

Blue Line Logistics

The Problem



Solutions

Problem needs a cocktail of responses such as :

- *Road infrastructure Improvement*
- *Full cost of transport (environmental taxes)*
- *Higher urban density (resulting in higher use of public transport)*
- *Performant public transport*
- *Modal shift*
 - Train
 - Waterborne transport

Modal Shift : Pallet Shuttle Barge

Logistic System for Goods on Pallet or in Big Bag
with Flexible & Specialised inland barges

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Aims

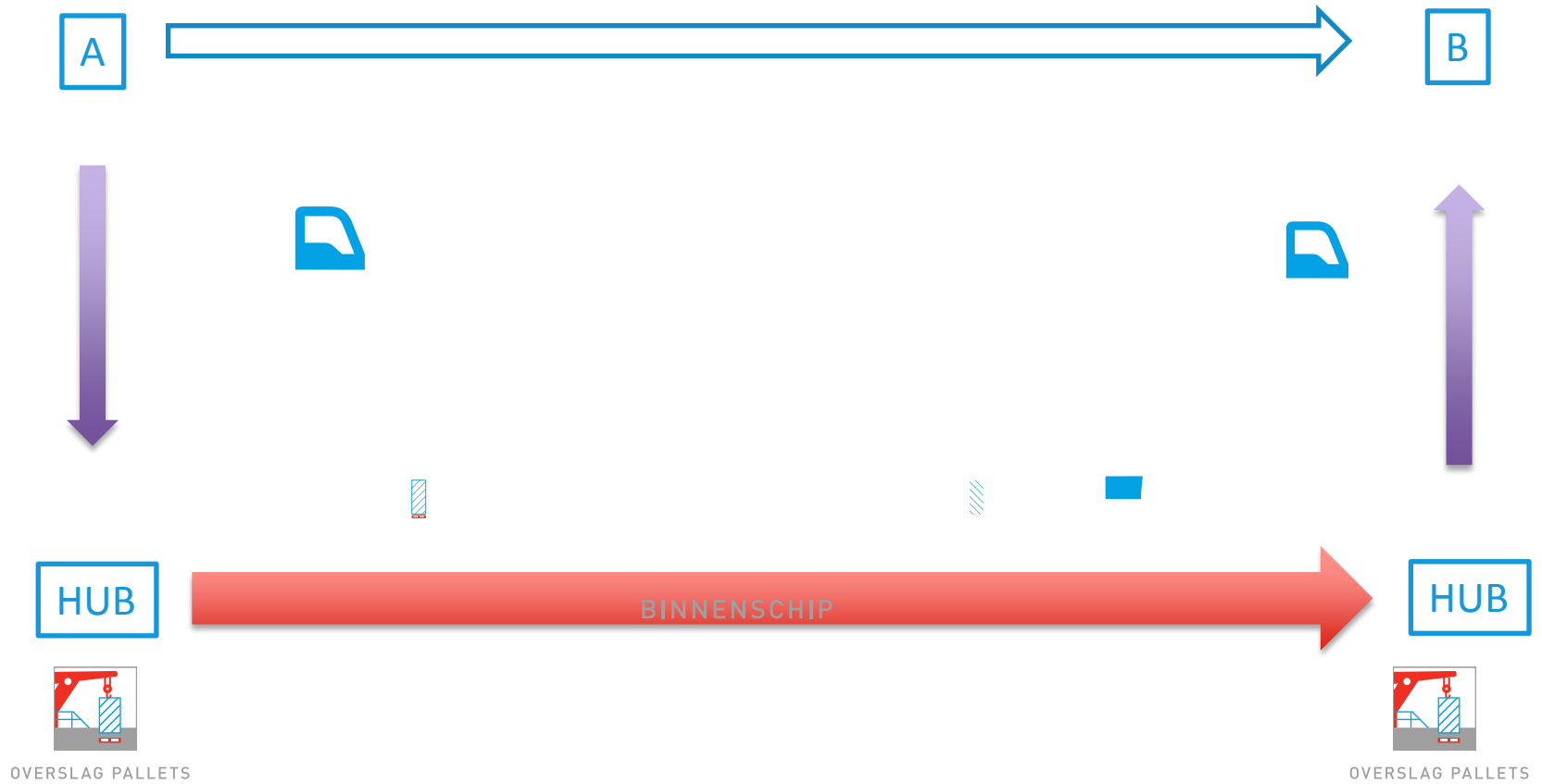
- Implementation innovative multimodal total-concept for door-to-door logistics of goods on pallets or in big bags, structured on a new type of small barge, active on short & medium distances, in complement to road transport
- A price competitive logistic solution versus road transport, making use of the inland waterway system in Belgium, the Netherlands and Northern France
- An integrated network of bi- & tri-modal logistic hubs with regional coverage
- A combination of ecology, safety, quality and flexibility

