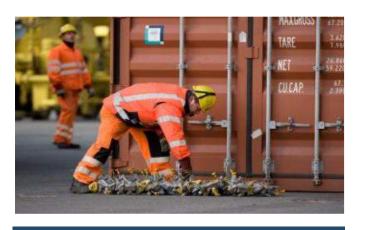
+/- 4,000 trucks/day



45.8 million tons handled



>20,000 jobs in the port



nr 1 automotive port – 2.9 mio new cars



### **Maritime connectivity: shortsea**





### HIGH FREQUENCY SERVICES

#### **LOLO**

Containerships

Diamand Line

**P&O Ferries** 

Portconnect

X-Press Feeders BGX

#### **RORO**

CLdN

Cobelfret Ferries

DFDS

EML

Finnlines

Flota Suardiaz

KESS

K line

Neptune Lines

P&O Ferries

SOL

Toyofuji Shipping

UECC









### The UK is our main trading partner

• 38% or 17.2 million tons in 2019

• 67% export, 33% import

 70 liner services a week – to different regions in the UK and Ireland

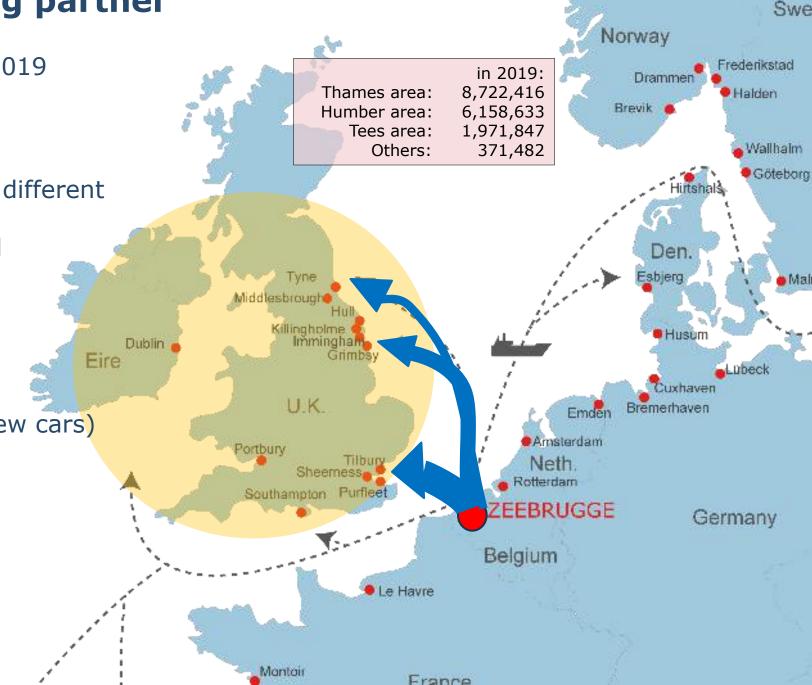
• Hub for new cars: 850.000

from/to UK

(= 30% of total number of new cars)

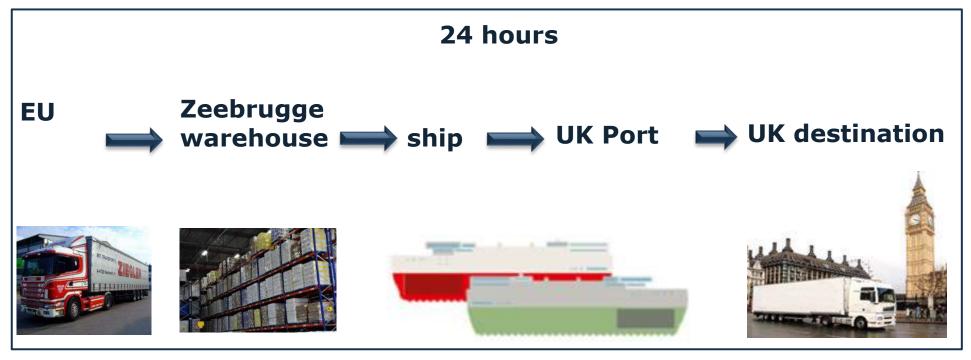
27 % import from UK

73% export to UK



#### Zeebrugge bridgehead for the U.K. distribution







#### Day A:

14.00 hrs: 'order picking' in Zeebrugge

#### **Day B**:

- Delivery in the UK

   06.00 hrs in London

   10.00 hrs in Birmingham

   12.00 hrs in Manchester
- 15.00 hrs in Glasgow



### **Our strenghts**



Focus on unaccompanied freight

- Drivers do not accompany the cargo
- No delays at immigration check points
- Ensuring a smooth & stable supply chain





Direct connections to Ireland
"Brexit busters"

Delphine and Céline

### **Border Control Post (BCP)**



- Ample capacity
- Customs and Food Safety personnel and equipment
- Temperature controlled spaces
- Located close to terminals and warehouses







### **Ready for Brexit**

- Contingency plan to guarantee port accessibility at all times
- Collaboration between Port Authority, Customs,
   Food Safety Agency, Police (local and federal) and other public authorities
- Traffic plan for the port area
- Circulation plan for the broader region
- Temporary overflow parkings in the port area
- A system of sign posts will guide the traffic.
- "green lanes" (RX/Seaport)







## RX SeaPort - your Brexit gateway - RX/SeaPort



#### 1. BOOKING

Make sure you have a valid booking with your ferry operator

#### 2. CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION

Provide pre-notifications of customs data with <a href="RX/SeaPort">RX/SeaPort</a>

#### 3. GREEN LIGHT CHECK

Check <u>RX/SeaPort</u> dashboard if your cargo reached the **GREEN LIGHT** status

# from and to Zeebrugge In 3 steps



#### 1. BOOKING





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#### Zeebrugge -> UK

You can make your booking with the different ferry operators & short-sea operators, like you did **before** Brexit.

