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How FORWARD Belgium works



FORWARD Belgium launches WARD, our AI assistant!

Need support? Ask 4 WARD

With **WARD**, we are taking a new step in **digital services**. This **AI chatbot** helps you quickly find all the public information on our website. And this is just the beginning: we are developing WARD into a true sectoral knowledge partner, exclusively for our members.

Soon, you will also be able to consult WARD about new customs systems, CBAM, claim templates, training courses and much more – even via an app on your smartphone.

Test WARD today at forwardbelgium.be and **help build the digital future of our sector**.

Moving FORWARD, together.

[Read more](#)

New associate member

Companies or organisations whose activities are related to the scope of FORWARD Belgium and/or its members can join as [associate members](#). FORWARD Belgium recently welcomed the following associate member:



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Only a few advertising spaces left for the autumn 2025 and 2026 editions of FORWARD Magazine

Would you like to showcase your company in a professional setting within the logistics and maritime sector? There are still **two ¼-page advertising spaces** available for the **autumn 2025 edition** of FORWARD Belgium Magazine. For **2026**, there is also **one ½-page and two ¼-page** spaces available.

FORWARD Magazine is the **biannual trade journal** of FORWARD Belgium, in which we highlight current trends, share experiences from the sector and bring our community together. The magazine is published in both **Dutch and English** and is distributed in print and digitally via our website and social media.

Curious about previous editions? [Take a look at our digital bookcase here.](#)

Interested in advertising or additional information? Feel free to contact [the FORWARD Belgium secretariat](#).

[Advertising space order form](#)

GOLD sponsors 2025



FORWARD Belgium Gold sponsors 2025

The following companies are **GOLD sponsors** of FORWARD Belgium for 2025:

- ✓ [BDO Belgium](#)
- ✓ [Van Breda Marine](#)
- ✓ [Van Doosselaere & Partners](#)
- ✓ [SSC Consolidation](#)
- ✓ [KTL Benelux NV](#)
- ✓ [Customs Support](#)

FORWARD Belgium commissions



Sustainability Committee

Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

The European institutions have approved the so-called 'stop-the-clock' regulation. This means that the introduction of the **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)** will be postponed by one to two years for many companies:

- Large listed companies will start as planned in 2024.
- Large non-listed companies will only report from 2027 (instead of 2025).
- Listed SMEs will report from 2028 (instead of 2026).
- Non-EU companies with a turnover of more than €150 million in the EU will continue to report from 2028.

The Belgian Council of Ministers has now formally transposed this postponement into national law, making it fully legally binding for Belgian companies. This postponement gives companies extra time to prepare for the new sustainability obligations.



Human Resources Committee

Port sector receives strong support from the industry!

The port community is investing a total of €863,000 in the future **Havenwereld** experience centre on the Droogdokkensite in Antwerp. This contribution will go entirely towards enhancing the visitor experience, with interactive games, immersive installations and sets that will immerse young and old alike in the fascinating world of the port.

FORWARD Belgium is delighted to contribute to the realisation of this unique initiative. We would like to point out that companies affiliated with FORWARD Belgium still have the opportunity to join **Havenwereld** as a partner. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to an inspiring project and strengthen your organisation's visibility within the port community.

[More info & possibilities](#)

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Opleidingsaanbod

Meer informatie
forwardbelgium.be/opleidingen

Investeer in de basiskennis van uw medewerkers en versterk de toekomst van uw bedrijf!

In-house begeleiding

E-learning

Legal Committee



Update on circular letter on safety verifications – PC 226

The updated **circular on safety verifications in PC226** (01/07/2025) completely replaces the previous version of 25/04/2025. This update is in response to changes in the guidelines of the FPS Mobility and Transport (maritime security) and includes, among other things:

- New provisions on decisions and appeal procedures
- Changes relating to the consequences under labour law
- Model clauses for employment contracts (Appendix 4)
- Updated information on port facilities (Appendices 2 and 3)

Tip: Make sure your internal procedures and employment contracts are in line with the new regulations.

[More info](#)

HALO #54



Newsletter about the Waasland Port #54

Read the digital version of HALO #54 [here](#).

Agenda

FORWARD Belgium events and meetings:

September

| DATE | TOPIC | TARGET AUDIENCE | MORE INFO |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 11 | Governing body FORWARD Belgium | Members governing body | info@forwardbelgium.be |

FORWARD Belgium partner events:

- ✓ 15 September 2025, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., BDO Antwerp training centre | [IDMS workshop](#) – Prepare for the final implementation! Dive into the world of IDMS and discover useful tips and tricks during this practical workshop.
- ✓ 29 September 2025, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., BDO Antwerp training centre | [Active/Passive Processing and Temporary Admission](#) – Discover how you can make significant savings on import duties with these special customs procedures. Practical knowledge that gives you a competitive edge.

[Full agenda](#)

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