

Port of Antwerp-Bruges, your reliable partner

Global supply chains



Port of
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Bruges

Port of Antwerp-Bruges: an integrated supply chain offer

Port of Antwerp-Bruges combines the best of both worlds. The port of Antwerp is strong in the traffic and storage of containers, breakbulk and chemical products. Bruges is the biggest port in the world for ro-ro traffic. It also handles containers and the transshipment of liquefied natural gas.

Working closely together gives our joint position in the global logistics chain a firm boost. Today, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is the leading port for containers, breakbulk and the transshipment of vehicles in Europe. It accounts for more than 15% of Europe's total gas transit, and it remains Europe's most important chemical hub. However, this is more than a story of tons and volumes.

In order to maximise the added value of a unified port, the port intends to identify as many synergies as possible.

Port of Antwerp-Bruges will make optimum use of the interconnectivity between the two ports. In addition, future investments will be evaluated from a unified operational perspective so that both port platforms will benefit and the port continues to meet its customers' expectations. And finally, the unified port will be able to respond more rapidly and more effectively to social and technological developments, such as the energy transition, innovation and digitalisation.



1. Faster connections

- Widely connected to overseas destinations
- In the top league of container ports
- Double gateway: inland location and direct sea access
- Smooth port transit
- Flexible transport solutions for the European hinterland
- Focus on interconnection

3. Future-oriented processes

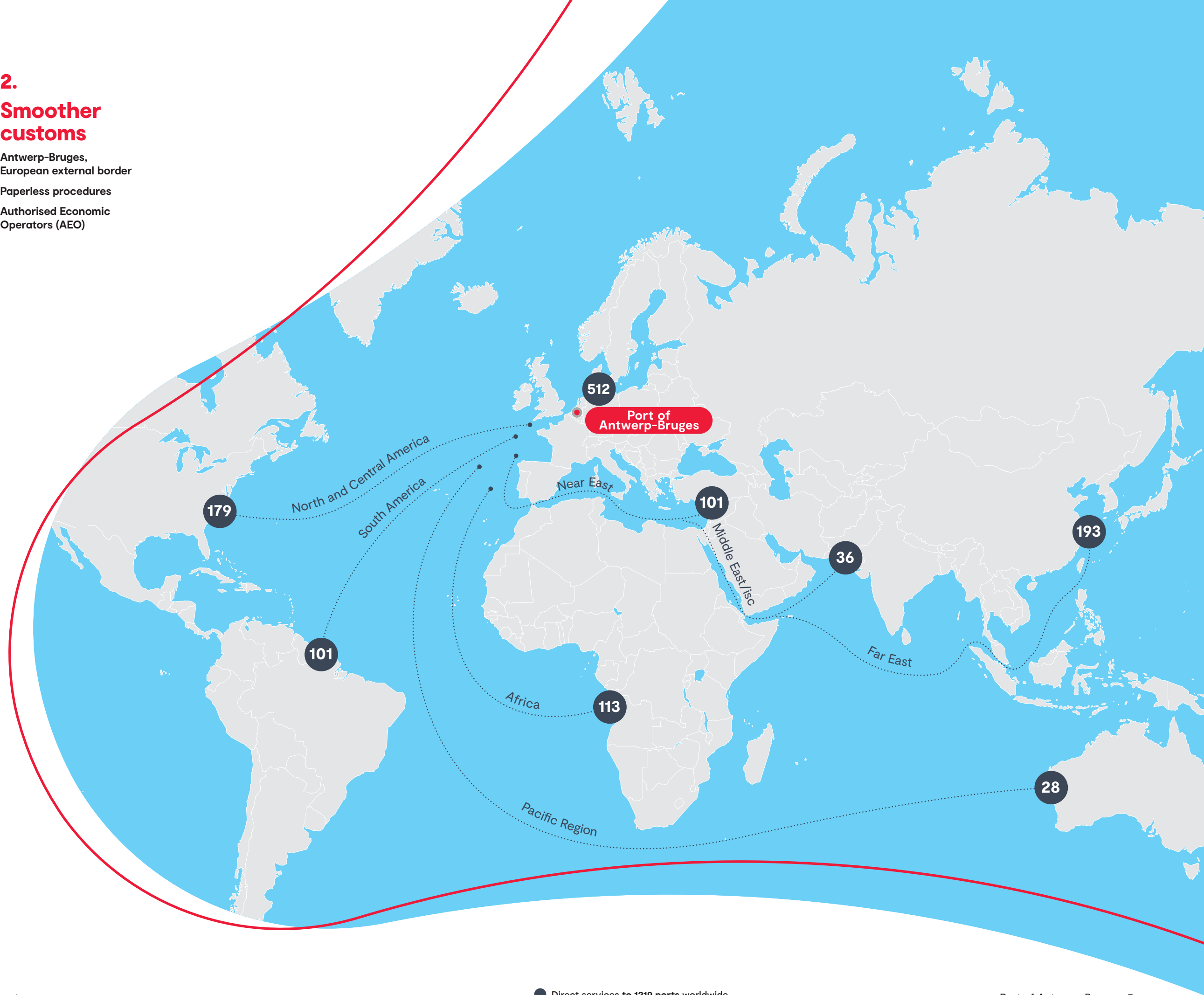
- Cargo-generating port
- Safe, fast, high-quality cargo handling
- Integrated logistics service offer
- Can-do mentality