This procedure does not change.

Without booking the haulier will not be allowed to proceed to the terminal.

#### UK -> Zeebrugge

You can make your booking with the different ferry operators & short-sea operators, like you did **before** Brexit.

You will also be required to provide detailed information about your cargo for safety and security purposes.

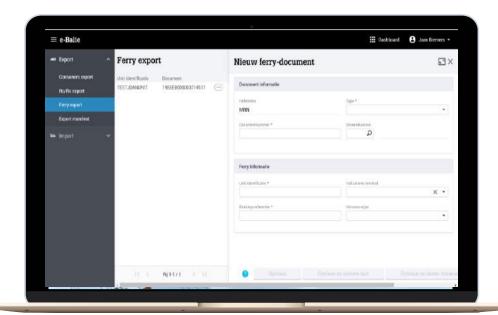
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#### Zeebrugge -> UK

The customs details that are linked to a booking must be prenotified via the e-Desk ferry application of RX/SeaPort.

Without the mandatory pre-notification of the customs data, the haulier will not be allowed to proceed to the terminal.

#### UK -> Zeebrugge

The terminal operator is informed of the customs status of your cargo via the e-Desk ferry application of RX/SeaPort. Based on that information, the cargo can be released for transport.

The cargo cannot be be collected without this mandatory prenotification.



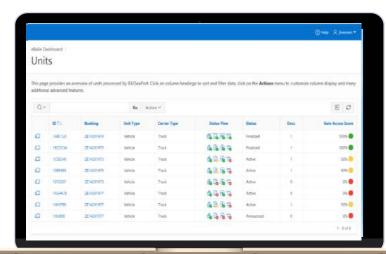


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#### "GREEN light" check

- You should always pre-check your access via the RX/SeaPort dashboard.
- Truckers can easily check whether previous steps are executed via the RX/SeaPort dashboard on their smartphone.

#### Circulation plan Zeebrugge

- Cargo with a RED light will not be permitted in the Port of Zeebrugge.
- Cargo with a GREEN light may immediately present itself at the gate of the revelant terminal.



#### WHICH TOOLS OFFERS RX/SEAPORT FOR BREXIT?



#### **BREXIT WIZARD**

- In this wizard we put the focuss on the impact of the Brexit on the logistic flow, therefore the transport of the goods which go from exporter via a Belgian port to the UK,
- Step by step, the whole process is shown on how to transport to and from the UK in a post Brexit period.
   This explained for companies which dont have any knowledge of customs



# E-desk FERRY Pre-notification of customs data

- Via e-desk the user (forwarder, exporter, haulier
   ...) notifies the terminal operator of the arrival of
   the load by mentioning the following data: type
   document, customs office of exit, MRN-nummer,
   unit number, terminal, bookingsreference...
- The terminal operator continously pulls this data.
   Other users will only be able to see the data of which they are owner



#### RX/DASHBOARD

- via the RX dashboard the importer, his representative and the haulier receive timely insight into the different statuses of their cargo, via a handy track & trace system.
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- 'Green lights' check:
  - Green light (booking+MRN ok)
  - Orange light (booking ok + no MRN)
  - Red light (no booking + no MRN)





#### Goals:

- Zeebrugge identity: work on the needs for a port with mixed shortsea and deepsea RoRo, Ferry and container traffic.
- It is specifically aimed at transport via Zeebrugge: how to help solve traffic problems, reduce administrative work, etc
- Traffic EU <-> UK through Zeebrugge after implementation of new UK border controls as smooth as possible.

## **Advantage through:**

- Avoid traffic jams (through accurate real-time info)
- Reduce administrative work, followup (through dashboard, integration with Production Systems)
- Avoid fines, extra costs (through information from customs, FASFC)

#### **RX/Seaport is a community-based cooperative.:**

 aim is to make cargo flows as efficient as possible after Brexit, by facilitating data exchange



# **Vision/Mission**

#### VISION

Being the Center of Excellence on digitization for the Port (community) of Zeebrugge.

#### MISSION

Make Zeebrugge a real "Smart Port".

### OUR CORE PRINCIPLES



We operate as an **independent** and **reliable partner** 



We focus on offering maximum added value for our community



We always keep the **accessibility** of our services in mind



We believe in a network of networks, and strive for maximum interoperability



# **Circulation plan Zeebrugge**



#### Purpose:

Smooth passage for all traffic from all companies

The terminals have their own access policy

Also attention for residents, emergency services, employees, tourism, local traffic, ...