Traditional Inland Waterway Transport

- Traditional Inland waterway transport cannot offer a response to shippers for
 - *Efficient*
 - *Qualitative*
 - *Safe*

transport of goods on pallets or in big bags
- Existing solutions raise a number of specific problems
 - *Need for large loads and limited types of goods*
 - *Not a one-stop solution, needing extra administration & management*
 - *A large amount of manipulations of pool- or one-way pallets resulting in high incidence of damages*

Base concept



TRUCK versus BARGE

ELEMENTS

- Critical differentiating elements
 - *Loading/unloading cost*
 - *Transport cost*
- Total Chain needs to be considered

BARGE can be competitive on selected tracks.

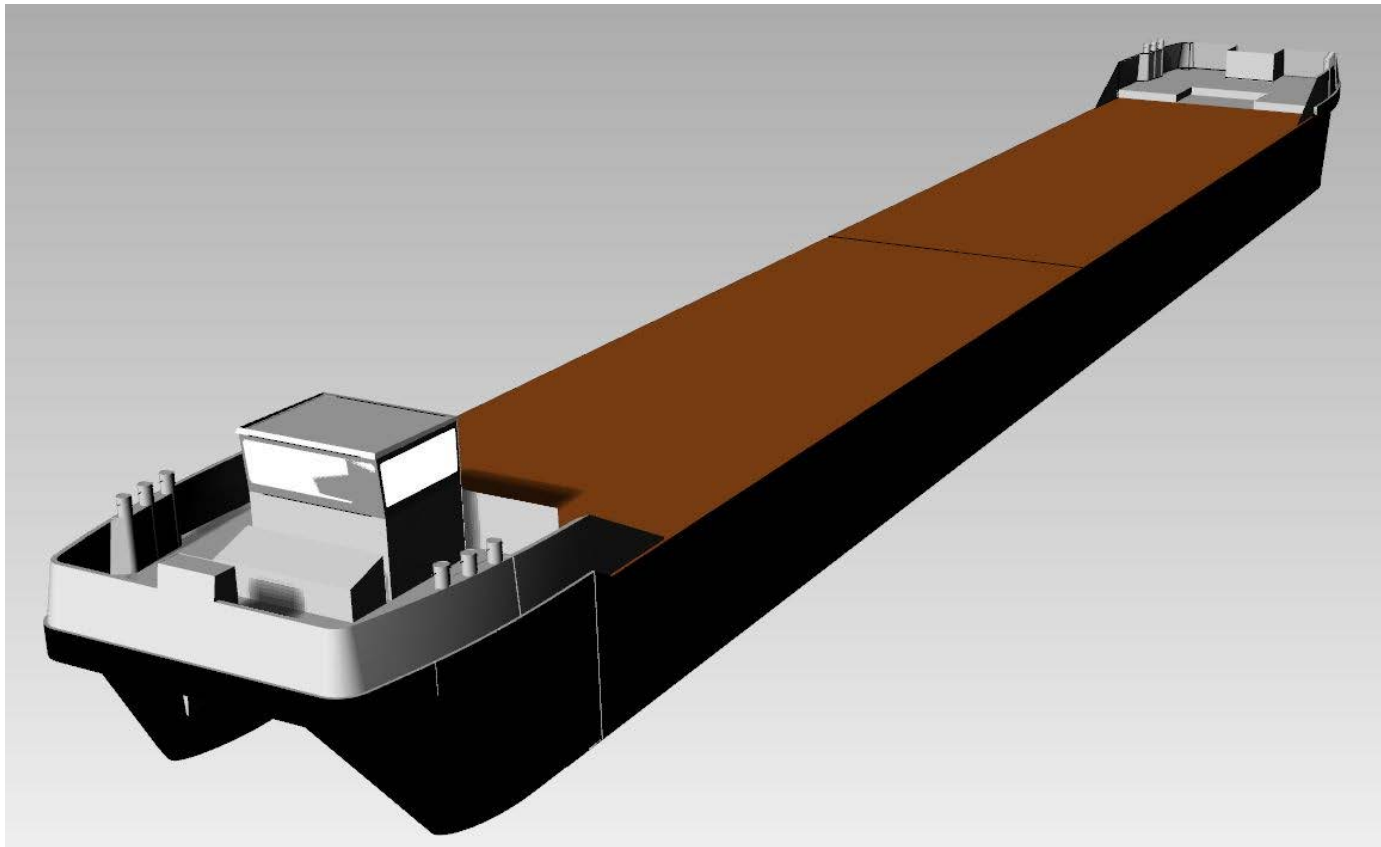
TRUCK versus BARGE

To make Barge competitive

- *Reduce costs loading/unloading*
 - Crew operates equipment
 - No harbour infrastructure
 - Load on deck (ease of operation)

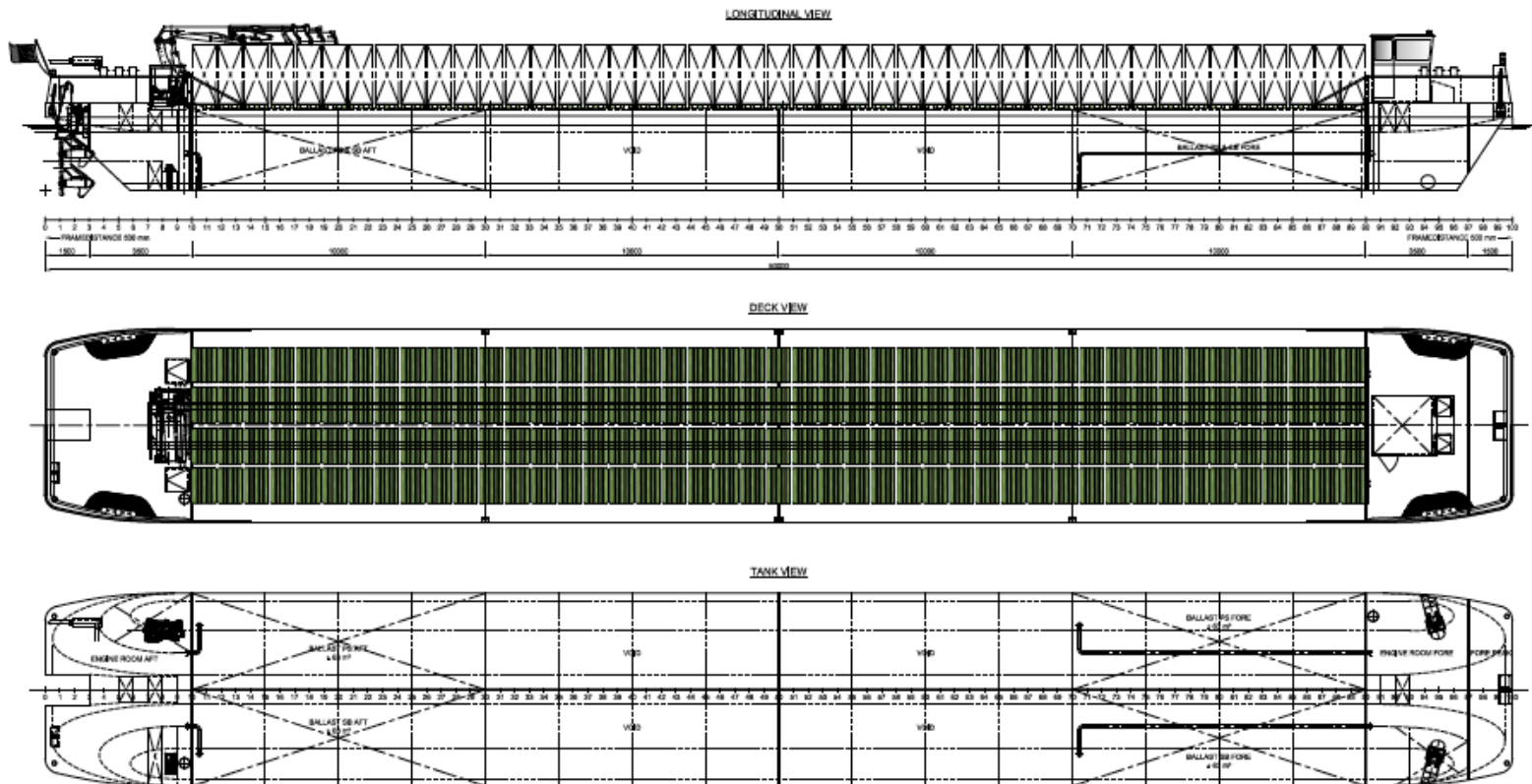
- *Reduce operating costs*
 - Limit size
 - Simple construction – low investment
 - Easy maintenance
 - Crew limited to 1 person
 - No accommodation