4. Integrated logistics

- Private and public efforts
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

2. Smoother customs

- Antwerp-Bruges, European external border
- Paperless procedures
- Authorised Economic Operators (AEO)





1. Faster connections

Widely connected to overseas destinations

Port of Antwerp-Bruges is the leading European port for regular breakbulk, ro-ro and automotive sailings to all areas. Our container services go as far as the Americas, Africa, the Near, Middle and Far East and the Indian Subcontinent. For closer destinations, Port of Antwerp-Bruges offers numerous shortsea and feeder services.

In the top league of container ports

The new container shipping alliances have added several calls at Port of Antwerp-Bruges. The reasons are the port's optimal nautical accessibility, the presence of cargo-generating industry and excellent connectivity with European economic centres.

Double gateway: inland location and direct sea access

Thanks to its maritime location, Bruges is easily accessible for the largest container vessels, which guaranteeing short transit times for overseas destinations. Combined with Antwerp's inland location near the heart of the European manufacturing and consumer base, Port of Antwerp-Bruges offers a perfect double gateway to the rest of the world.

Focus on interconnection

To tap into the added value of our port, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is going all out for interconnection. We will bundle freight rail transport between the two sites and optimise estuary navigation (by inland vessels on the North Sea). A pipeline connection is also on the priority list. There will also be an efficient exchange of data between the two sites, too.

Flexible transport solutions for the European hinterland

Port of Antwerp-Bruges continues to create the right conditions for efficient barge, rail, truck and pipeline transport to, from and in the port. Measures include investments in port infrastructure, process improvements and a wide range of regular services.

With over 200 regular maritime breakbulk liner services, we can reach the whole world from Port of Antwerp-Bruges

William Moyersoen CEO Arcelor Mittal Logistics

Save on cost,
time and carbon
footprint

The inland location
of the Antwerp
platform is an
important plus.
Seagoing ships can
deliver their cargo
close to the west-
European consumer

Ivan De Donder
Plant Manager
Lumipaper



A reliable supply
chain thanks to
a modal shift

Port of Antwerp-Bruges offers excellent
hinterland connections with the transport
mode of your choice.



Barge

Port of Antwerp-Bruges is,
through its central location in
the Scheldt-Maas-Rhine delta,
linked to the pan-European
inland waterway network.

Estuary navigation

Estuary ships can reach major
terminals on the Rhine and
other ports via the Western
Scheldt and the North Sea.
This is a fast and sustainable
mode of transport.



Rail

Port of Antwerp-Bruges lies at
the junction of Europe's three
main rail corridors and every
single one of its terminals has
rail access.



Shortsea

A large variety of regular short-
sea and feeder services connect
both the dedicated shortsea and
the deep sea container termi-
nals in Port of Antwerp-Bruges
with key economic centres in
both Northern and Northeastern
Europe, as well as North Africa
and the Mediterranean. For the
UK, our port platform has be-
come a real turntable with more
than 70 liner services offering
daily connections.



Road

The port offers direct access
to a dense international
network of motorways to
France, the Netherlands,
Germany and beyond. The
port's container terminals
are open 24/5 in order to
allow night logistics and avoid
truck traffic during the day.



