

The BICEPS NETWORK is growing to join forces for a better world



BICEPS Network further expands with Partners to accelerate more sustainable shipping

Cargo-owners are working together in the BICEPS Network to boost the adoption of innovative, sustainable processes in the shipping sector in increasing collaboration with the carriers. To speed up the implementation of innovation, BICEPS has started to collaborate with logistics partners, such as ports, forwarders and solution providers.

New partners have joined the BICEPS Network – Port of Rotterdam, Agility Chemicals, Shell LNG Marine, We4Sea and Neogrid – to leverage forces to create a sustainable shipping sector.

“Together we develop showcases that highlight the possibilities to come to sustainable and affordable logistics chains with better sustainability performance of carriers.” Walter Vermeer, chairman of the BICEPS Network Foundation

Ports and Forwarders – Port of Rotterdam and Agility Chemicals

Relevant partners as Port of Rotterdam and global forwarder Agility Chemicals join the BICEPS Network to strengthen their activities in their common ambitions to contribute to a sustainable shipping sector.

“The shipping industry has to drastically lower its CO2-emissions in the years ahead. As Port of Rotterdam Authority we want to play an active role in this. The BICEPS Network offers a great opportunity to collaborate with cargo-owners to accelerate this part of the energy transition.” Eric van der Schans, Director Environmental Management, **Port of Rotterdam**

“At Agility Chemicals our efforts are focused on building greener supply chains with our partners. We know that collaborating with like-minded organizations, such as BICEPS, will enable us collectively to reduce emissions and this is why we value our association with the BICEPS network.” Howard Sellers, Vice President Europe, **Agility Chemical Logistics**.

Solutions providers – Shell LNG Marine, We4Sea, Neogrid

Several solutions are necessary and needed at the same time to be adopted to boost the realization of a more sustainable logistics chain within shipping sector. That’s why several solutions providers are joining BICEPS Network.

Alternative fuels – Shell LNG Marine

Adoption of alternative fuels is an important option for the shipping sector to realize reduction in GHG emissions. It will take time and effort to develop a mature LNG infrastructure for shipping sector. However, this effort is justified by the benefits: a source of cleaner and affordable energy for powering ships. Shell LNG Marine has therefore become a partner with the BICEPS Network to share knowledge and explore with all chain partners what the best strategy and steps are to be taken for shipping sector to facilitate the transition to cleaner fuels.

“Shell believes it is crucial that the industry collaborates to accelerate the widespread adoption of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a marine fuel. We believe the BICEPS network are the right partners for us in the journey towards a cleaner future for shipping.” Laurant Wetemans, General Manager, **Shell Downstream LNG/LNG Fuel**.

ICT/Cloud based performance monitoring – We4Sea

Also the adoption of IT and cloud-based technologies are necessary to realize more efficient and effective shipping performances. We4Sea has joined the BICEPS Network with their online monitoring platform, with which they can analyse and give feedback on the actual fuel consumption and GHG emissions of ships on trade lanes and give insights in the impact on whole logistics chains.

“We are proud to connect to the BICEPS Network. We4Sea believes that parties involved in shipping should cooperate in creating a significant increase in the fuel efficiency of ships. As We4Sea we can support an active role of real-time vessel monitoring in fuel consumption and emissions in the shipping industry. Together we will look for the use in evaluating cost-effective implementation of innovations, and in performance-monitoring for the BICEPS Rating System.” Dan Veen, Director **We4Sea**

IT/Supply chain partner – Neogrid

Neogrid is sponsoring the development of the BICEPS Rating System, a dynamic online survey that is rating freight carriers' sustainable processes before they get contracted by shippers. The results of the survey are factored in the shippers' selection of ocean freight carriers. Like BICEPS Network, Neogrid believes that connecting businesses in the supply chain leverages consciousness not only about becoming more efficient, but also about creating more sustainable processes.

*“Supporting the BICEPS Rating System complements that we want to become pioneers in creating a measurable, win-win approach to sustainability in supply chain collaboration processes. By aligning operations, distribution and inventory replenishment to actual consumption, we automatically help companies be more sustainable by reducing overstocks that generate waste, whilst maintaining high availability to the end consumer at the same time.” Jay Moskowitz, COO of **Neogrid Europe**.*