

UNIC The essential skills for the future of European Ports 12 -13 May 2026, Rotterdam

We are glad to have you for two days of discussion and hands on activities about the future of skills inspired by UNIC port's cases. This 2 day experience will be hosted in Rotterdam in multiple locations providing the perfect post-industrial environment to learn.

Programme overview

- **Day 1: The future of ports: the case of Malmö and Rotterdam.**
- **Day 2: Engagement at University College Cork and City-lab at RDM.**





12 May

Meeting location: Polak Building, Campus Woudestein
(Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, 3062 PA Rotterdam).

09:00

2-16 Polak

Welcome and opening

Semiha Denктаş - UNIC alliance coordinator.

UNIC the European university of cities in post-industrial transition, the university of the future.

09:30

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The why and the group

Marco Aperti - UNIC portfolio manager.

The ecosystem of UNIC, the UNIC ports, learning goals, the programme and the expertise in the room.

11:00

2-16 Polak

The case of Malmö University and the Port of Malmö

Pablo Vilches - project manager at Storm, Malmö University.

The interconnected ecosystem of Malmö-Copenhagen port, a future-thinking example.

12:30

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Lunch

14:00

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Rotterdam port 2050

Janneke Lauwerijssen - coordinator port, City of Rotterdam.

The holistic vision for Rotterdam Port 2050.

15:30

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Transdisciplinarity skills

Ciara O'Halloran - co-creation specialist, Centre for City Futures Cork.

Marco Aperti - local director, Centre for City Futures Rotterdam.

A collaborative exercise about transdisciplinarity skills.



13 May

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(Wilhelminakade 179, 3072 MC Rotterdam, Floor 40)

10:00

De Rotterdam

Connecting with each other's project

Marco Aperti - UNIC portfolio manager.
UNIC and collaborative skills.

11:00

De Rotterdam

Coastal management research as engaged knowledge transfer practice

Jeremy Gault - thematic lead, MaREI – National Centre for Climate, Energy and the Marine University College Cork.
Ciara O'Halloran - co-creation specialist.

13:00

LantarenVenster
(lunch)

Port-city transitions, past and emerging socio-spatial imaginaries and uses in Rotterdam makers district

Maurice Jansen - senior researcher Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port and Transport Economics (UPT).

14:15

Water taxi
Hotel New York
(44)

City lab Rotterdamse Droogdok Maatschappij (RDM)

Walking tour

- Innovation Dock
- CoE Energy tech
- Heijplaat

17:00

Water taxi
Boompjes
(43)

Thank you for being part of it.
The UNIC team