Innovative concept Fleet & Hubs



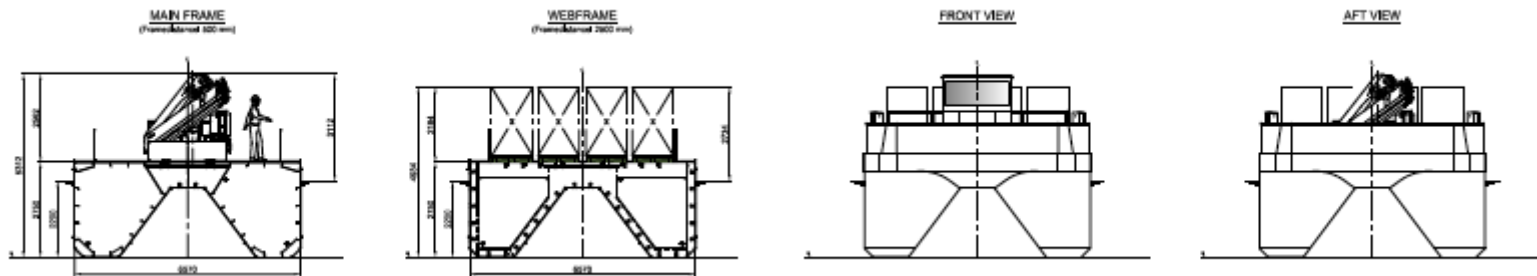
Pallet Shuttle Barge (PSB 1.0)

Basic lay-out



Pallet Shuttle Barge

Basic lay-out



Pallet Shuttle Barge

Technical

Construction

- *Steel*
- *Modular*
- *Length 50 m, width 6,6 m, draught maximum of 2,20 m*
- *Production in large quantities, with standard dimensions*
- *Design focused on simple & fast maintenance or part replacement*

Dedicated versions

- *Possible for specific loads*
- *Specific handling equipment*

Crew

- *1 FTE*
- *No living quarters/accommodation*

Pallet Shuttle Barge

Technical

○ Load

- *platform 210 m² on 4 meter height (due to height restrictions)*
- *198 EuroPallets on one layer*
- *Maximum Tonnage 300 ton*

○ Motorisation & Propulsion

- *Diesel or other hybride propulsion, driving hydraulic power*
- *1 shuttle motor (250 HP)*
- *2 horizontal bowthrusters*