Keep a border control post (BCP) available at all times

2 waiting zones for transporters to obtain green status reorientation

Accessibility Zeebrugge village guaranteed

# **Terminals short sea UK**





2 companies with fixed short sea connections to the UK

P&O en C.Ro

New Year = General quiet time (also without Brexit). Stockpiling for Christmas

P&O closed until 2 Jan 06.00hr C.Ro expects very limited load

UK load:

+/- 2400 loads normal day

+/- 3000 loads peak

# **Green light – Green lane**



Basis: The terminal itself implements the dynamic access policy

The terminal communicates with the carrier and gives a status red (not in order) or green (in order)

Non UK freight = green light or dynamic decision

UK freight (booking + customs ok) = green light red light for the others

Green Lane is the data presentation (Rx Seaport) at a distance of this decision

Status red: the driver must return to the outside (via segregated route at terminal = loop)

Status green: the cargo is deposited/collected

Possession and data on the CMR are decisive.



#### **Normal traffic**

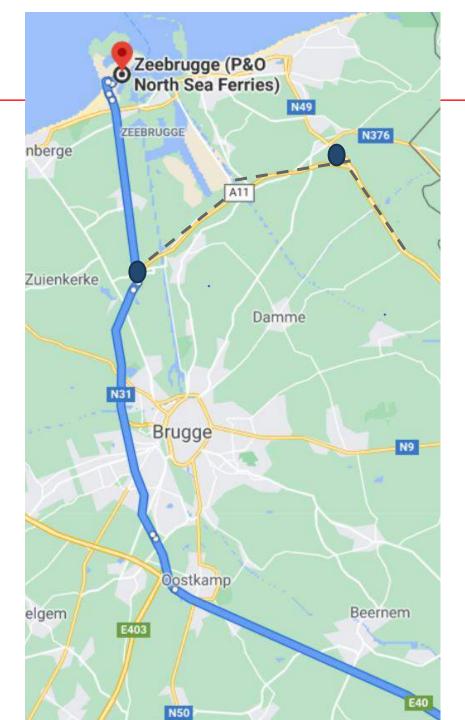


All traffic on normal roads

See Truckmeister app on your smartphone

Indications from Brussels - Ghent and Antwerp Ring Road

# Port of Zeebrugge NO BOOKING=NO ENTRY



# Recommended P&O flow



<u>Priority: via E40</u>
Dynamic indication on the motorways

Port of Zeebrugge P&O via N31

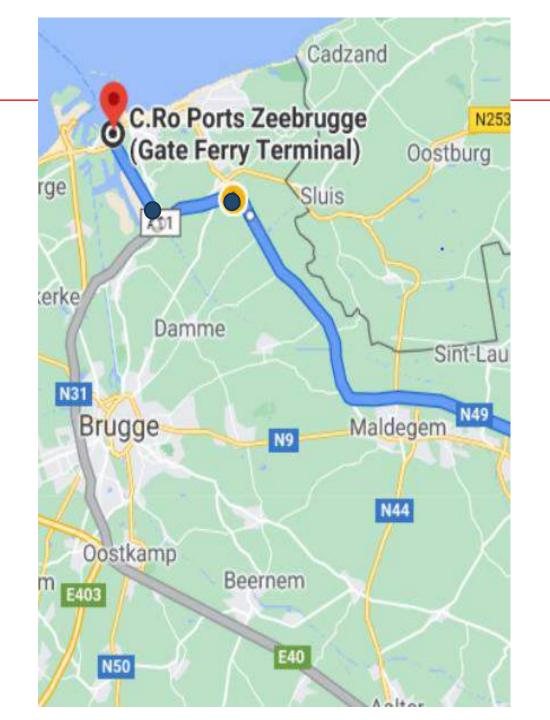
Secundary:

via E34/N49 along the A11 to N31

Port of Zeebrugge P&O &C.Ro via A11

For status red: Brexit Zone Western breakwater

BREXIT ZONE 1



# Recommended flow C.Ro Brittania dock



Priority: via E34/N49

To A11 - N350 (Alfred Ronsestraat) - Minervarotonde - Isabellalaan - C.Ro

Port of Zeebrugge P&O + C.Ro via A11

Secundary:

via E40 (towards Brugge) - A11 - N350

Port of Zeebrugge C.Ro 608-613 via A11 <u>P&O +C.Ro 127-1</u>29 via N31

For status red



# **Temporary Brexit-zones in the port area**

Flyers at the terminal with instructions to the driver To Brexit zone 1

Location: Western Harbour Breakwater

Capacity: 80 places

Priority for P&O freight 100 places on P&O itself

BREXIT ZONE 1



Access control

Surveillance/Security

Lighting

Sanitary blocks (toilets and showers)

