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ANNUAL SUMMARY

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= **Sustainably-minded**

I don't know if it has become clear in 2023, but either **we are sustainable**, or we are made to be.

This year will be remembered for all the **“future surcharge”** attempts (some of which cannot even be called taxes).

They are labelled **“Future”** because first they are announced, then we send information and a little later we pay for all the pollution generated by the production processes used for some raw materials manufactured outside the EU (with new ones shortly being added to the list), and for the “door to door” transportation of any goods.

Environmental measures? Yes. Protectionism? Yes, of course, as well. Extra tax collection? Of course.

What is clear is that companies will need a new department, if they don't already have one, because the whole issue of sustainability and the environment will generate a lot of work. Plus, information from several departments will be needed to send the reports on all activities.



Those who are not sustainable are responsible for wars. If we didn't already have enough with one, another has now started! Humanity does not learn, or should we say that all this is due to a lack of humanity?

If the first war affected international trade, especially in Europe, the second also affects international maritime transport, due to the blockade of the Suez Canal because of the armed conflict in the area.

Of course, the situation gives rise to temptation. We have seen yet again how rates have increased overnight. Although we already know that it will not last a long time, because demand is not at its highest and supply is still affected by exuberant Covid-era orders.

Next year will be very entertaining.



Rosa Prenafeta
Director

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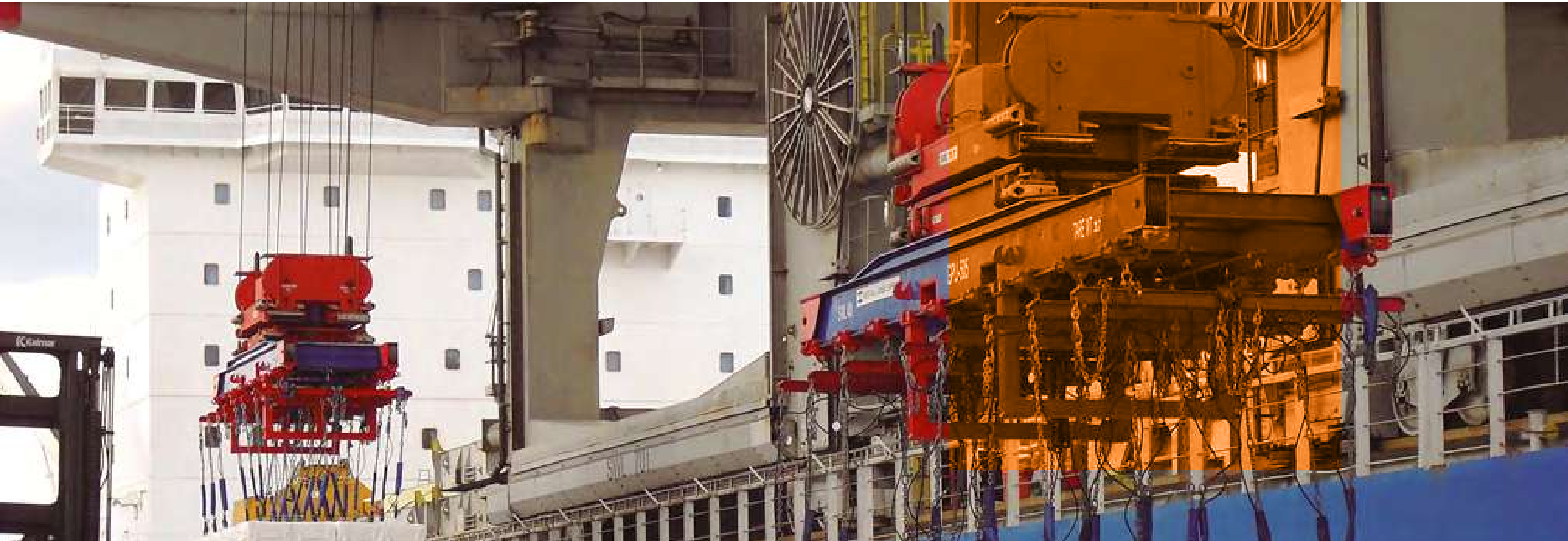
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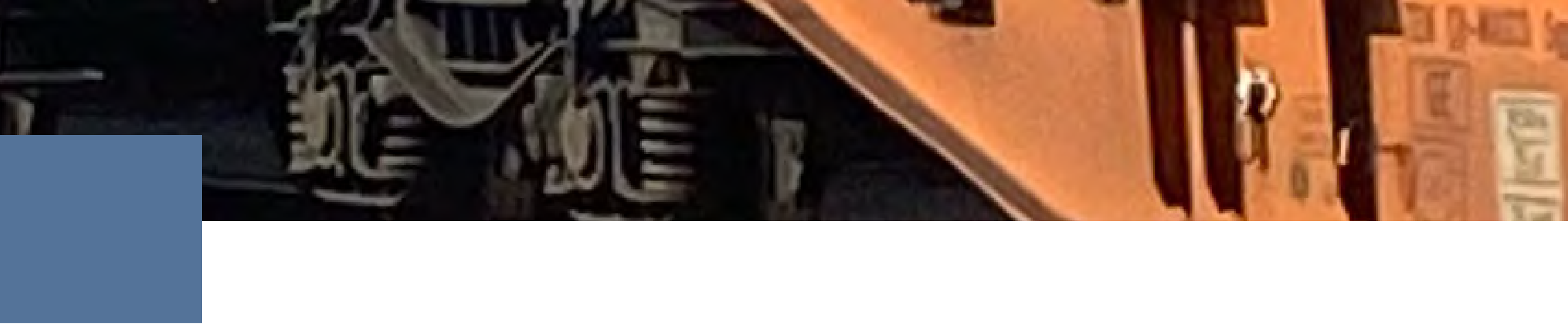
REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