○ Weather protection

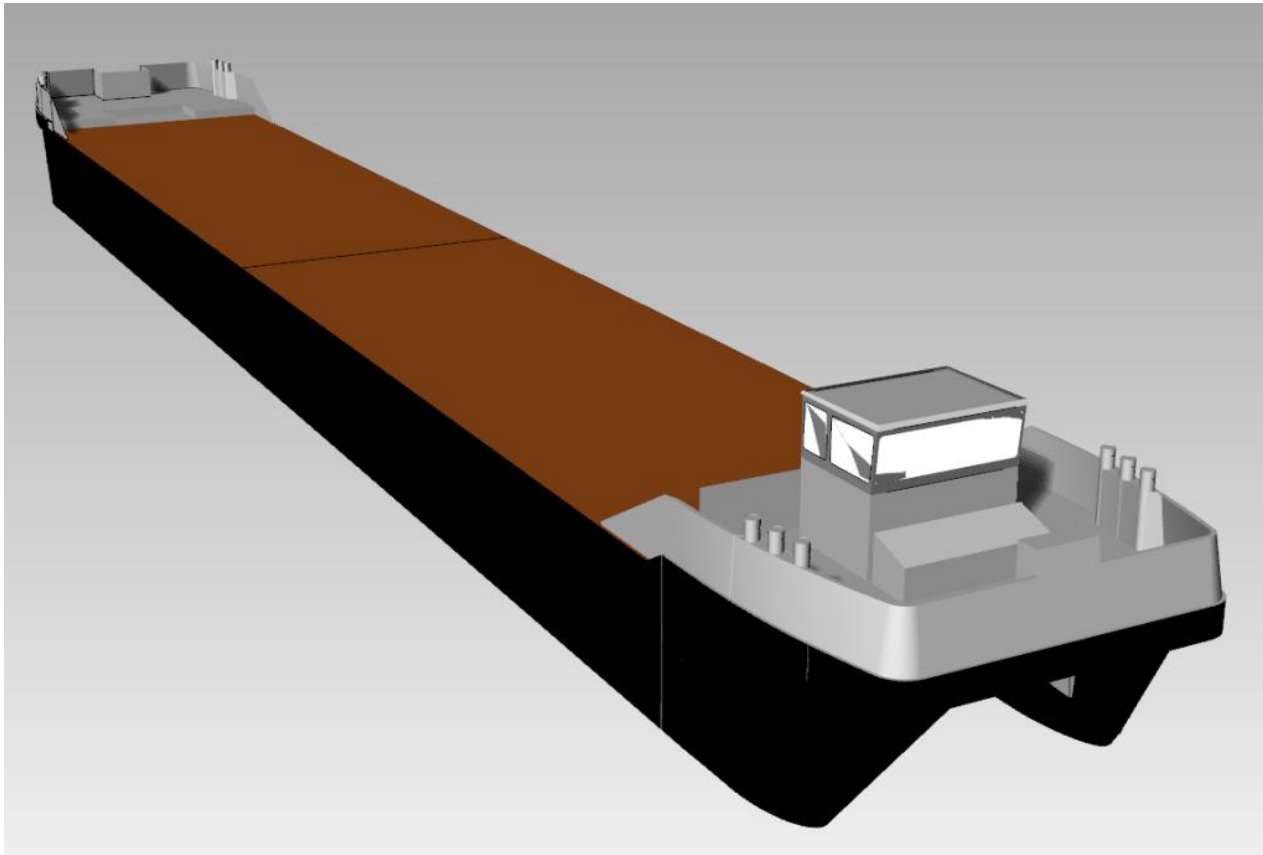
- *Hood*

Pallet Shuttle Barge

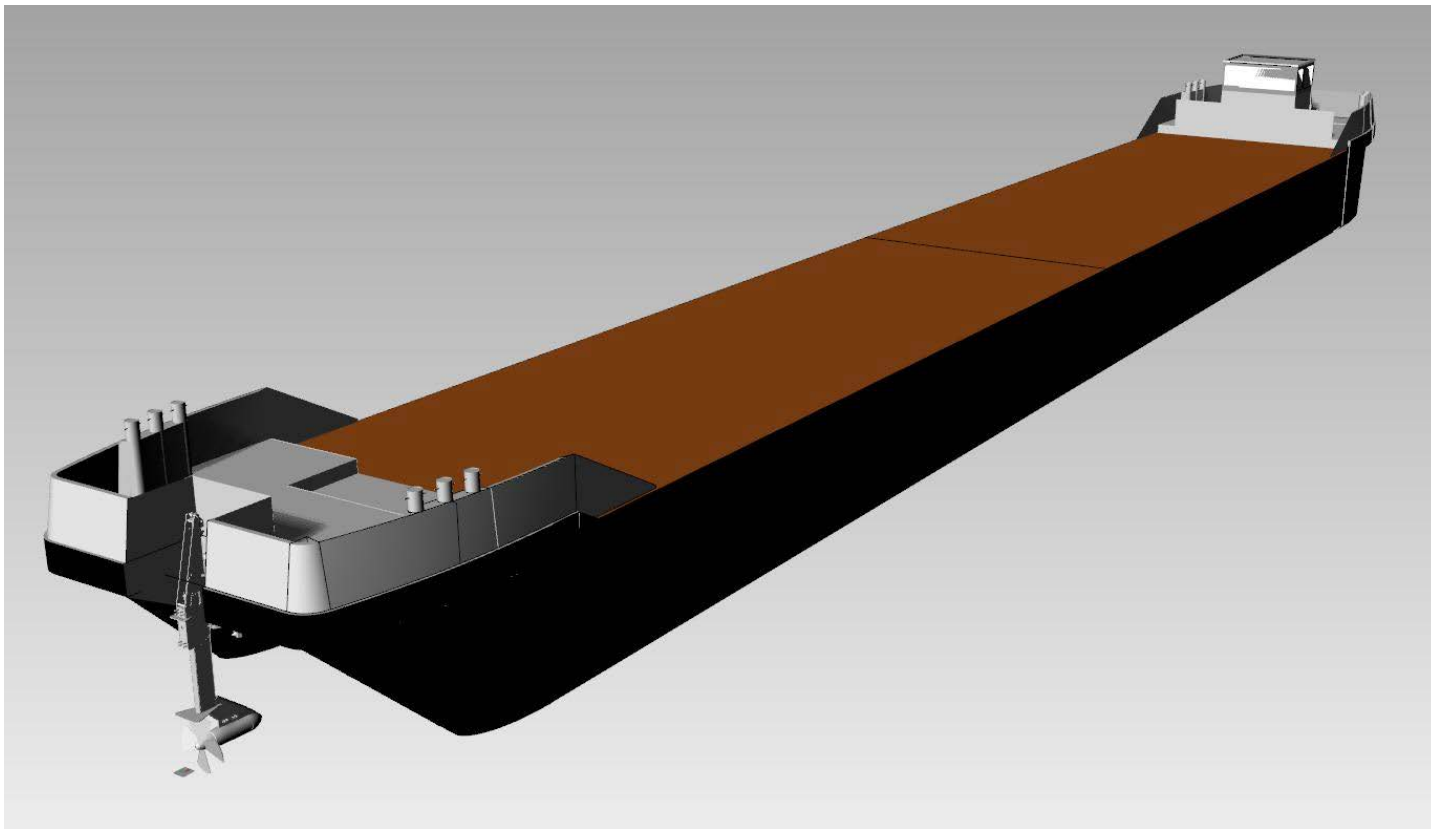
Technical

- Crane
 - *PSB has on-board crane to load/unload independently*
 - *Capacity 2 ton at 12 meter*
 - *Radio controlled operation*
- Reduced need for Quayside equipment
 - *PSB can berth unassisted*
 - *PSB has spud-poles*
 - *Fork-lift sized cargo*
- Control & Steering
 - *Joystick, automatic pilot, AIS en/of GPS*
 - *Radar (optional) and depth control*
 - *Use of bar-coding, RFID, ...*