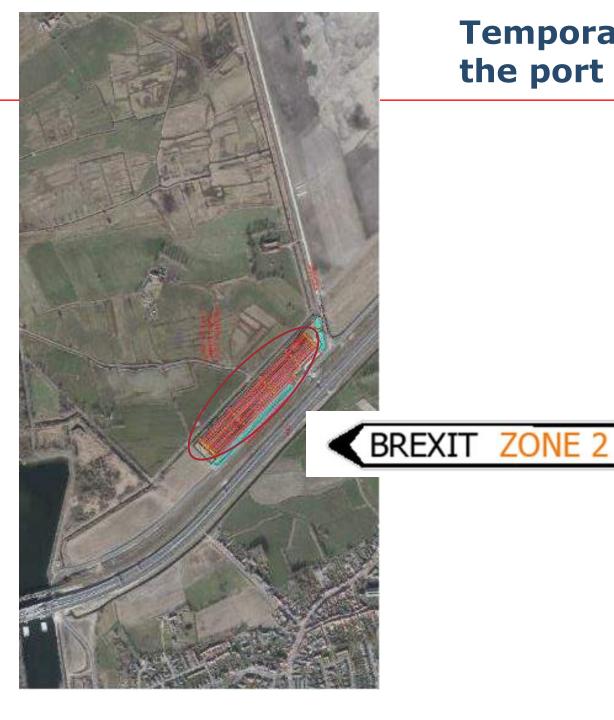
Catering

Waste management

Internet







# **Temporary Brexit-zones in the port area**



Flyers at the terminal with instructions to the driver To Brexit zone 2

Location: Havenrandweg Zuid

Capacity: 193 + 160 along Koffieweg

Priority for C.Ro cargo

Installation Covid proof

Access control

Surveillance/Security

Lighting

Sanitary blocks (toilets and showers)

Catering

Waste management

internet

# **Port communication**









For all your Brexit related questions:

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# Thank you



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# 4. Handling sequence of traffic flows and port community systems Port of Antwerp





UK Trade via
Port of Antwerp
after 1/1/2021

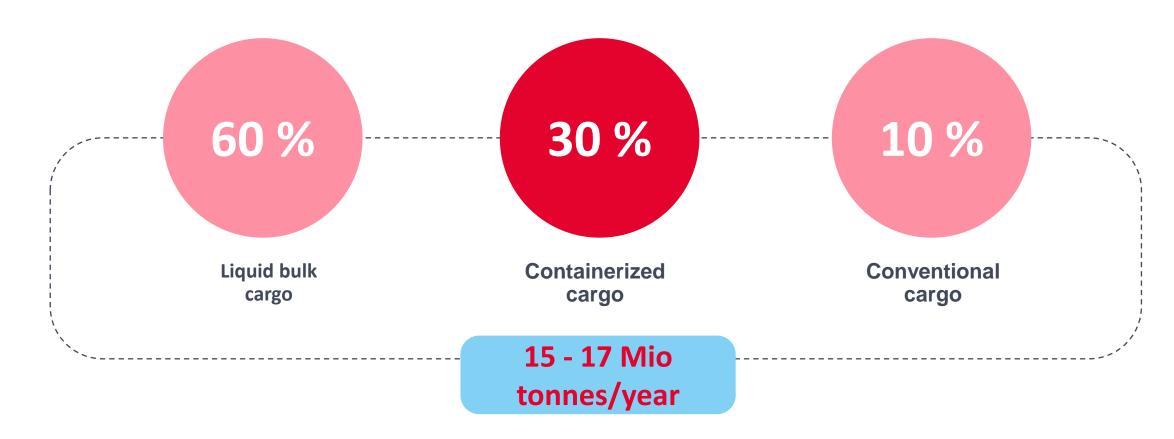
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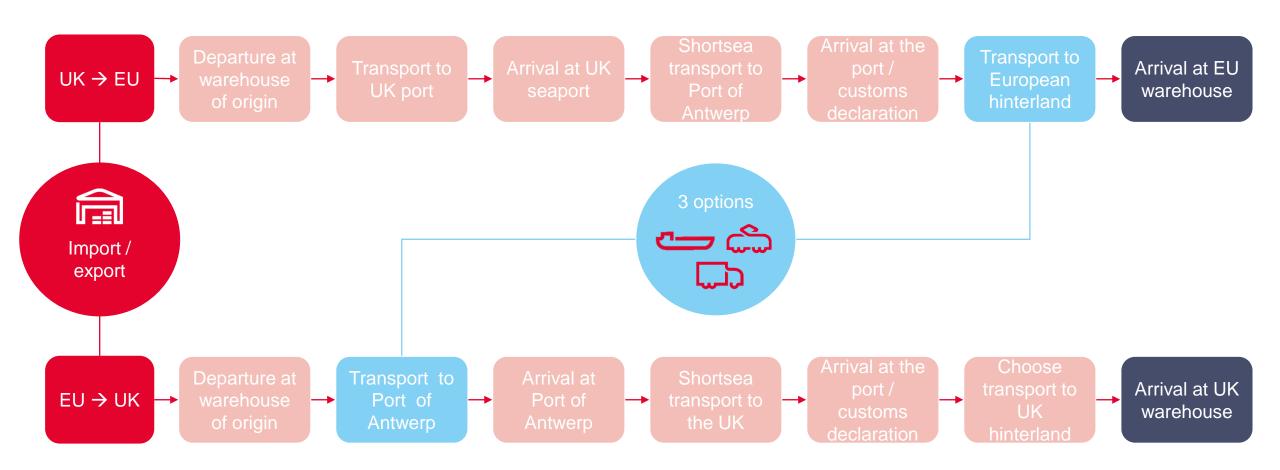
# **UK trade through PoA today**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> largest maritime trading partner





