



FORWARD Belgium activities



New e-learning module: Basic Knowledge of Customs & Customs Compliance

FORWARD Belgium has launched a new **e-learning module** on **Basic Knowledge of Customs & Customs Compliance**. This practical training course offers freight forwarders, logistics service providers and novice customs declarants a clear overview of the key points to bear in mind when working with customs representatives.

The module covers topics including fraud detection, customer screening, authorisations, and tax representation, correct data flows and archiving. Thanks to its online, modular and flexible nature, the training can be applied immediately in day-to-day operations.

[More info](#)



FORWARD Magazine – Issue 24 (June 2026)

The latest edition of our **FORWARD Magazine** is now available. In this issue, we once again bring together the latest insights, industry developments and stories from our community.

In this issue, you can read about, amongst other things:

- **Night-time logistics is gaining ground** – from experiment to structural solution
- **The Way Forward** – the port’s digital backbone under construction
- **Fraudulent trade** – a growing challenge for our sector
- **EU customs** – agreement between the Council and Parliament on a groundbreaking reform

We’re also reintroducing our digital assistant **WARD** – a smart tool that helps members identify and report suspicious situations.

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The following companies are FORWARD Belgium’s **GOLD sponsors** for 2026:

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Human Resources

*Help put your company in the spotlight!
Together, we’re inspiring the workers of tomorrow*

Powerful images speak louder than a thousand words. That’s why Alfaport Voka is launching a **content group** to bolster the [jobsindehaven.be](#) campaign with authentic photos and videos from companies in the port. As a member of the content group, you’ll play an active role in the campaign. Depending on the job or theme being highlighted, they’ll call on your company to provide suitable content.

Do you have a funny colleague, a unique job or the best view of the Port of Antwerp? Put your company in the spotlight via the testimonials on [jobsindehaven.be](#) or join the content group. In this way, you’ll help provide authentic photos and videos that showcase the diversity of working in the port.

Together, we’ll ensure that more talented people find their way to a job in the port. Sign up for the content group via kaat.scharpe@voka.be



Intermodal

Night-time logistics as a strategic solution for a more efficient logistics chain
Pressure on the logistics sector is mounting. Increasing traffic congestion, growing flows of goods and major infrastructure works are forcing companies to critically reassess their operations. Against this backdrop, **night-time logistics** is gaining ground. What once began as an experiment is now evolving into a structural solution for a more efficient and predictable logistics chain.

In our latest blog post, you can read why **night-time logistics** is not just a pipe dream, but a **necessary step** towards a **more resilient logistics chain**.

[Read more](#)



Legal

Reminder: deadline for security verifications under the Maritime Security Act is approaching

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members that the transition period for security verifications under the Maritime Security Act for freight forwarders **ended on 30 June**. This means that employees who fall within the scope of the legislation (those performing a critical function) and who have access to secure port areas must hold a valid security clearance by this date at the latest.

We advise our members to check whether all relevant staff were registered in good time and whether the necessary applications were submitted via the Panoptes platform. The latest figures from DG Shipping show that more than 30,000 security clearances have now been applied for. However, the transitional arrangement for freight forwarders, shipping agents and the relevant port facilities definitively expired on **30 June 2026**.

We advise members who still have questions about the implementation of this obligation within their organisation to verify this internally as soon as possible and, if necessary, to contact the relevant authorities.

Young FORWARD Belgium



Looking back: FORWARD Cup 2026

On **Friday 5 June**, the **9th edition** of the **FORWARD Cup** took place at City Pirates in Merksem. No fewer than 26 teams and 280 players gathered for an evening full of team spirit, sporting competitions and valuable encounters within our community.

AML | Antwerp Metal Logistics secured victory for the second year running and once again took the challenge cup home, whilst ECU Worldwide + FCL Marine + Eurocenter and SSC Consolidation completed the podium with strong second and third-place finishes. The supporters also put their best foot forward: Embassy Freight Services Europe / TCI Carriers took home the 'Best Support' title.

You can find the **photo gallery** of this successful edition here: [FORWARD Cup highlights](#)

The FORWARD Cup 2026 was once again a resounding success and we are already looking forward to the **anniversary edition in 2027**. To ensure the next edition is another success, we'd love to hear your feedback [via the evaluation form, which can be downloaded here](#). The **evaluation form** is intended for all attendees, including both tournament participants and supporters. It takes just two minutes to complete, but your feedback is extremely valuable to us.



On our website, you'll find WARD, FORWARD's digital assistant.

WARD helps members quickly find the right information, documents and answers to frequently asked questions. By digitising processes and making information more accessible, WARD contributes to more efficient and sustainable operations within our sector.

Less searching, fewer emails, less paper — more time for what really matters.

You can use WARD directly via our website. [The secretariat remains available for any further queries.](#)

Calendar

FORWARD Belgium events and meetings:

September 2026

DATE	TOPIC	TARGET AUDIENCE	MORE INFO
10 September	FORWARD Belgium Governing Body Meeting	Members of the governing body	info@forwardbelgium.be
10 September	Impact Through Partnership FORWARD Academy 'You can learn to sleep better'	Sponsors and associate members of FORWARD Belgium	/ImpactThroughPartnership
17 September	FORWARD Belgium	All logistics players	jongeren@forwardbelgium.be
24 September	Quiz 2026	All logistics players	vanessa@forwardbelgium.be

FORWARD Belgium partner events 2026:

- ✓ [20-21-25-27-28 August | Port Summer School 2026](#)

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