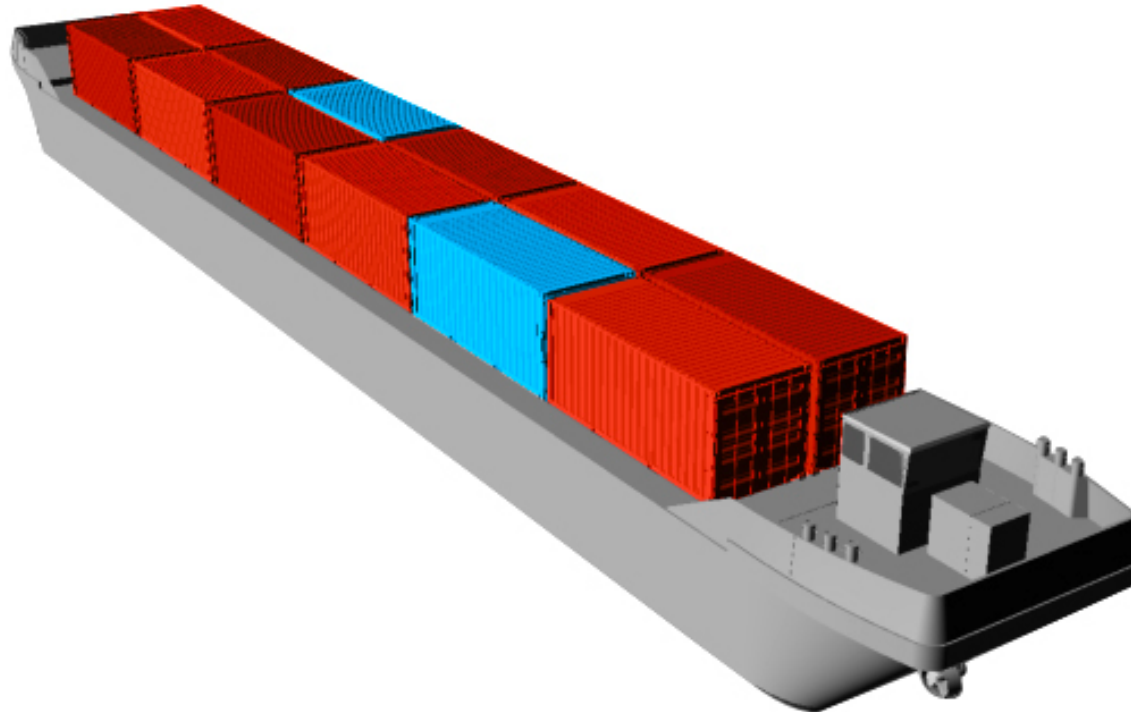
Starboard Fore View



Starboard Aft View



Pallet Shuttle Barge Containers



In Operation



In Operation



In Operation



Antwerpen

In Operation



Wintham

In Operation



Niel



In Operation



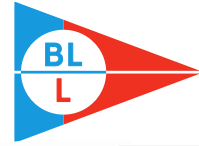
AB Inbev
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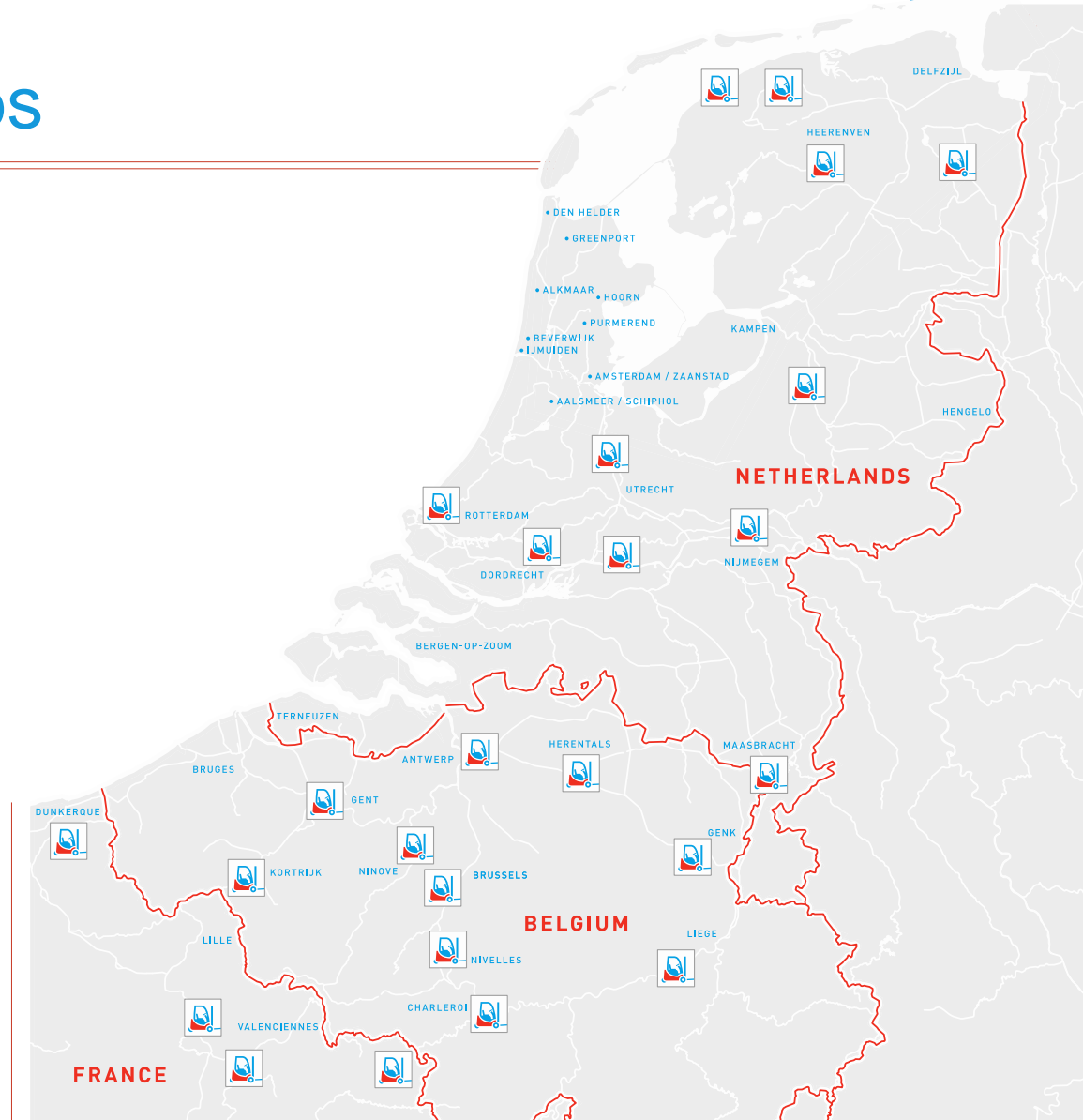


