



# 11<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONGRESS

MAY 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2025

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POLISH THEATRE,  
ENTRANCE FROM JANA Z KOLNA STREET



08:30 – 09:30

## OPENING CEREMONY

9:30 – 11:30

## OPENING REMARKS

### I PLENARY DEBATE: THE NEW EU INDUSTRIAL POLICY IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

- Strengthening the competitiveness of European companies
- Ensuring the EU economic security
- EU Industrial Maritime Strategy

Moderator: **Paweł Krężel**, Director of the Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation  
Department, Ministry of Infrastructure

#### Experts:

##### **Alberto Maestrini**

Chairman, SEA Europe - the Shipyards' &  
Maritime Equipment Association of  
Europe

##### **Josef Maurer**

Head of Maritime and Operations,  
European Transport Workers' Federation

##### **Sotiris Raptis**

Secretary General, European Community  
Shipowners' Association

##### **Marcin Talwik**

President, Żegluga Polska SA,  
Polsteam Group, Secretary General,  
Polish Shipowners' Association

11:30 – 12:00

## COFFEE BREAK



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12:00 – 13:30

## II PLENARY DEBATE: REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR THE MARITIME ECONOMY

- Market and regulatory challenges for the maritime sector
- Realignment of supply chains
- Integration tools for port stakeholders

Moderator: **Przemysław Myszka**, Chief Editor, Baltic Transport Journal

Speaker:

Experts:

**dr James Corbett**

Environmental Director for Europe,  
World Shipping Council

**Theresia Hacksteiner**

Secretary General,  
European Barge Union

**Piia Karjaleinen**

CEO, Finnish Ports Association

**Isabelle Ryckbost**

Secretary General, European Sea Ports  
Organisation

**Daniel Saar**

President of Board, DB Port Szczecin,  
Szczecin Port Stakeholders Council

13:30 – 14:30

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14:30 – 16:00

### III PLENARY DEBATE: MARITIME DIMENSION – ADVANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEN-T NETWORK

Moderator: **Dr Laima Gerlitz**, Head European Project Center, Hochschule Wismar,  
University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design  
European Project Center

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University of Applied Sciences: Technology, Business and Design  
European Project Center

#### Experts:

**Hermanni Backer**

Director, Northern Dimension Partnership  
on Transport and Logistics (tbc)

**Jaap Gebraad**

Secretaty General,  
Waterborne Technology Platform

**Gesine Meissner**

European Coordinator for the European  
Maritime Space

**Rafał Zahorski**

Plenipotentiary for Ports Development,  
Szczecin and Swinoujście Seaports  
Authority

**Ansis Zeltniš**

CEO port of Riga,  
Chair European Sea Ports Organization

20:00

### ARTISTIC EVENING PERFORMANCE AND BANQUET

For all participants of the informal ministerial meeting and the Congress



9:00 – 10:30

## BLOCK I PORTS AND SHIPPING

### GLOBAL THREATS TO MARITIME TRANSPORT: SAFE PORTS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The impact of geopolitical changes on shipping and ports: maritime transport security, protection of port infrastructure, and the stability of global supply chains. Strategies to counter and adapt to the dynamic international landscape.

- How do current geopolitical tensions affect the global sea lanes and port accessibility?
- What geopolitical changes are most likely to affect the maritime transport sector in the coming years?
- What are the major threats to port infrastructure from cyberattacks and technological threats?

**Moderator: Sebastian Wróbel**, President of Board FreightTech.org

#### Experts:

1. **Alina Angielczyk**, Managing Director Area North, Hapag-Lloyd
2. **Michał Czubko**, Freight Broker, Polish Seanship Company
3. **Adam Hoppe**, Director of Strategy and Market Analysis Office, Port of Gdynia Authority
4. **Wojciech Szymulewicz**, President of Board, Baltic Container Terminal (tbc)
5. **Sylwester Tuszer**, Head of the Maritime Defense Affairs Office, Maritime Office in Gdynia
6. **Damian Viccars**, Director of Government Affairs for Europe, World Shipping Council

## BLOCK II SUSTAINABLE BLUE MARITIME ECONOMY

### THE BLUE ECONOMY PROGRAMME - HOW TO BOOST SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The blue economy covers multiple maritime sectors and related policies that collectively determine the sustainable use of marine (ocean) resources. Its concept aims to foster economic growth, social inclusion, and the preservation or enhancement of livelihoods while ensuring the environmental sustainability of oceans, seas, and coastal areas.

The objectives of the blue economy typically focus on the sustainable development of ocean space to achieve economic, environmental, and socio-cultural benefits, while addressing broader security concerns and ensuring regional stability.

