PLATINA4Action 3rd Stage Event

Brussels, 17 November 2026

VENUE Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont	**FORMAT** Hybrid
HOST European IWT Platform	Final Agenda

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS & MODERATORS
MORNING SESSIONS		
09:00–09:30	**Registration and welcome coffee** **Host:** European IWT Platform team	
9:30 – 9:35	**Opening by IWT platform**	**Speaker:** Erik Schultz, IWTP
09:35– 9:50	**PLATINA4Action project overview** **Topics:** - Latest project findings and insights - Synergies between RD&I EU IWT Projects: The Cooperation Platform - Next steps for completion PLATINA4Action (December 2026)	**Speaker:** Martin Quispel, Project Coordinator, EICB
9:50–11:00	**Thematic Session 1 – Policy analysis supported by PLATINA4Action Digital Twin** **Topics:** - Quantitative impacts of IWT policy on modal share and costs for society: the sensitivity of energy prices, grant schemes, good navigation status, RIS and automation. - Case Study: ex ante assessment of legal measures for energy transition IWT **Q&A with the audience**	**Speakers:** - Edwin van Hassel, University of Antwerp - Gert-Jan Muilerman, viadonau - Martin Quispel, EICB **Moderator:** Martin Quispel, EICB
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**	
11:30–12:00	**Thematic Session 2 – RD&I Roadmap for IWT** **Topics:** - RD&I priorities; roadmap towards 2035 and beyond; ZEWT SRIA; future funding and deployment needs **Q&A with the audience**	**Speaker:** Alexandros Marios Constantos, WTP
12:00–13:00	**Panel 1 – Wider European Perspective** **Topics:** - Transport resilience; industrial strategy; logistics; energy; multimodal transport; **Q&A with the audience**	**Panellists:** **Muhammed Elemenler,** DG MOVE; **Hester Duursema**, CCNR; **Manfred Seitz**, Danube Commission; **Max Nilles**, Luxemburg Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure (tbc) **Moderator:** Theresia Hacksteiner, IWTP

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13:00–14:00	**Lunch**	
AFTERNOON SESSIONS		
14:00–14:40	**Thematic Session 3 – Energy and Emission Performance Methodologies for IWT – Status and Next Steps** **Topics:** - Update on latest developments in CESNI and PLATINA4Action - Effective and efficient implementation of CountEmissions EU in IWT, making best use of available information - The way forward to implement efficiency labelling of inland vessels **Q&A with the audience**	**Speakers:** Khalid Tachi, EICB; Benjamin Friedhoff, DST **Panel:** Alan Lewis, Smart Freight Centre; Salih Karaarslan, Dutch Ministry of Transport **Moderator:** Benjamin Friedhoff, DST
14:40–15:15	**Thematic Session 4 – Breakthrough of Zero-Emission Deployment** **Topics:** - Short introduction on economics, barriers and opportunities - The Green Inland Shipping Accelerator (GISA) initiative to make best use of the EU Innovation Fund opportunity for zero emission IWT **Q&A with the audience**	**Speakers:** Martin Quispel, EICB; Mike Blansjaar, FIMC **Moderator:** Khalid Tachi, EICB
15:15–15:45	**Coffee break**	
15:45–16:45	**Panel 2 – Industry Perspective: Sector's contribution to the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability agenda** **Discussion:** Industry perspectives on the practical relevance of PLATINA4Action results, including: • Infrastructure requirements and priorities • Green transition: deployment barriers and viable business cases • Skills, workforce needs and the human element **Q&A with the audience**	**Panellists: Steve Labeylie**, CFT SOGESTRAN, **Kristiane Schmidt**, CONTARGO; **Michiel Spitzer**, Vereniging van Waterbouwers, **Menno De Sera**, Viking; **Robert Rafael,** Pro Danube International **Moderator:** Erik Schultz, IWTP
16:45–16:55	**Summarising the day** **Content:** Summary of key takeaways from the 4 thematic sessions and panel discussions	**Speaker:** Gert-Jan Muilerman, viadonau
16:55–17:00	**Closing remarks**	**Speakers:** Martin Quispel, PLATINA4Action Project Coordinator; Jan Lichota, General Manager IWTP
From 17:00	**Networking cocktail** **Content:** Participants are invited to join a networking cocktail at the same venue	

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