The Council represents shippers (dock workers) at different meetings, forums, fairs, authorities and bodies, both by being present and by participating in presentations.

Meetings have been held in a spirit of collaboration with different organisations and institutions such as the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, ICIL, Transcalit, Vocational Training Institutes, Free Trade Zone Consortium, BCL, CIMALSA, Servei Català de Trànsit, the CARES Foundation, FETEIA, GPA, etc.

With the Barcelona Port Authority,

- Participating in Electronic Forum meetings.
- Meetings were held to request the extension of free days at terminals and for transport to be assigned to consignors/freight forwarders, and the Port Authority implemented several initiatives to improve conditions for dock workers.
- To organise and coordinate the Port of Barcelona's Container Passage Conference, which was welcomed by dock workers.



Meetings were held with service providers that help companies compete, such as Hupac, which shared very interesting rail transport knowledge with the shippers, and there were also training visits to the Morrot Railway Terminal in Barcelona, among other activities.

With the Government of Catalonia,

- ■ ELIEC* Table A Meeting
- ■ ELIEC* Table D Meeting
- ■ Servei Català de Trànsit
- ■ Territorial Department

** Logistics strategy for the Internationalisation of the Catalan economy*

Attendance at events organised by logistics companies, official bodies, organisations, associations, authorities or the press also help to provide information on the issues discussed, which may be interesting for shippers.



With the Barcelona Port Authority, we have been present at:

- The two meetings of the Governing Council.
- The Chair's talk at the Infrastructure Circle.
- The Maritime Transport Decarbonisation Conference.
- The new Chair's strategy.
- The 30-year anniversary of the Governing Council.
- The Emissions Trade System (ETS) Conference.
- The Christmas cocktail party with the port logistics community.

With the Tarragona Port Authority,

- At the Fourth Rail Day event.
- At the APPORTT awards ceremony held every year at Christmas.



Dinner and APPORTT 2023 Awards Ceremony



With other organisations:

- At the Freight Forwarder Club networking event and barbecue.
- At the 'El Canal Azul' newspaper presentation on the blue economy, which was organised by the 'El Canal Marítimo' trade press.
- Listening to talks on the customs code and Barcelona airport organised by the Air Cargo Club.
- At the Discussion Conference organised annually by the ICIL.
- At the Conference on the CSRD Directive organised by the Multimodal Services Committee (CSM).
- Celebrating the opening of the new Cares Foundation storage facility.
- At the Cuatrecasas law firm Decarbonisation Seminar.
- At the goods insurance services in one click presentation by the insurance broker Usach, organised by BCL.
- At the "Hello Tarragona" talks organised by the Tarragona Chamber of Commerce with Josep Vicent Boira to talk about the Mediterranean Corridor.
- At the CBAM Conference with customs experts organised by the Tarragona Chamber of Commerce.
- At the meeting of the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organised by BCL, which we are committed to as an organisation.

