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## ACL News

### Maritime in-depth knowledge at the ACL staff exchange week in Hamburg



"The participant gained in-depth knowledge on state-of-the-art port and logistics processes in the Port of Hamburg", it says on the certificate that was handed over to the participants of the ACL staff exchange week. From 13-17 May 2013, 35 ACL partners as well as representatives from partners countries participated in a exchange program in Hamburg. During five days they experienced the Hamburg logistics cluster in theory and practice, in presentations and lectures and by visiting the port and related logistics sites. The participants learnt how the port management in Hamburg is organized.

At the 'Baltic Networking Dinner' the participants of the staff exchange week from Poland, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania and Denmark met representatives of Hamburg's logistics and port sector. The participants experienced "intermodal transport", for example at Europe's biggest marshalling yard, situated in Hamburg. The maritime training centre ma-co maritimes kompetenzentrum and one of the most modern container terminals in the world, the HHLA Container Terminal Altenwerder, were also on the agenda.

[Read more about the highlights of the staff exchange week](#)

### Half time results presented at the mid-term event



Dear Readers,

For our cooperative project ACL, the first half 2013 went on quite actively. While the focus of work moved from Work Package 3 to Work Package 4 according to plan, we were able to present some interesting results on the occasion of various events. Starting with the conference on "Innovative logistics concepts for additional connections within the Baltic Sea Region" in Rostock in February, we managed to inform more than 100 attendees on our project findings. Two months later, the mid-term event in Copenhagen formed a good possibility to reach target groups in the north. The growing cohesion in between the partnership is represented by the



On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, the ACL mid-term event was held in Copenhagen, Denmark. The event was organized by the ACL project partners FDT Association of Danish Transport and Logistics Centres, Port of Hamburg Marketing and the Baltic Sea Forum, an international association that promotes economic, political and cultural cooperation between the Baltic seaboard countries. There were around 60 participants - ACL partners, speakers as well as guests from different organizations in the Baltic Sea region - at the event.

During the event discussions between speakers and audiences revolved around transport issues between Western Europe and the Amber Coast region with its neighboring countries. Some of the practical challenges in the daily transport of goods were discussed, for example the lengthy customs procedures, the time spent waiting at international border crossings and a ready-made way of thinking as a cultural barrier.

Mr. Flemming Hansen, the Former Minister of Transport in Denmark, referred about the challenges of the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link, which is to cope with the rising volume of transport going to Scandinavia as a result of the EU's expansion to the East. Hansen also mentioned the establishing of a new combined rail and road terminal on the corridor in Koege, Denmark as a needed service to support the improvement of transporting goods in the region.

[Read more about the topics discussed at the mid-term event](#)

### New ACL mid-term brochure now available

As the ACL project has now passed the half-time period, a new ACL brochure has been produced to show our work and results.

Please find our ACL mid-term brochure, available in English and Russian at:

<http://www.ambercoastlogistics.eu/downloads>

To receive printed copies please contact the lead partner, Port of Hamburg Marketing.

### Save-the-date : Forum and conference on Eastern Europe-Business without Borders

ACL project partner Investor Center Ostbrandenburg and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce East Brandenburg organise the Forum and Conference on Eastern Europe held in Frankfurt (Oder) on 19th June 2013 under the motto "Business without

*signature of a memorandum of understanding between BellInterTrans and Port of Hamburg Marketing. As a highlight for our partners and associates, the staff exchange week took place in Hamburg just a few weeks ago.*

*Last but not least, I would like to use this opportunity to inform you on a change in the project management team of ACL. As I am changing jobs, Marina Rimpo will be the main contact person at the lead partner from 1<sup>st</sup> July on. I am sure you will continue the good relations to ACL with her.*

With warmest regards

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Borders". The organizers invite you to learn about the latest trends, business practices as well as the current legal framework influencing trade between Western and Eastern Europe.

The conference is free of charge but a registration is required. Please visit the website for more information as well as the registration: [www.icob.de/oek](http://www.icob.de/oek)

## Cooperation with Belarusian business sector

"Belintertrans - Transport-Logistics Centre", one of altogether 25 associated partners of Amber Coast Logistics, is considered as a very important link to the business sector in Belarus. On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Port of Hamburg Marketing, lead partner of ACL, visited Belintertrans, the transport forwarding company of the Belarusian railway, in Minsk and handed over the signed cooperation agreement. The cooperation between Port of Hamburg Marketing and Belintertrans is a further step towards a transnational network of logistics service providers in the Baltic Sea region - one of the main goals of ACL.



[Read more about the aims of the cooperation](#)



## Partnership of expertise and experience

The project's partnership represents the concrete theme of Amber Coast Logistics. 19 partners from Belarus, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland form the project, amongst them transport and logistics players, ports, port authorities as well as associations and research institutes.

In every newsletter four partners of ACL are presented, today:



### CASE Belarus

CASE Belarus is a non-governmental, non-profit think tank established in 2007 as a daughter organization of CASE in Belarus. CASE's mission is to provide objective economic



### Skandinavisk Transport Centre/ Port of Koege

The Scandinavian Transport Center in Koege is one of Denmark's fastest growing business parks and Port of Koege is one of Denmark's oldest ports. In a short time, the Scandinavian

2013 promotes regional development through transnational cooperation.

Eleven countries around the Baltic Sea work together to find joint solutions to common problems.

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analysis and to foster the quality of policy-making to improve the lives of Europeans and their neighbours.

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**BALTIC SEA  
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### **Baltic Sea Forum**

The Baltic Sea Forum is a non-profit organization which supports economic, political and cultural cooperation in the Baltic Sea region. The Forum's targets are to support the integration of the Baltic Sea neighbor states and to help international cooperation.

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Transport Centre has grown to one of the largest combined business and transport parks servicing Zealand and Greater Copenhagen. Besides, the port is well supported by experienced suppliers and good equipment.

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**FREEPORT OF RIGA AUTHORITY**

### **Freeport of Riga Authority**

Freeport of Riga Authority (FRA) is responsible for the administrative and organizational set-up of the Port of Riga. The Freeport of Riga is a significant part of global and regional cargo supply chains and passenger traffic in the Baltic Sea region, providing safe and reliable services. Freeport of Riga is a leading port of the Baltic States and a source of prosperity for Latvia.

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