Pipelines

Major pipelines guarantee the
safe and reliable transport of
petrochemicals in the port
and from Antwerp-Bruges,
the hub of the European
pipeline network, to other
industrial centres in the
Netherlands, France and
Germany. Port of Antwerp-
Bruges also has an extensive
infrastructure for the storage
and transshipment of LNG.
Moreover, it's one of the main
entry points for LNG supplies
in Northwest Europe.

Do you want to import goods into the EU of which you don't know the final destination yet?

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges has the largest concentration of bonded warehouses in Europe, allowing customs duties and tax deferral. Thanks to our bonded warehousing system you can store the goods for an unlimited period; and you don't have to pay VAT and customs dues until the goods have been delivered to your customer in the EU. In the meantime you are allowed to provide value-added services, processing the goods according to your customer's requirements or you can use the bonded warehouses as global distribution centers.

Do foreign companies need to have a Belgian VAT number to import goods via the Port of Antwerp-Bruges?

No, Antwerp-Bruges port logistics service providers act as fiscal representatives, which means that they have a VAT number enabling them to complete all customs formalities for companies that are not registered in Belgium. All advantages, such as deferral of VAT at import, apply here as well.

2. Smoother customs

Antwerp-Bruges, European external border

All customs formalities can be done in Antwerp or Bruges for destinations in any of the 27 member states of the European Customs Union. The same customs regulations, customs duties, rules of origin, quotas, etc. apply throughout this area.