# **Shortsea supply chain via Port of Antwerp**







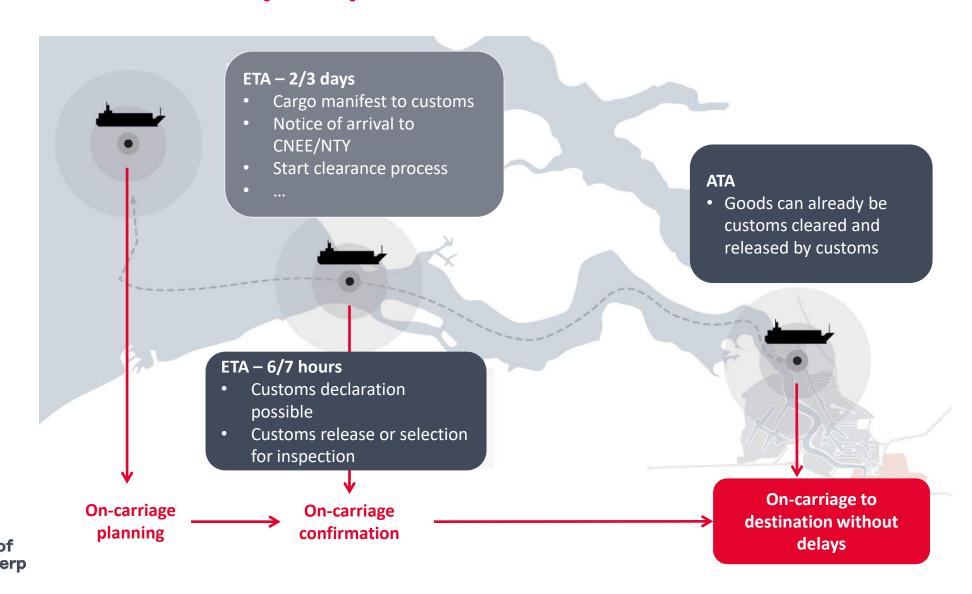
# **Port of Antwerp – UK - Ireland**

### **Container connections**

#### BG Freight

- Teesport, Grangemouth
- Eucon / BG Freight
  - Belfast
  - Dublin, Cork
- **MSC** 
  - Tilbury, Teesport, Grangemouth
  - Portbury
  - Dublin
  - Liverpool, Greenock
- Unifeeder
  - Teesport, Grangemouth

# Fast and efficient import process



# Border inspection posts: one stop shop



Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC)

Administrative building:

- Customs
- FASFC
- Federal Agency for Nuclear Control





# **PoA major Container terminals**

- MPET K1742 & K1718
- 2 Antwerp Gateway K1700
- PSA North Sea Terminal K913
- PSA Europe Terminal K869
- 6 Antwerp Container Terminal K730

- Parking Goordijk 210 spaces
- Planned 2022: Parking Ketenis 370 spaces



# **C-Point e-Desk**

# Paperless flow for export and transit declarations











**EXPORT DECLARATION**@
Customs export office

e-DESK SECURE DATA TRANSMISSION ARRIVAL
NOTIFICATION
@customs exit
office

**EXIT CONFIRMATION**@customs exit office

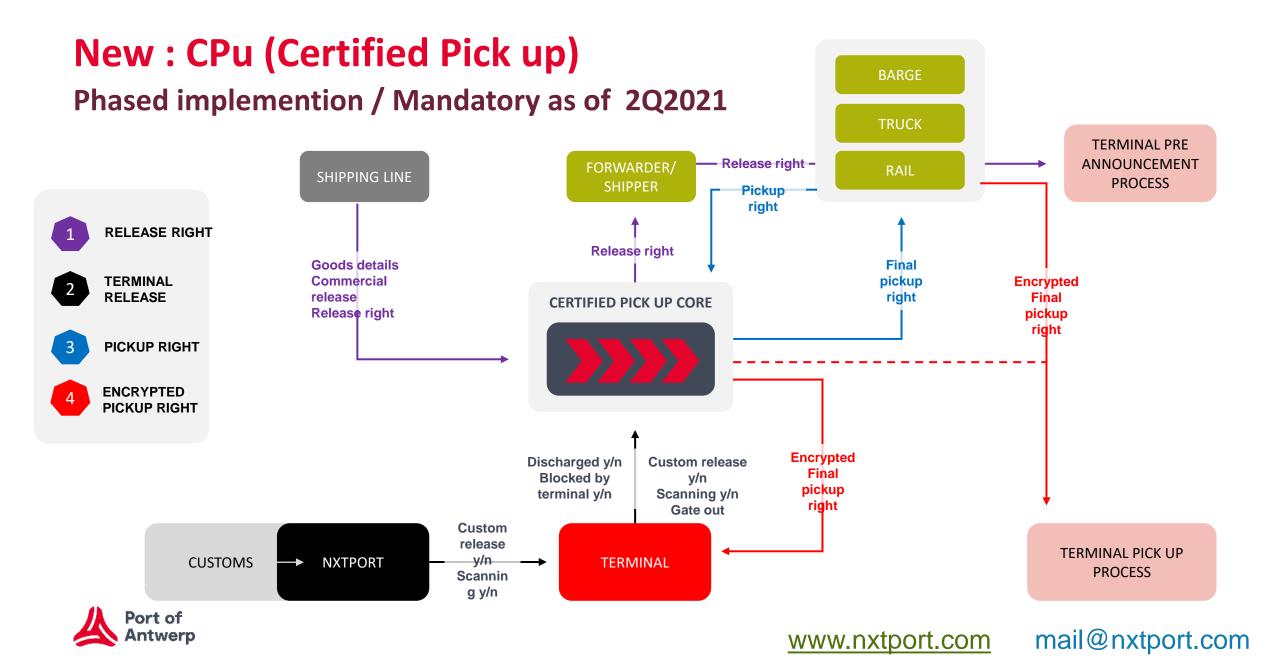
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What is e-desk? An easy and free web application allowing users to notify the terminal operator about upcoming cargo and to pass declaration details electronically.

