



## Hamburg - Local Stakeholder Meeting

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As lead partner of the Interreg-Europe Smooth Ports project the Ministry of Economy and Innovation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg invited representatives of the local stakeholder group to a regional meeting on 21 October 2020. One topic was to provide an update about the present status of the Smooth Ports project but the main focus was on the presentation of the recently completed “Study on the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by heavy-duty-vehicles (HDV) in the Port of Hamburg”. Due to the current pandemic and contrary to the original planning, the meeting with the 23 representatives from administration, customs, chamber of commerce and trade associations took place as a telephone conference.

After a warm welcome by Lutz Peterscheck (LP) and Wiebke Pohlmeier (LP) Katrin Witthoff (LP) provided a short overview over last year’s project activities, which were slowed down in spring and summer due to the Covid-19 pandemic but clearly picked up speed again with several virtual partner meetings and workshops since July.

As a result of the Good Practice Workshop on 16 September all Smooth Ports partners identified their local good practices, which are currently being discussed and evaluated. Katrin Witthoff assured to involve the participants in the ongoing process e.g. by a survey.

All stakeholders will be invited to participate in the virtual visit to the non-partner port of Antwerp. The focus of this “visit” will be on a presentation of the Border Inspection Point in Antwerp.

Later on Prof. Dr. Jan Ninnemann, Managing Director of Hanseatic Transport Consultancy GmbH, presented the most important results of the Hamburg project study on the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by HDV in the Port of Hamburg, which was only completed on 15 October 2020. The study concludes that the 17,000 entries of HDV in the Port of Hamburg per day result in 45,000,000 driven HDV vehicle kilometers per year. Using the formula of the IMO Emission Toolkit and based on the data of the Hamburg Port Authority from 2018, HTC estimates approx. 17,500 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions within the research period of six month. Based on this finding, HTC categorized numerous recommendations for action into 12 cluster under the four main topics “strategy”, “traffic shift”, “traffic management” and “traffic avoidance”. As a result, HTC sees the greatest potential for the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through HDV in the Port of Hamburg in the measures “emission reduction strategy”, “sustainable driving”, “support technical development” and “process consolidation”.

The study was received with great interest by the local stakeholders. After final acceptance of the study, the lead partner will be happy to make it available to the participants.

Depending on the progress of the Smooth Ports project, the next local stakeholder meeting in Hamburg will be organised in spring 2021.

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