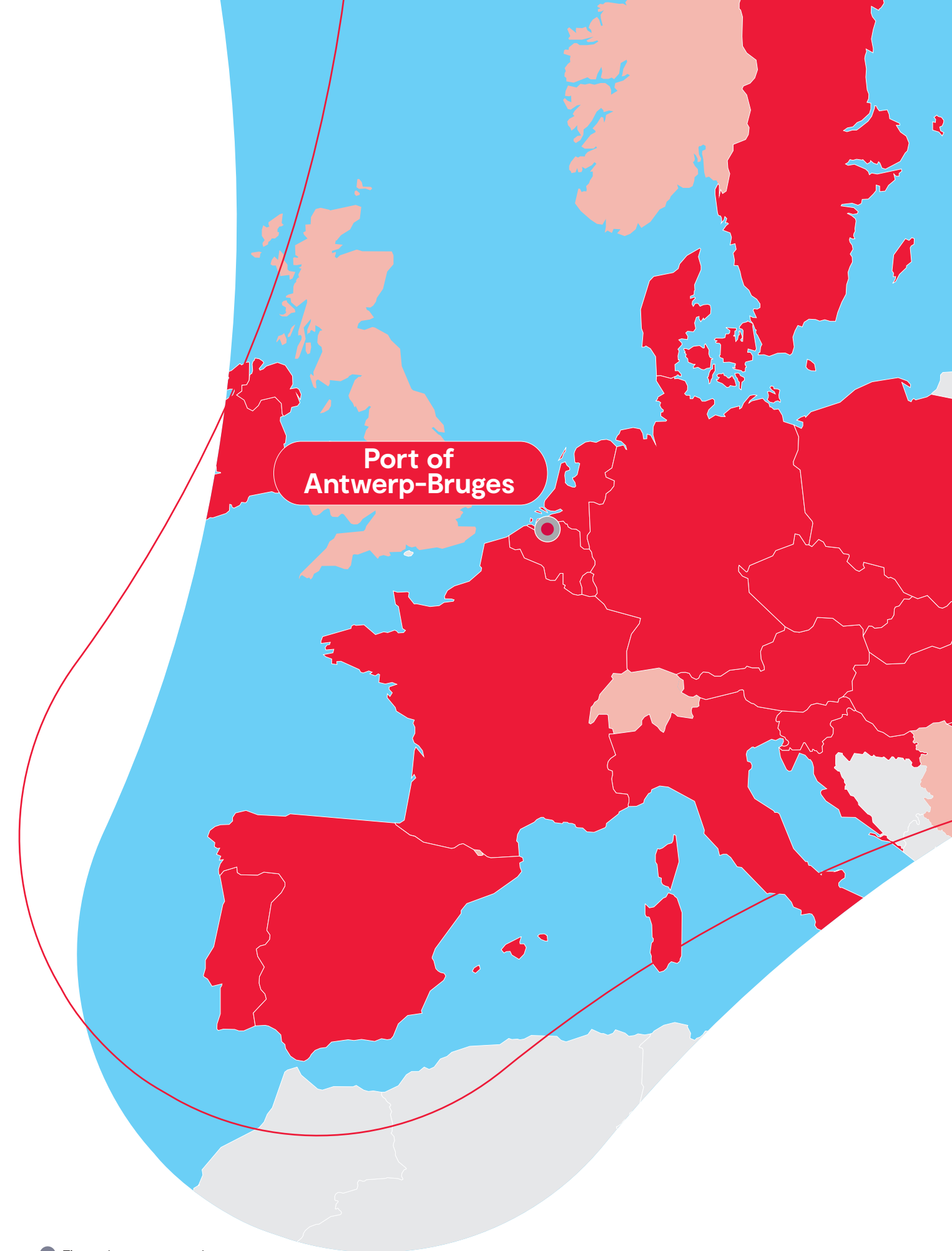
Efficient and paperless procedures

For your convenience, the import process can already be started up to 30 days before the vessel arrives in the port. The use of pre-lodged declarations (type D declaration) needs no customs authorisation and will help your goods flow smoothly to the hinterland location.

This – in combination with the paperless import and export procedure, available transit procedures, and customs working 24/7 – make Port of Antwerp-Bruges the perfect gateway for your goods.

Authorised Economic Operators (AEO)

Most service providers in the port have the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) certificate, which translates into fewer inspections, simplified customs procedures and lower warranties.



● The entire customs territory of the European Union can be served via the Port of Antwerp-Bruges.

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges as the ideal distribution hub for Europe and beyond

Port of Antwerp-Bruges combines a large offer of tailor-made logistics services with a strategic location, excellent connectivity, and many ways to avoid direct import duties and taxes. Indeed, most of the storage facilities are bonded, meaning Port of Antwerp-Bruges is a virtual free trade zone.



Large distribution centre capacity



Professional service providers

3. Integrated logistics

Cargo-generating port

Port of Antwerp-Bruges' maritime, logistical and industrial activities are strongly linked and complement each other. Antwerp-Bruges is home to the largest integrated (petro) chemical cluster in Europe, and the most diverse in the world. This creates strong demand for freight transport.

Safe, fast and high-quality cargo handling

Port of Antwerp-Bruges has more storage space than any other European port. In combination with its state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment and the great expertise of its personnel, it can handle any cargo efficiently and safely, including hazardous and refrigerated cargo.



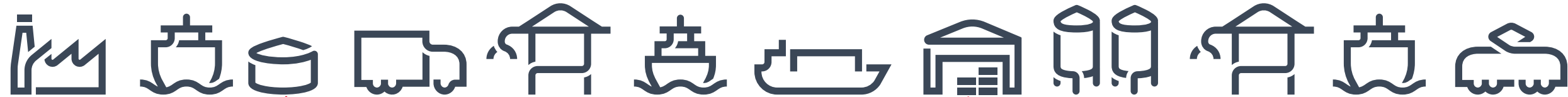
Our Terminals

Liquid bulk

Deepsea container

Breakbulk & ro-ro

Dry bulk



Third party tanks

Covered storage space

Silo storage

Our storage capacity

Integrated logistics

Integrated logistics service offer

Most of the logistics service providers in Port of Antwerp-Bruges operate as a one-stop-shop, offering complete solutions including freight forwarding, storage, value-added logistics (VAL), customs administration, fiscal representation and distribution services.

Can-do mindset

With their 'getting things done' mindset, the Antwerp-Bruges logistics service providers always respond swiftly and flexibly to both customer demands and unexpected events.



Cargo handling



Logistics



Industry



4. Leading sustainable port

When it comes to sustainability, we set the bar high

By combining the industrial cluster of Antwerp with Bruges' location on the coast, we have all the tools to address the future energy challenges in Flanders and the wider region. As such, Port of Antwerp-Bruges will take up a leading position as an import hub for green hydrogen and will play an active and pioneering role in the hydrogen economy. In addition, together with our industrial and maritime customers, we will continue our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. For instance, we've installed wind turbines and solar mirrors as a source of green energy. We are also examining methods of applying CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage) to contribute to foster the transition towards a low-carbon port.

Private and public efforts

We aim to be a carbon-neutral port by 2030. To achieve this goal, we are continuously pushing the boundaries with innovations that make the port greener, keep it accessible and lead the way in our digital world. Therefore, we have joined the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action, a conglomerate of private and academic institutions that encourage their business partners to make sustainability a priority by setting science-based targets.

