



SEAFREIGHT detailed information

Antwerp in Europe

Antwerp is located in Northwest Europe. It is the second largest city in Belgium, a small country surrounded by The Netherlands, Germany and France. Antwerp lies about 343 km (213 miles) north of Paris, 208 km (129 miles) west of Cologne and only 45 km (28 miles) from Brussels, the capital of Belgium and of the European Union.

The industrial regions of Belgium and Northern France, Alsace, Lorraine, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, the Rhine-Ruhr and Rhine-Main areas, the Saar, Basle, Dutch Limburg and Northern Brabant, are the main centres of the port's continental hinterland.

More distant areas such as Northern Italy, Austria and the French Rhône-Alpes region become increasingly important with every passing year.

Inland transport The quality and price of the available overland transport is a decisive factor when a shipper or consignee comes to choosing a port. For this reason Antwerp has made every effort to build up a good network of communication routes, so that the port's favourable geographical location can be exploited to the full. As a result Antwerp offers hundreds of road services, has become the largest European railway port and receives every year almost 59.000 barges.

Zeebrugge in Europe

The port complex of Bruges-Zeebrugge offers several main assets, which will allow freight volume to develop further in the years to come, namely:

the favorable geographical position: on the coast of the North Sea, the busiest sea in the world, central in relation to other North Sea ports; within a short distance of Great Britain, close to the major, densely populated and industrialised cities, excellent nautical accessibility with a deep water draught in the entrance fairways and along the quays, good road and rail connections to all countries of Continental Europe, several daily liner services to Great Britain and to other ports in northern and southern Europe, Zeebrugge being the cross-roads for traffic in all directions, a network of intercontinental and intra-European container services, modern port equipment, recently established, which meets all the expectations of modern shipping and handling techniques and a large potential of skilled labour achieving high productivity

Forwarding

In Zeebrugge, Adelantex can organize and customs clear very diverse types of transport, Border Inspection Post clearance, tax representation and besides that Ad Logistics is also responsible for storage and distribution

Road Transport

The port has excellent connections with the large European traffic arteries (E 40, N 49, E17 and A17). Each year, more than one million truck loads, which mainly make use of the wide range of roro services, pass through the port of Zeebrugge. About 80% of roro traffic relates to unaccompanied transports; road transport by itself accounts for 63 % of the total hinterland traffic. For these reasons, many road transport companies have established a branch in the port, in the Transport Zone of Zeebrugge or in the surrounding area. With a view to the expected traffic growth, a number of improvements to the road infrastructure are essential: the removal of the junctions on the N31, the conversion of the southern port ring-road into a one-way road, the 2 x 2 connection to Westkapelle and the transformation of the N49 into a fully fledged motorway

Rail Transport

In Zeebrugge, rail transport is a very important partner for the supply and transport of maritime cargo. More than 65 % of these wagons involve the transport of containers. Via the north European Network, Zeebrugge is connected with important inland terminals such as Antwerp, Athus, Duisburg, Muizen, Bressoux, Mouscron and Genk by means of daily block trains.

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