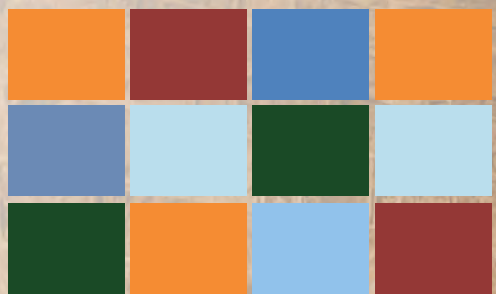
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ORGANISATION AND COLLABORATION

Most events and meetings are entered every six months in the Shippers calendar, which is available on the website and published on LinkedIn.

The following events are of note:

- Six Visits to the Morrot Terminal.
- Three Board of Directors Meetings.
- General Meeting of Partners in Mas de Colom - Casa Borges.
- Organisation, participation and attendance at the International Logistics Fair.
- The BCL Seminar at IESE, with the participation of Esther Freijanes of Elix Polymers.
- The creation of the group of companies that have customs authorisation for Entry in the Declarant's Records (EIR) for discussion and assistance.



Shippers

Did you know...

We have created a group of companies with Entry in Declarant's Records!



At the 'El Canal Azul' newspaper presentation



BCL Seminar at IESE

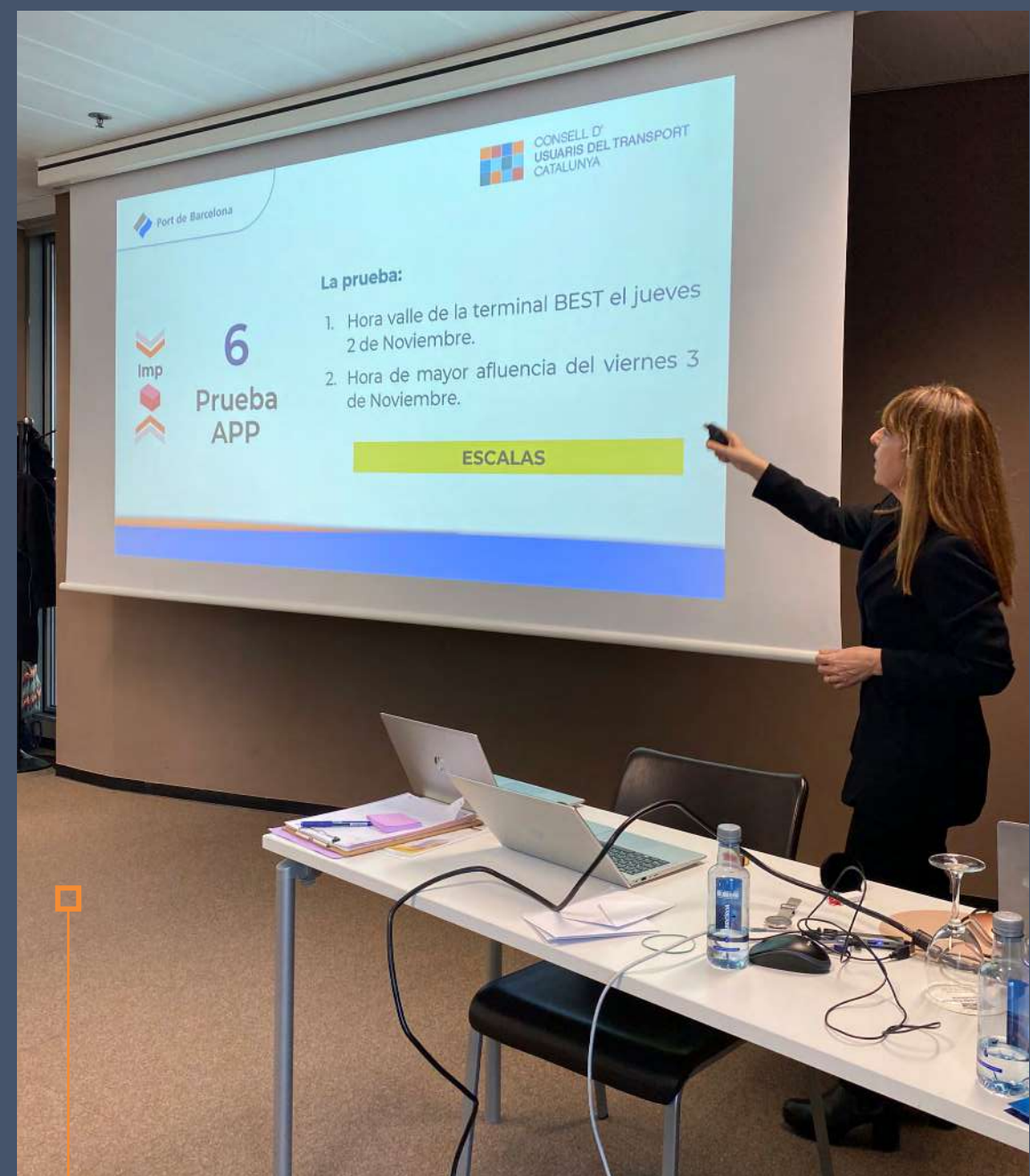




Gaming seminar on container passage by **Barcelona Port**: This gaming seminar will be repeated in 2024.



Visits to the Morrot Terminal in Barcelona



The gaming trainer and expert Anna Morros was in charge of designing the game and presenting it to the attendees.



The images speak for themselves and show that you can learn by playing. Attendees were able to learn because of the friendly environment and their own enthusiasm.





Game Winning Team