The EU Blue Economy Programme focuses on decarbonisation, protection of natural capital, circular economy, and responsible food production.

**Moderator: dr hab. Dorota Pyć**, prof. University of Gdańsk, President of Board, Port of Gdańsk Authority

#### Experts:

1. **dr Magdalena Adamowicz**, University of Gdańsk (tbc)
2. **dr hab. Ernest Czermański** prof. UG, University of Gdańsk
3. **Rafał Machowiak**, Secretary General, National Chamber of Maritime Economy
4. **Monika Żaboklicka**, Director of Logistics Initiatives, DB Port Szczecin, Szczecin Port Stakeholders' Council

10:30 – 10:50

## COFFEE BREAK



9:00 – 10:30

## BLOCK III SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT

### INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT IN A WELL-CONNECTED EUROPE - ROLE, OPPORTUNITIES, POSITION

Inland waterway transport is an environmentally friendly and evolving mode of transport that serves as an essential complement to a country's sustainable transport system. It effectively addresses the challenges posed by European policies.

The panel will discuss the country's sustainable transport system and the role of inland navigation in the process.

Key challenges facing inland waterway transport during the European environmental transition, and key aspects of a modern inland waterway transport management system.

Opportunities for inland waterway development – the current status and goals.

**Moderator: Tomasz Kocoń**, Head of the Maritime Policy Department, Department of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Ministry of Infrastructure

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#### Experts:

1. **Theresia Hacksteiner**, Secretary General, European Barge Union
2. **Torsten Klimke**, Head of Unit – DG Move, Komisja Europejska (tbc)
3. **Gert-Jan Muilerman**, ViaDonau Austrian Waterway Management and Development Company
4. **Karin de Schepper**, Director, Inland Navigation Europe
5. **Marta Waldman**, Łukasiewicz Research Network – Poznań Institute of Technology

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## COFFEE BREAK

## BLOCK IV POLISH OFFSHORE ECONOMY

### OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY – THE CURRENT STATUS

Four years of intensive legislation, discussions, conversations, meetings, building a business network around the Polish OWE – in the context of "local content", is it effective or not?

How to legislatively support the offshore wind sector in Poland to implement phases II and III of the development of Polish offshore wind energy?

How to develop offshore wind energy based on Polish industry and Polish ports, considering it as one of the foundations of the energy transformation in Poland?

**Moderator: Jakub Budzyński**, President of Board, Polish Chamber of Offshore Wind Energy

#### Experts:

1. **Janusz Bil**, President of Board, Orlen Neptun
2. **Janusz Gajowiecki**, President of Board, Polish Wind Energy Association
3. **Michał Przepiera**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Szczecin
4. **Anna Stelmaszyk-Świerczyńska**, Managing Director, Maritime Office in Gdynia
5. **Dominika Taranko**, V-ce President of Board, Wind Industry Hub
6. **Patryk Zbroja**, advocate/managing partner, Zbroja Adwokaci Law Office

**Speaker: Dominika Taranko**, V-ce President of Board, Wind Industry Hub. Presentation at the end of the discussion panel presenting the concept of a new beginning in the offshore energy sector in Poland and introducing the next panel.



10:50 – 12:20

## BLOCK I PORTS AND SHIPPING

### NEW COMPETENCES REQUIRED IN THE MARITIME ECONOMY AND MARKET CHALLENGES

Aligning education systems to the rapidly evolving maritime market necessitates identifying key competences and qualifications needed in the sector, primarily in areas such as digitalisation, ecology, and innovative technologies. Collaboration between universities and the industry is crucial in the context of practical training for future human resources.

- Competences of the future in addressing the challenges of the modern world - where are we heading and what professionals do we need?
- What new competences are likely to become crucial in the next 10 to 15 years in the maritime economy?
- What steps can universities and companies take to effectively strengthen their cooperation in practical skills training and preparing graduates for the labour market?
- New generation, new challenges - how can we communicate effectively with young people as they enter the labour market?

**Moderator:** dr hab. Stanisław Iwan, prof. MUS, Maritime University of Szczecin

**Speaker:** Tomasz Lisiecki, President of Board, Center of New Competences

#### Experts:

1. **Jaap Gebraad**, Secretary General, Waterborne Technology Platform
2. **dr Dorota Książkiewicz**, University of Gdańsk
3. **Tomasz Lisiecki**, President of Board, Center of New Competences
4. **Michał Marzejan**, Director, BFI Sp. z o.o.
5. **Grzegorz Szatkowski**, V-ce President, Flint Systems
6. **dr inż. kpt. ż.w. Arkadiusz Tomczak**, prof. MUS, V-ce Rector for Maritime Affairs, Maritime University of Szczecin
7. **Aleksandra Turbaczewska**, Attorney to the Chief Executive of Polish Steamship Company, President of HRBP&CO

## BLOCK II SUSTAINABLE BLUE MARITIME ECONOMY

### SUSTAINABLE SEAPORTS IN THE BLUE ECONOMY - INVESTMENT AND FINANCING

European Union public funding is crucial for the development, deployment, and use of blue economy technologies and the implementation of projects affecting, among other things, the development of sustainable transport and seaports.

