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High level conference in Malmö on futureproofing our port cities – focusing on climate adaption, growth, green transition, critical infrastructure and resilience

Together with Copenhagen Malmö Port (CMP), World Maritime University (WMU), and Union of the Baltic Cities (UBC) - the City of Malmö is hosting a pivotal conference on Future-proofing Our Port Cities, taking place 30 September – 1 October 2025. The conference brings together decision-makers, representatives from business, academia and the public sector from

across Europe to jointly discuss future strategies for Europe's coastal and port cities in light of climate change.

The conference is taking place in response to the increased risks linked to climate change, such as rising sea levels and intensified torrential rains. They pose serious threats to critical infrastructure and buildings. The conference highlights the challenges and solutions required to enable effective climate adaptation in coastal and port cities. Focus will be on the strategic role of ports as vital infrastructure and for secure supply chains, sustainable growth and the green transition.

"Port cities like Malmö have a dual mission: to promote growth and accessibility while preparing for a changing climate. The conference provides an important forum for raising the level of ambition, strengthening collaboration and creating long-term resilience for future generations," said Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor of Malmö.

The programme includes participants from the EU, representatives from leading European ports such as Hamburg, Esbjerg and Turku in addition to Copenhagen Malmö Port, as well as prominent experts in urban development, climate, infrastructure and green energy. Among the topics that will be covered are the importance of ports for innovation and regional growth, future mobility and resilience, and the political and financial instruments required to operationalize climate strategies.

"The conference is an important opportunity to clarify the role of ports as critical infrastructure and powerful growth engines in the green transition. As an integral part of societal development, efficient, resilient and innovative ports are key factors for Europe's competitiveness and preparedness," said Barbara Scheel Agersnap, CEO of Copenhagen Malmö Port.

During the second day of the conference, participants have the opportunity to visit CMP's terminals in Malmö, World Maritime University, and Södra Varvsbassängen in Malmö.

When: 30 Sept - 1 Oct, 2025, final registration deadline: 31 August

Where: Slagthuset, Malmö

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