



**Port of  
Antwerp  
Bruges**

**The Antwerp Declaration  
for an Industrial Deal**

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# Port of Antwerp-Bruges

A unique synergy in a world economy



In the heart of main European production and consumption centers

60% of the European purchasing power within 500 km radius



Cargo handling

2<sup>nd</sup> port in Europe



Logistics

Leader in Hamburg-Le Havre range



Industry

Largest integrated petrochemical cluster in Europe



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Engine of the Belgian economy



**4,5% GDP**  
of Belgium



**164.000 jobs**  
direct and indirect



**Biggest container  
export port** of Europe



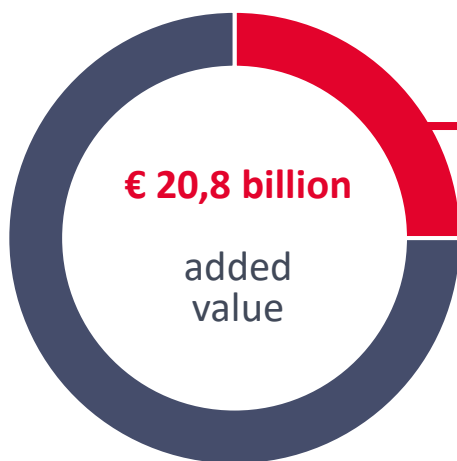
**Total throughput**  
271 mln tons/year



**15% of the  
European gas market**



Most important **chemistry hub**  
in Europe



**€ 5,2 billion**  
thanks to industry



**Largest car port**  
in Europe



**1,400  
Companies**

# Europe's largest integrated petrochemical cluster



**15%**

of EU gas needs  
(LNG, CNG)



**90,6**

Mt maritime  
throughput of liquid  
bulk



**9**

million m<sup>3</sup> tank  
storage



**1000**

km pipelines  
(57 products)



**40**

Mt of oil refinery  
capacity



**20**

Mt Chemicals  
output



**14**

Mt CO<sub>2</sub> (ETS)  
emissions

# The Antwerp Declaration

Signed February 20th, 2024  
by 73 business leaders

Today

- 1.284 organisations
- 25 sectors



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## Definition

The Antwerp Declaration is a **collective call** made by **key players in the industry** for a **European Industrial Deal** which complements the **Green Deal**. It aims to **support economic growth** while **reducing carbon emissions** and **enhancing environmental sustainability**.

Industrial deal as core into new  
European Strategic Agenda 2024-2029

Assure EU competitiveness

Level Playing Field

Competitive provider of energy

Future proof infrastructure

Catalyse innovation and demand on net  
zero, low carbon and circular products



“As we enter the next phase of the European Green Deal, one thing will never change. We will keep supporting European Industry throughout this transition.”

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

# Industry

## Investments in Antwerp petrochemical industry



**1 billion Euro**  
World Scale PDH



**>1 billion Euro**  
Optimizing refinery

**ExxonMobil**

**<1 billion euro**  
Delayed Cocker Unit



**80 M Euro**  
New Hydrogen plant



**>550 million Euro**  
Alkoxyate and ethylene oxide capacity expansion

**INEOS**

**4 Billion Euro**  
Ethane cracker

**ADVIRIO**

**World's largest**  
butane tank



**300 M Euro**  
Aniline



**100 M Euro**  
Plant optimisation

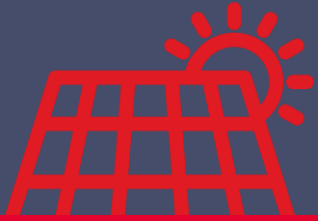
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**1,5 billion Euro**  
Fossil-free plastics plant





# Steering the transition

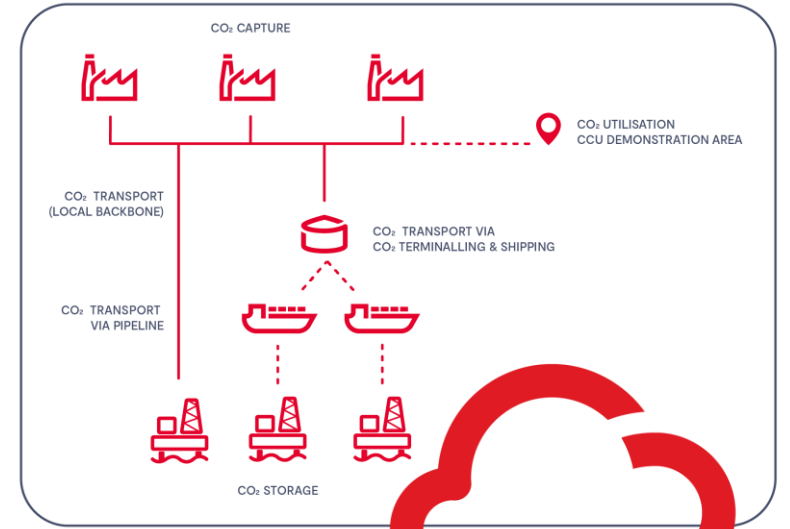


Transition to  
renewable energy

Antwerp as  
European  
Energy Hub for  
the future



More efficient use  
of energy



Capture, transport and  
storage of CO<sub>2</sub>



Circularity

**Thank you!**



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