www.c-point.be/en/services/e-desk





Thank you

As of 7 december 2020:

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# 5. Traffic flows and recommended roads to the seaports

Flemish Agency for Roads and Traffic











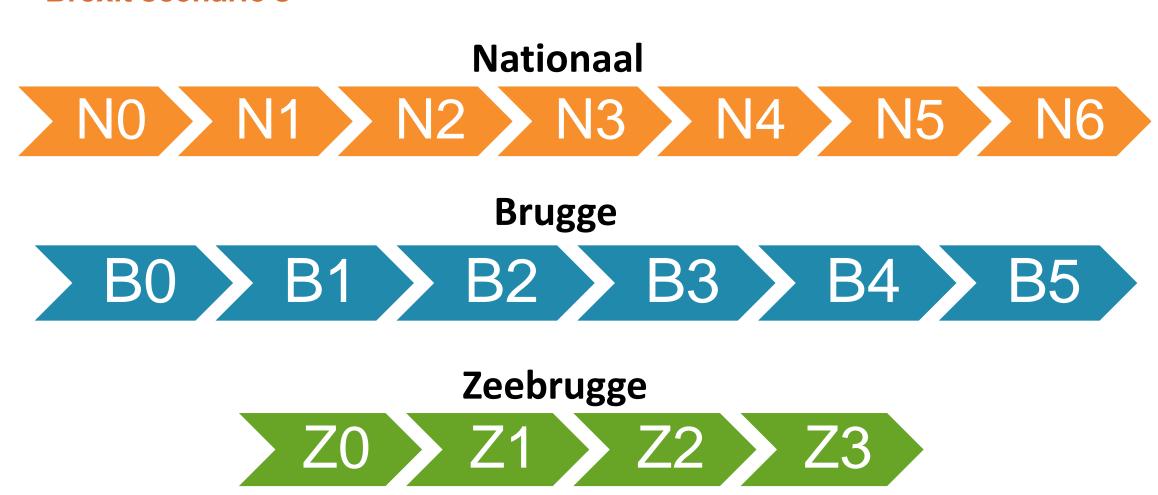






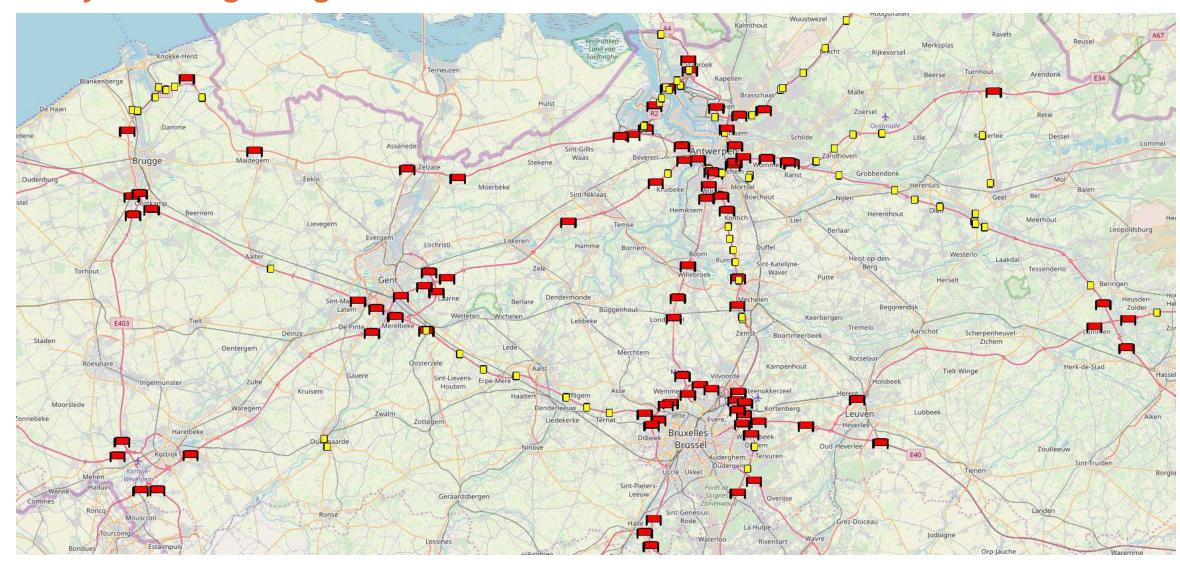


