

**MINUTES OF THE  
INSPIRING OUR FUTURE COMMITTEE PLENARY MEETING  
HELD AT THE LINDNER HOTEL, ANTWERP  
AT 9.00 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

**Present:**

Mr. R. Troch	Chair, Inspiring our Future
Mr. A. Mantrach	President
Mr. J. Delfino	Vice Chair, Inspiring our Future

Mr. O. Brahmi	Algeria	Mr. N. Banovic	Montenegro
Mr. D. Khedoud	Algeria	Mr. M. El Mezouar	Morocco
Mr. J. Dulce	Argentina	Mr. M. Tak	Netherlands
Mr. A. Mingo Jozami	Argentina	Mr. E. Pinzas	Peru
Mr. P. Campbell	Argentina	Mr. J. Tyminski	Poland
Mr. B. Ardhanari	Bahrain	Mr. R. D'Orey	Portugal
Capt. S. Falati	Bahrain	Mr. A. Belmar da Costa	Portugal
Mrs. H. Bruggeman	Belgium	Mr. J. Fernandez Guillen	Spain
Capt. J. Karmelić	Croatia	Mr. A Ferrandiz	Spain
Mr. C.P. Papavassiliou	Cyprus	Ms. A. Ruiz Garcia	Spain
Ms. S. Turkillla	Finland	Mrs. B. Blomqvist	Sweden
Dr. A. Geisler	Germany	Mr. B. Tonguç FICS	Turkey
Mr. N. Soltow	Germany	Mr. E. Kayha	Turkey
Mr. J. A. Foord FICS	Great Britain	Mr. R. Düzgit	Turkey
Mr. A. Dobson FICS	Great Britain	Mr. E. Eminouglu	Turkey
Mr. A. Veneris	Greece	Mrs. J. Cardona	USA
Mr. A. Mataragas FICS	Greece	Ms. K. Torpey	USA
Mr. B. Szalma	Hungary	Mr. J. Kelly	USA
Mr. A. Santi	Italy	Mr. M. Brattman	ITIC
Mr. V. Totorizzo	Italy		
Mr. F. Carlini FICS	Italy	<b>Observers</b>	
Dr. D. Mahasneh	Jordan	Mr. P. Gray	Caribbean Shipping Assn.
Mr. I Uba	Lithuania	Mr. H-N. Edbo	Norwegian Shipbrokers' Assn.
Mrs. N. Beccera Pocaroba	Mexico		
Mr. M. Andrade Gomez	Mexico		

**In Attendance:**

Mr. J.C. Williams FICS	General Manager
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**Item**

**Action**

1. **President's Welcome**  
The **President** welcomed all those present to this inaugural in-person plenary meeting of the Inspiring our Future Committee, extending a special welcome to Ms. Kim Meeus, from the Cabinet of Minister Van Quickenborne and the members of the Antwerp shipping community attending as observers.
3. **Chair's Opening Remarks**  
Mr. **Troch** also welcomed delegates to the meeting and thanked his NAVES and ASV colleagues for organising the meeting. The **General Manager** reminded those present that the meeting was being held in accordance with FONASBA's Anti-Trust and Competition policy (see above).
2. **Address by the Vice Prime Minister and Federal Minister for Justice and the North Sea, Mr. Vincent Van Quickenborne**  
Introducing the video, the **Chair** also extended his own thanks to Ms. Meeus for attending and asked her to pass FONASBA's thanks to Minister Van Quickenborne for providing the video address. *(A copy of the video address, and the presentations made later in the meeting, can be downloaded from the Members' Area of the website).*

**4. “The Port of the Future”**

Mr. Willem de Moor, Chief Commercial Officer of the Port of Antwerp gave a detailed presentation on the port’s current plans to position it for the future, highlighting sustainability, energy transition, maintaining its status as the largest chemical port in Europe, the provision of sustainable fuels, digital transformation and the developments leading to Smart Port status. The latter included remote sensing systems for mobile assets and environmental monitoring, the use of drones and the integration of external data such as air quality and weather into the port operations matrix.

**5. “The Agent of the Future”**

For this item, the **Chair** introduced Ms. Catrien Scheers, CEO of short sea operator FAST Lines, Mr. Ivo Maglizza, Senior Manager for the Benelux Region at container operator NYK and Capt. Marc Nuytemans, CEO of the Flanders Blue Cluster, who made presentations on their own organisations and what they saw as future impacts on the role of the ship agent.

**6. Discussion Panel**

At the conclusion of the second set of presentations, all four speakers took part in a discussion panel with delegates on the topics raised.

**7. “The Impact of Technologies in the Maritime Sector from A Ship Agent’s Vision”**

The final presentation to the meeting was given by Ms. Ana Garcia de los Rios, winner of the FONASBA Young Ship Agent and Ship Broker Award 2022, on the impact of new technologies on streamlining the role of the agent, enhancing communication between the ship and shore and the role of big data in ship and port operations, as well as providing an insight into her experiences of working as a ship agent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**8. Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The **Chair** advised that the next Inspiring our Future plenary meeting would take place in Bahrain on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, and he looked forward to welcoming everyone to that meeting. He also thanked both NAVES and ASV for the excellent organisation of this meeting and the speakers.

**There being no further business to discuss, the Chair brought the 2022 Inspiring our Future Plenary Meeting to a close.**

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