Presentation of the “EL MALDITO CONTENEDOR” [The Damn Container] headline book written by Víctor Rubio, which was gifted to those attending the training session.



Collaboration and participation in SIL,

The collaboration agreement for the SIL promotion provided partners with exclusive tickets to the fair.

- A round table for dock workers entitled “How geopolitics affects dock workers” was held involving contributions from Ricardo Bergara of Lluch Essence, Jaume Mir of Eurofragance and Micaela Santamaría of the Catalunya Chamber of Commerce, members of the Users Council.
- Those attending the fair were also given promotional lanyards.





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COMMITTEES

A total of ten work committee meetings during the year brought together 160 people from all the partner companies who commented on, discussed, shared, listened to and generously contributed their knowledge to the other shippers.

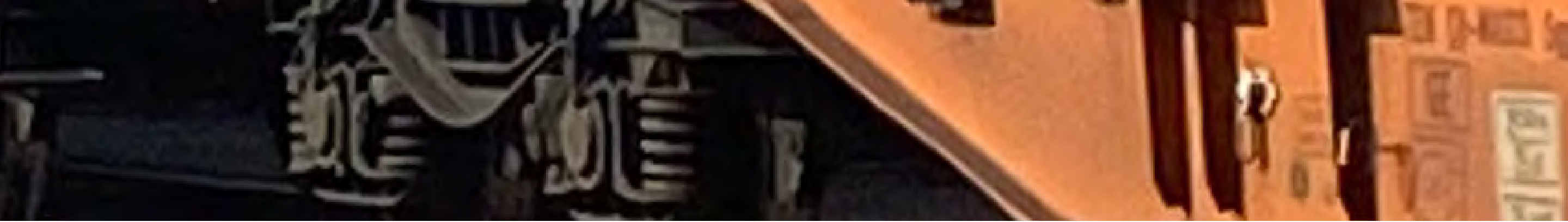
We also had guests who bring value to Shippers in different areas, including railway experts, the Maritime Customs Administrator, and experts on air cargo or platforms with software developments that help logistics.

This year, Shippers have been particularly concerned about a surplus of new regulations.



Issues discussed at the Maritime Committee meetings:

- Presentation of the Global Candace containerised freight monitoring system.
- 2023 freight performance.
- Current situation of shipping company services. Where can we see their compliance KPIs?