Designing and building modern seagoing vessels equipped with low- or zero-emission technologies is a crucial step toward sustainability. Additionally, investing in modern, energy-efficient port infrastructure further supports the maritime manufacturing industry. These efforts help strengthen the competitive position of the European Union and its Member States in the global market.

**Moderator:** Alan Aleksandrowicz,  
V-ce President of Board for Finance and Security,  
Port of Gdańsk Authority

#### Experts:

1. **Janusz Jarosiński**, V-ce President of Board, COMAL Sp. z o.o.
2. **Piotr Krahel**, Head of Ports Strategy and Development Office, Szczecin and Świnoujście Seaports Authority (tbc)
3. **dr hab. Sylwia Majkowska-Szulc**, prof. UG, University of Gdańsk, Port of Gdańsk Authority
4. **Monika Niemiec-Butryn**, Chairwoman of the Inland Navigation Council, Deputy Director of the Department of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Ministry of Infrastructure
5. **Piotr Porzycki**, attorney at law, CMW Legal, Szczecin Port Stakeholders' Council
6. **Marek Tarczyński**, President of Board, Terramar, Chairman of Polish Chamber of Forwarding and Logistics

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## BLOCK III SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT

### THE ROLE OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERMODAL SERVICES

One of the barriers to developing intermodal terminals and other point-to-point infrastructure is the limited number and density of infrastructure interfaces. Ongoing investments in line infrastructure should prioritise ease of connection to the network for terminal managers and focus on improving road accessibility to terminals.

Leaving infrastructure managers 'on their own' will likely lead to further degradation, making plans for intermodal transport development difficult to implement.

**Moderator: Rafał Zahorski**, Plenipotentiary for Ports Development, Szczecin and Świnoujście Seaports Authority

#### Experts:

1. **Rafał Banaszkiewicz**, Plenipotentiary for Development, PKP PLK
2. **Michał Durka**, Director, Regional Water Management Board in Szczecin
3. **Adrian Furgalski**, President of Board, Economic Advisory Team TOR
4. **Piotr Gorzeński**, President of Board, Port of Gdynia Authority
5. **Łukasz Lendner**, Branch Director, General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways

## BLOCK IV POLISH OFFSHORE ECONOMY

### OFFSHORE INDUSTRY

The Polish shipbuilding industry - Europe's Cinderella in the offshore sector, or a thriving industry ready to meet sector demands?

What actions are necessary to create a Polish offshore fleet, built by Polish industry and managed by Polish shipowners?

Offshore begins and ends onshore - how to develop the potential of OWE supply chains, including the potential of the Polish shipbuilding and offshore industry?

**Moderator: V-ce President of Board**, Wind Industry Hub

#### Experts:

1. **Magdalena Czuba-Wąsowska**, V-ce President of Board, Baltica Industry Group
2. **Radosław Kowalczyk**, President of Board, Szczecin Shipyard Wulkan (tbc)
3. **Ewa Kruchelska**, V-ce Chairwoman of Supervisory Board of Crist SA (tbc)
4. **Grzegorz Pettke**, President of Board, Polish Register of Shipping
5. **Arkadiusz Ryż**, Offshore Wind Division Director, Fairplay Towage Polska
6. **Bartłomiej Stępień**, CEO, Elektryka Morska Sp. z o.o.

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## COFFEE BREAK



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## BLOCK I PORTS AND SHIPPING

### AUTONOMOUS SOLUTIONS AS PART OF IMPROVING THE SAFETY SYSTEM

The role of autonomous technologies in improving safety across maritime and inland waterways. Exploring the potential of automation to reduce human error, boost operational efficiency, and strengthen environmental protection. Addressing regulatory and technological challenges while implementing autonomous solutions.

- The development of autonomous ships: an opportunity to enhance safety or source of new risks?
- Autonomous vessels and legislative concerns – who is responsible?
- Can automation and digitalisation become both an opportunity and a threat to port infrastructure?
- Automation – our ally or enemy? Will artificial intelligence replace workers?