#### **Brexit scenario's**



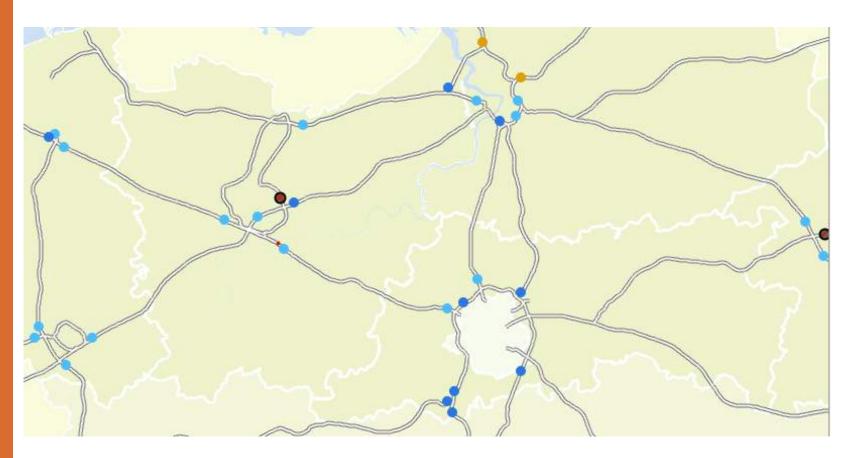


# **Dynamic signaling**





## **Guidance**





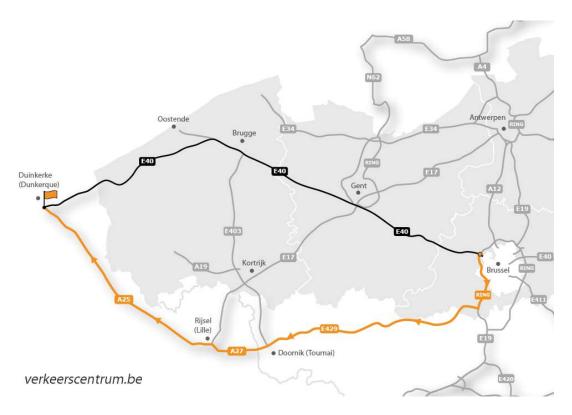






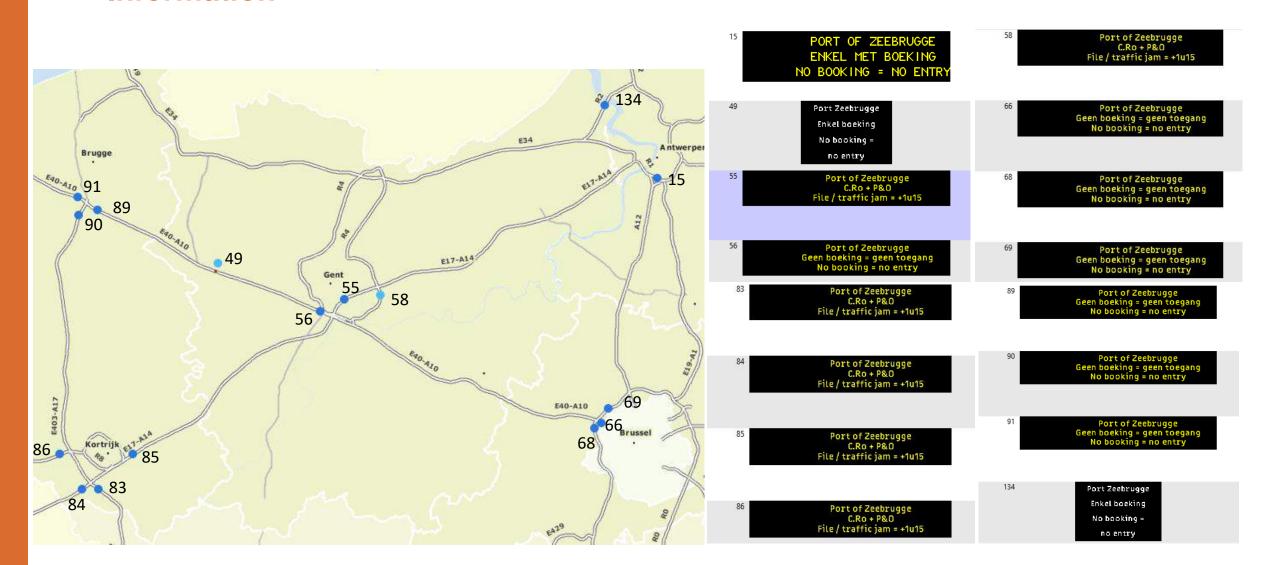
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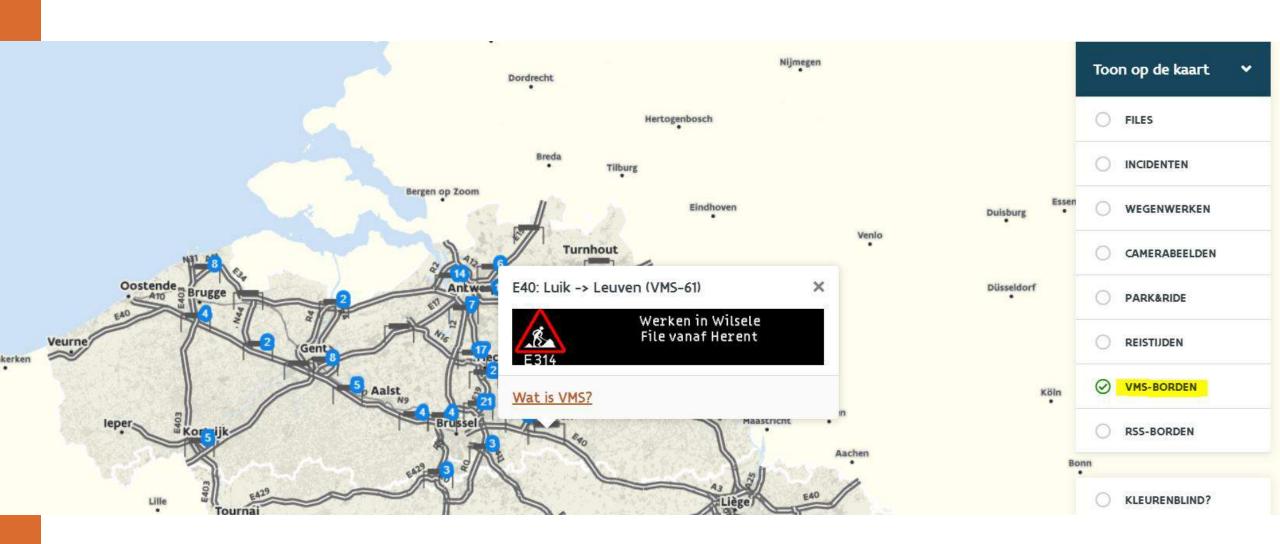