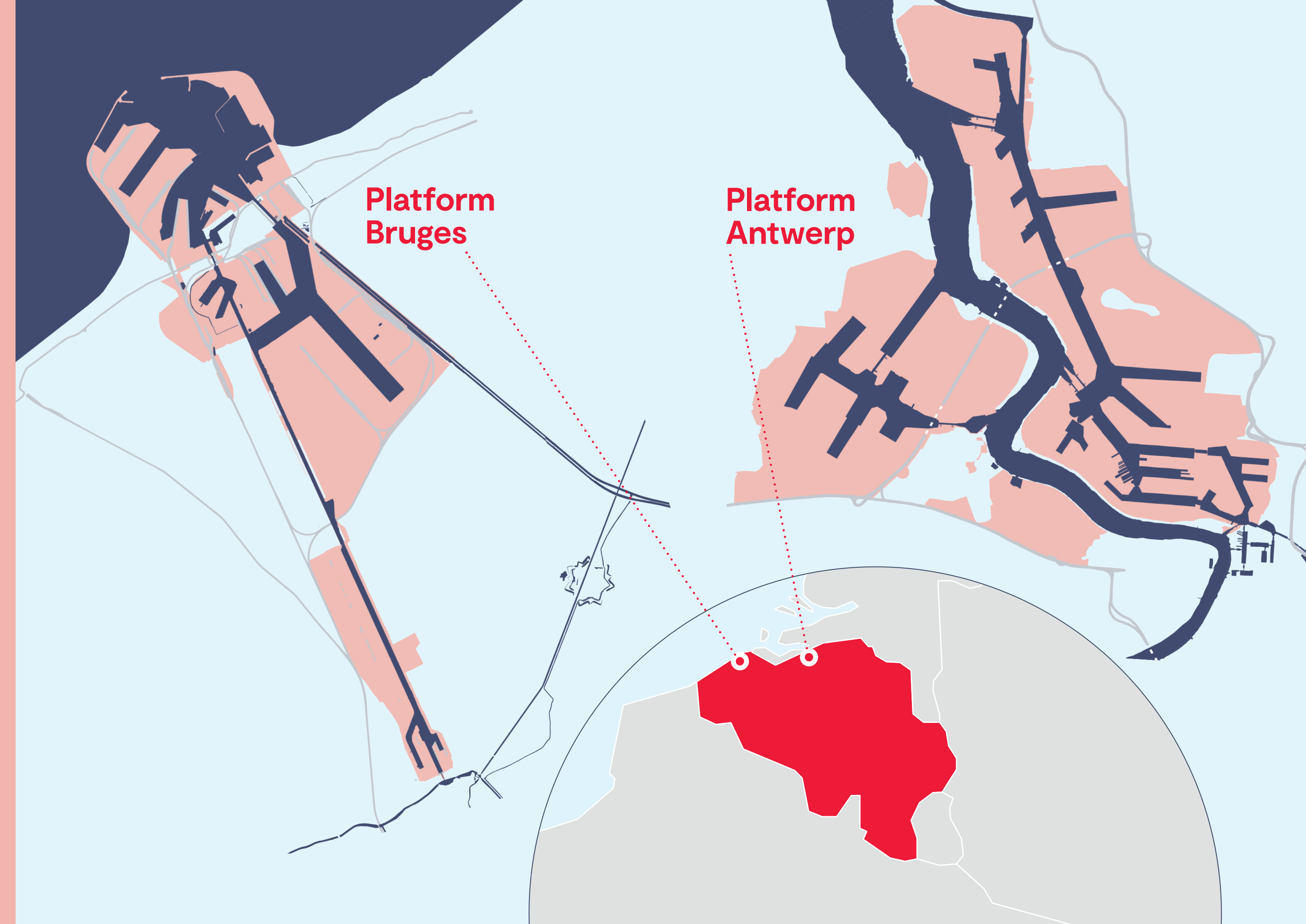
Sustainable Development Goals

Sustainability and the UN's development goals are the touchstone for everything we do. Our sustainability policy and business plan are built around five core SDGs: health & welfare, work & economic growth, innovation, sustainable cities & communities, and climate action. They form a guideline for the further development of the port.



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