**Moderator:** Ewelina Ziajka, Strategy and Market Analysis Office, Port of Gdynia Authority

#### Experts:

1. **dr inż. Piotr Durajczyk**, Director, Inland Navigation Office
2. **kpt. ż. w. Przemysław Jabłoński**, Vetting and Safety Shipping Department III Manager, Polish Steamship Company
3. **Wojciech Kozyro**, Ship Division Deputy Director / Head of Technical Services, Polish Register of Shipping
4. **kpt. ż. w. Klaudia Skotnica**, Master Mariner, Donnelly Tanker Management Cyprus
5. **Tomasz Wawrzyński**, Manager of Land and Hydrotechnical Infrastructure Department, Port of Gdynia Authority

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## LUNCH

## BLOCK II SUSTAINABLE BLUE MARITIME ECONOMY

### EMISSION-FREE CARBON SEAPORTS IN THE BLUE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The evolving industrial landscape in Europe highlights the growing role of seaports. Beyond their traditional role in transshipment and logistics, the future of seaports lies in their development as key energy centres, providing integrated electricity, hydrogen, and other renewable and low-carbon fuels for:

- circular economy,
- transportation,
- industrial clusters.

The use of smart digital solutions and autonomous systems that optimise traffic flow and cargo handling in and around seaports plays a crucial role in decarbonising ports and advancing towards a net-zero future.

**Moderator:** Dominik Landa, Director of Strategy and Development, Port of Gdańsk Authority

#### Experts:

1. **Mateusz Herbot**, Head of Fuel Department, Polish Steamship Company
2. **dr inż. Krzysztof Kołwzan**, Centre for IMO Affairs Manager, Polish Register of Shipping
3. **Bogdan Ołdakowski**, Secretary General, Baltic Ports Organisation
4. **dr hab. Barbara Pawłowska**, prof. UG, University of Gdańsk
5. **Stefan Rudnik**, Investment Department Director, Port of Gdańsk Authority
6. **Wojciech Zdanowicz**, Managing Director, Maritime Office in Szczecin





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## BLOCK III SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT

### CITY-PORT INTERACTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS

Cities, as critical components of the transport network and significant generators of logistics flows, play a pivotal role in supply chain operations. This applies to both last-mile and first-mile movements. The importance of this role is amplified by the interactions between cities and the ports located within or near them. Ports influence urban areas, creating functional interdependence that generates numerous challenges in shaping sustainable supply chains.

- The port – a threat or a stimulator for urban development?
- How can we ensure synergies in the development of cities and ports?
- How can we shape the development of ports to ensure a high quality of urban life at the same time?
- To what extent can the port stimulate sustainable urban development?

**Moderator:** dr hab. Stanisław Iwan, prof. MUoFT, Maritime University of Technology in Szczecin

**Speaker:** prof. Carola Hein, History of Architecture and Urban Planning, Delft University of Technology

#### Experts:

1. **Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała**, V-ce President of Board for Finance and Asset Management, Port of Gdynia Authority
2. **prof. Carola Hein**, History of Architecture and Urban Planning, Delft University of Technology
3. **Stanisław Kaup**, Councillor of the City of Szczecin, Chairman of the Maritime Economy, Development and Promotion Committee of the City Council of Szczecin
4. **Stawomir Nowicki**, Councillor of the City of Świnoujście
5. **Michał Przepiera**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Szczecin
6. **Prof. Lóránt Tavasszy**, Freight Transport & Logistics, the Delft University of Technology
7. **Grzegorz Włoch**, Head of the Office, Polsteam Shipping Agency Sp. z o.o.

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## LUNCH

## BLOCK IV POLISH OFFSHORE ECONOMY

### SEAPORTS IN OFFSHORE SUPPLY CHAINS

Port OWE installation terminals – essential in supply chains but do they make economic sense?

Port service terminals – why are small seaports in Poland "fighting" to attract them?

Offshore production in the seaport – A catalyst for port development or hindrance to the growth of large-scale port operations?

**Moderator:** dr inż. Andrzej Montwiłł, Marshal's Plenipotentiary for GM, RES and H2, Maritime University of Technology in Szczecin

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#### Experts:

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2. **Janusz Czajkowski**, President of Board of Sea Global Sp. z o.o., Chairman of the Polish Chamber of Offshore Wind Energy's Council, Representative for the offshore economy of the Employers of Pomerania
3. **Daniel Kisała**, President of Board, Slipform Sp. z o.o.
4. **Artur Lijewski**, President of Board, Port of Kołobrzeg Authority, President of Harbours Association
5. **Michał Śmigielski**, President of Board, Maritime Agency in Gdynia Sp. z o.o.
6. **Rafał Zahorski**, Plenipotentiary for Ports Development, Szczecin and Świnoujście Seaports Authority