- Transit time performance of different lines. How can we know how they are doing?
- Meeting at the Maritime Freight Forwarders Club: what should we convey to the freight forwarders?
- Container passage seminar organised by Barcelona Port. Explanation of the Port's tools to its end customers.
- Status of import and export volumes.
- Stoppages at Barcelona Port for dock workers' funerals.
- Unloaded containers and assignment of container transport.

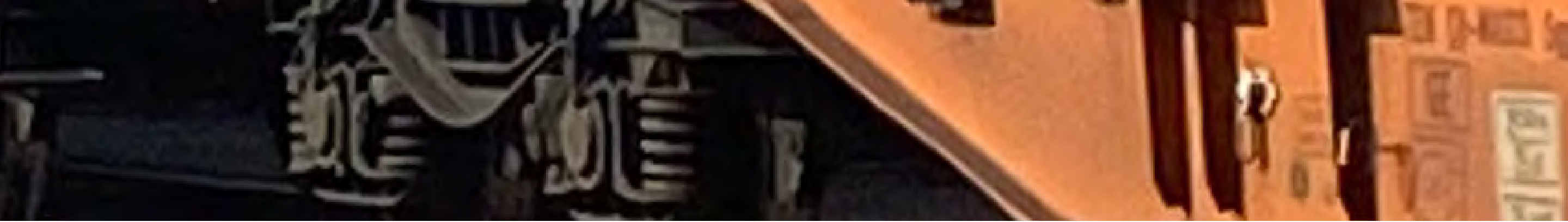


Issues discussed at Land Committee meetings:

- Entry into force of the 44 tonnes regulation.
- Changes to the regulations on maximum intermodal transport tonnage.



- Permits for Duo trailers in Portugal and France.
- Change of year transport agreement updates.
- Possible creation of a sub-group for companies that distribute goods in urban areas.
- Performance forecasts for multimodal and land transport services (palletising and bulk). How will the percentage evolve based on the infrastructure to be built.
- Presentation of the Loady - BASF programme.
- Comments on SIL impressions with respect to other years.
- Current state of land transport volumes.
- Problems with intermodal transport via Le Boulou. With the strikes in France, has volume returned to the road?
- Cargo handling issue: Loading in companies without refrigerated, 40HC, etc. loading bays. Who enters the truck? Responsibilities? What is considered loading and what is stowing?
- Experience with SLIP SHEET LOADING.
- Visits to Morrot.



- Presentation of GTS railway services.
- Experiences with the e-CMR.
- Borges' experiences with slip-sheets.
- Update on diesel discounts for transport companies.
- Tax Agency transport company and dock worker invoice payment period inspections.
- Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, CSRD.



Issues discussed at Customs Committee meetings:

- RoHS – RAEE regulation.
- Talk by Barcelona Customs Administrator Josep Carles Llagostera and Customs Clerk Gabriela Tofani on the problems encountered by carriers in sending exports to Russia, Ukraine and Turkey.
- New AES system (Automated Export System) System to cancel DEAs with the Tax Agency.



- CBAM: What arrangements companies are making to file information tax returns from next October.
- Sanctions on Russian products.
- Plastic Tax: Decathlon case.
- European Union regulation reform.
- CBAM: What arrangements companies are making to file information tax returns. Summary.



Issues discussed at Aviation Committee meetings:

- Information on the new ICS2 Regulation from 1 March 2023.
- Explanation of the role of the air cargo community has in Catalonia within the El Prat extension committee and opportunities/strategy, as well as increasing flights and passengers.
- Comment on the 2023 forecast due to airline uncertainty.
- Air cargo observatory.

Partners have carried out different consultations within the association's areas of activity; some individually, and some in consultation with other members. This tool is very useful as it can **show different perspectives and procedures carried out by other companies in the same situation.** The wide range of associated sectors enhances the value of responses and makes solutions more multi-faceted.

ISSUES
TMS
Transport contract CPI
Transport insurance
SEVESO storage
Transits to Germany
Land ADR and waste
DAE MSC "finalisations"

Export to Russia and Turkey
Sea transport to Turkey
Fuel surcharge for land transport
Export to Pakistan
"In company" trainers
Panama Canal situation
Export to Egypt
Driver's responsibility for broken pallets
VAT on triangular exports
Morocco label
Container cleaning
Exports to overseas territories
Part-load ADR Transport
Sete Port IMO problems
Waybill in containers
Scale differences
44 tonnes in P400 semi-trailers
Hazardous Goods restrictions for 2024

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GENERAL MEETING OF PARTNERS IN MAS DE COLOM

The meeting was attended by 25 people representing 20 partner companies.