Network of regional hubs for transshipment & distribution

- Setup of network of hubs (terminals), with bi- or tri-modal functions
- Hubs also to be used as warehouse and distribution center
- Hubs situated with shippers or on dedicated sites
- Hubs specialized in goods on pallets or in big bags
- “All weather” hubs



Network of regional hubs



Network van regional hubs

○ Extensive network

- *Belgium*

- Large cities : Antwerpen, Brussel, Charleroi, Gent, Hasselt, Kortrijk, Luik, , Mons, Namen,)
- Regional Hubs (Aalst, Andenne, Brugge,, Genk, La Louvière, Leuven, Oostende, Rumst, Tessenderlo, Tournai, Vilvoorde, Wevelgem, Wielsbeke, Zeebrugge, ...)

- *Netherlands*

- Amsterdam-Zaanstad (Aalsmeer, Aklmaar,Beverwijk,Den Helder, Greenport, Hoorn, Ijmuiden, Purmerend) , Breda, Bergen op Zoom, Hengelo, Kampen,, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, , Venlo, Utrecht,...

- *Northern-France*

- Lille, Valenciennes, ...

○ Short & medium distance routes

Goods

- Goods on pallet or in big bags
 - *Building materials*
 - *FMCG (drinks,, ...)*
 - *Semi finished products*
 - *Packaging*
 - *...*
- City distribution
 - *All types*
 - *Specific containers*
 - *Small scale distribution*
- Projects
 - *Large building sites & infrastructure works*

Planning operations

- Planning & real-time follow-up of
 - *Barges*
 - *Crew*
 - *Loads*
- Software (routing, track & trace) for
 - *Simulations*
 - *Routing software*
 - *Routes*
 - *Pallet Management*

Present Situation

- ZULU 01 is operational
- ZULU 02 is operational
- Review of design : optimisation
- ZULU 03 & 04 expected in 2015.
- More ZULU's

ZULU ?

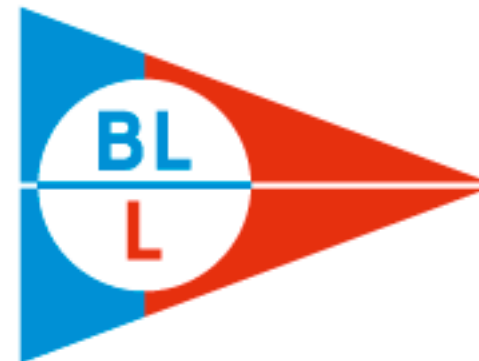


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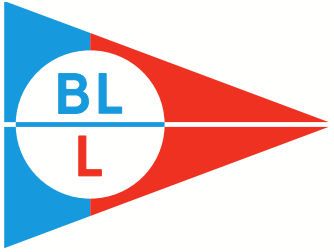
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