#### **Information**



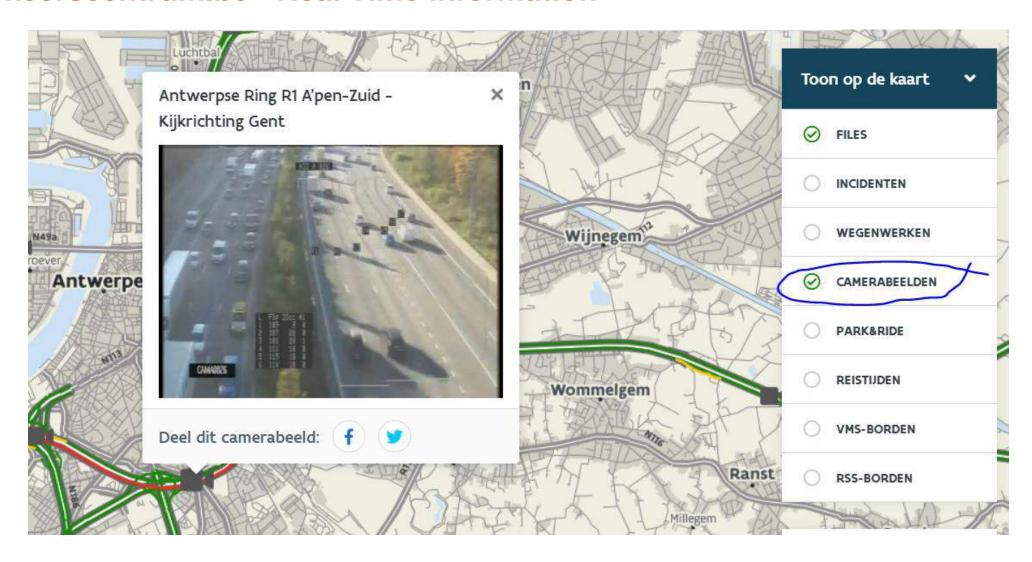


## **Verkeerscentrum.be - Real Time information**





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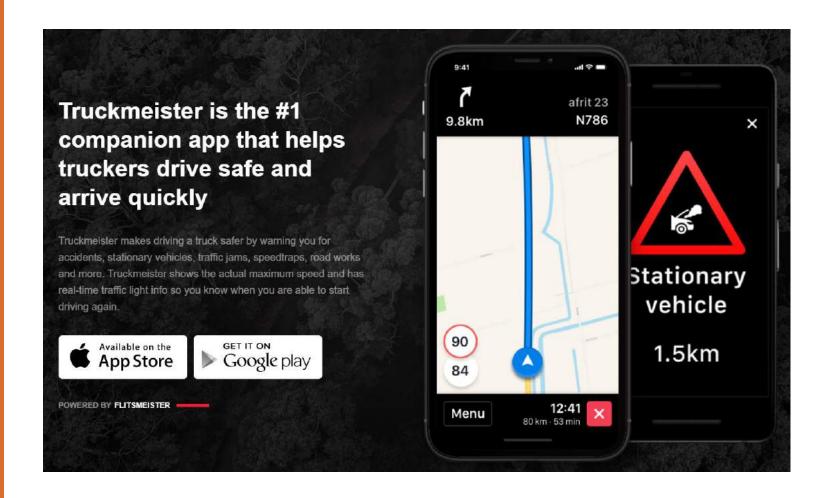


### Communication

- Website VVC
- TMC (GPS)
- DATEX (automatische feed naar alle serviceproviders)
- Twitter account @verkeerscentrum
- National media (VRT, VMM, RTBF, RTL, Belga...)
- Via VVC spokesperson Peter Bruyninckx (or Veva Daniëls)



# www.truckmeister.app







# Foreign traphic centra

- Perex (Wallonië)
- Mobiris (Brussel)
- VCNL (Nederland)
- CRICR (Frankrijk)
- Landesbetrieb Strabenbau Nordrhein-Westfalen (Duitsland)













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