The location was very culturally and historically interesting. The day was improved by an oil and nut tasting session.

The association met all its requirements and even complied with some others.

This included presenting SDGs to partners.



At the 2023 General Meeting, partners agreed to meet the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015 by donating part of the association's annual income.

OBJETIVOS DE DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE





SDG 15 on Life of the Earth Ecosystem gained the most votes, and we are actively looking for a non-profit association that meets the requirements.



The Users' Council Chair Fanny Torras presented a cheque to the Chair of the GRAËLLSIA GRUP D'ESTUDIS I COMUNICACIÓ AMBIENTAL Association Victoria Carles.

The work of this association is focused on preserving life of the earth and clearing ravines to prevent marine pollution.

The 2022 **Port Journal** Yearbook published in 2023 mentions the Users' Council.



Representatives of the **Catalunya Transport Users' Council** attended numerous logistics sector events in 2022. This demonstrates that the organisation is willing to strengthen ties with the logistics and port community. As an example of this, **the organisation's director Rosa Prenafeta** took part in one of the panels organised at the SIL to analyse issues such as the role of women in the sector.

The '**Diario del Puerto**' newspaper has generously gifted a subscription to all the Council's partner companies on an ongoing basis.



El Canal Marítimo 24/1/2023

Echos our Barcelona Port demands.

<https://www.diarioelcanal.com/los-cargadores-de-catalunya-demandan-7-dias-libres-de-ocupacion-de-los-contenedores-en-el-puerto-de-barcelona/>

Naucher 30/1/2023

It appears that the issue in the previous publication has been taken up by **Naucher**, which shows its support.

[America's Federal Maritime Commission and the Catalunya Transport Users' Council. - Naucher](#)

El Mercantil 27/2/2023

[Carriers and dock workers defend changing weight differences in intermodal services - El Mercantil](#)

El Canal Marítimo 18/4/2023

<https://www.diarioelcanal.com/ctm-consell-usuaris/>

El Canal Marítimo 21/4/2023

The CTM and the Catalunya Transport Users' Council explore collaborations with shipping companies and administrations.

<https://www.diarioelcanal.com/consell-dusuaris-del-transport-de-catalunya/>

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Asistentes a la Asamblea General del Consell d'Usuaris del Transport de Catalunya, celebrada en la sede de la compañía Borges

El Consell d'Usuaris del Transport de Catalunya aborda las problemáticas del comercio exterior

POR EL CANAL MARÍTIMO Y LOGÍSTICO - 21 abril, 2023



  
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El Canal Marítimo 8/6/2023

<https://www.diarioelcanal.com/logistica-taiwan-china-estados-unidos/>

Included news of the roundtable held at SIL.

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Rosa Prenafeta, directora del Consell d'Usuaris del Transport de Catalunya; Ricardo Bergara, director de L'uch Essence; Micaela Santamaría, abogada en Comercio Exterior y Aduanas en el Consell de Cambres de Catalunya, y Jaime Mir, Logistics Manager de Eurofragance

La logística, atenta a las tensiones en Taiwan entre China y Estados Unidos

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El Mercantil 7/9/2023

This article discusses the contributions of Council members.

[Cybersecurity and emissions are gaining ground on service and cost in logistics tenders – El Mercantil](#)

El Mercantil 2/10/2023

[Freight forwarders and dock workers ask Aena to audit the work of handling companies \(elmercantil.com\)](#)

Transporte XXI 15/11/2023

[Freight is not as fast as luggage | Transport XXI](#)

Naucher 17/11/2023

Mentions the Council's communications on shipping company vertical integration.

<https://www.naucher.com/sixteen-tons-y-la-integracion-vertical-en-las-navieras/>

El Canal Marítimo 20/12/2023

[Look after the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves| El Canal Marítimo y Logístico \(diarioelcanal.com\)](#)



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