

Autonomous Summit | DroneHorizon '26

Port of the Future

15-16 september 2026



Agenda

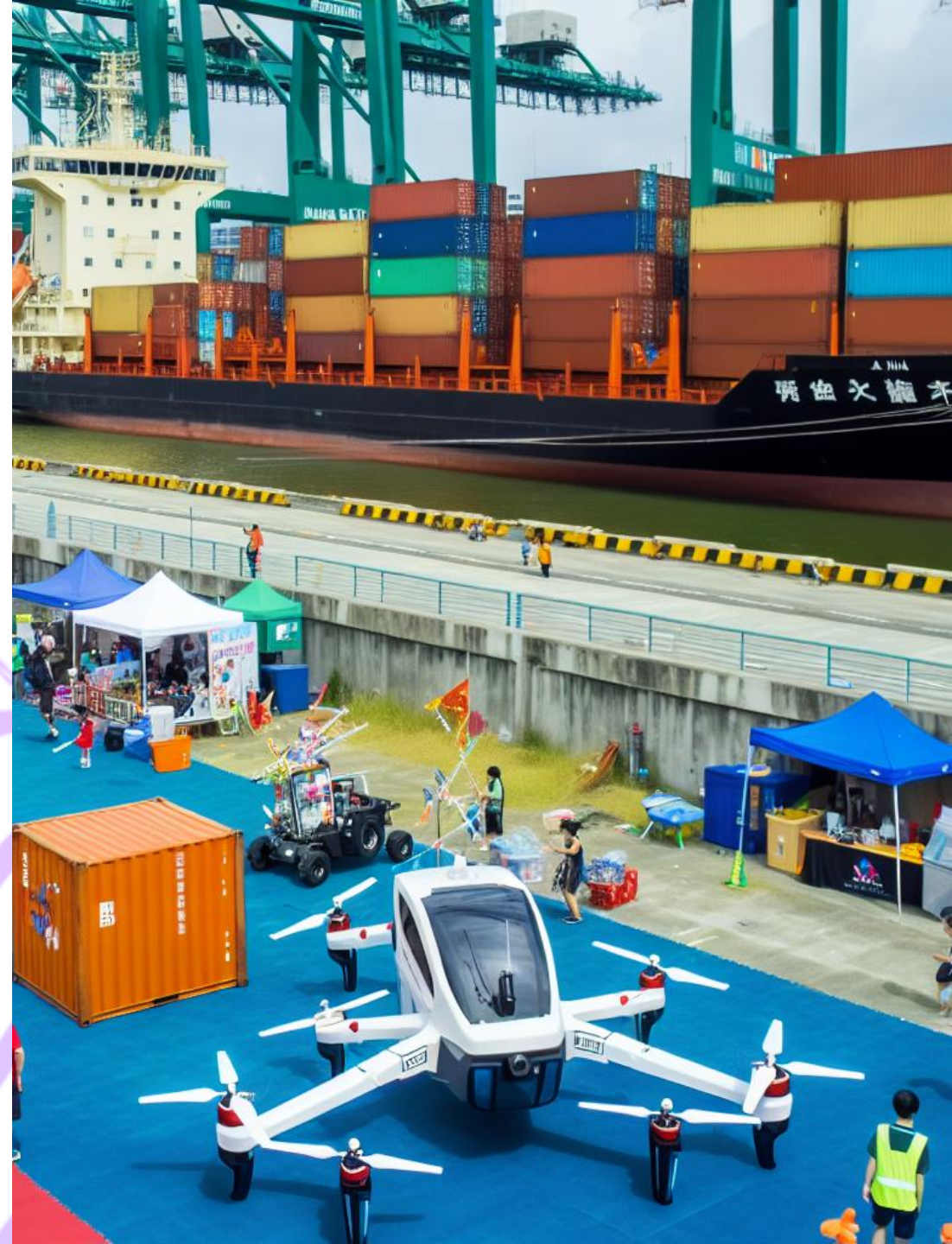
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Introduction

Scope

For who?

- Policy makers
- Innovation managers port companies (IE list)
- Tech frontrunners
- Research groups & universities
- Innovation ecosystems
- Defense & blue light partners



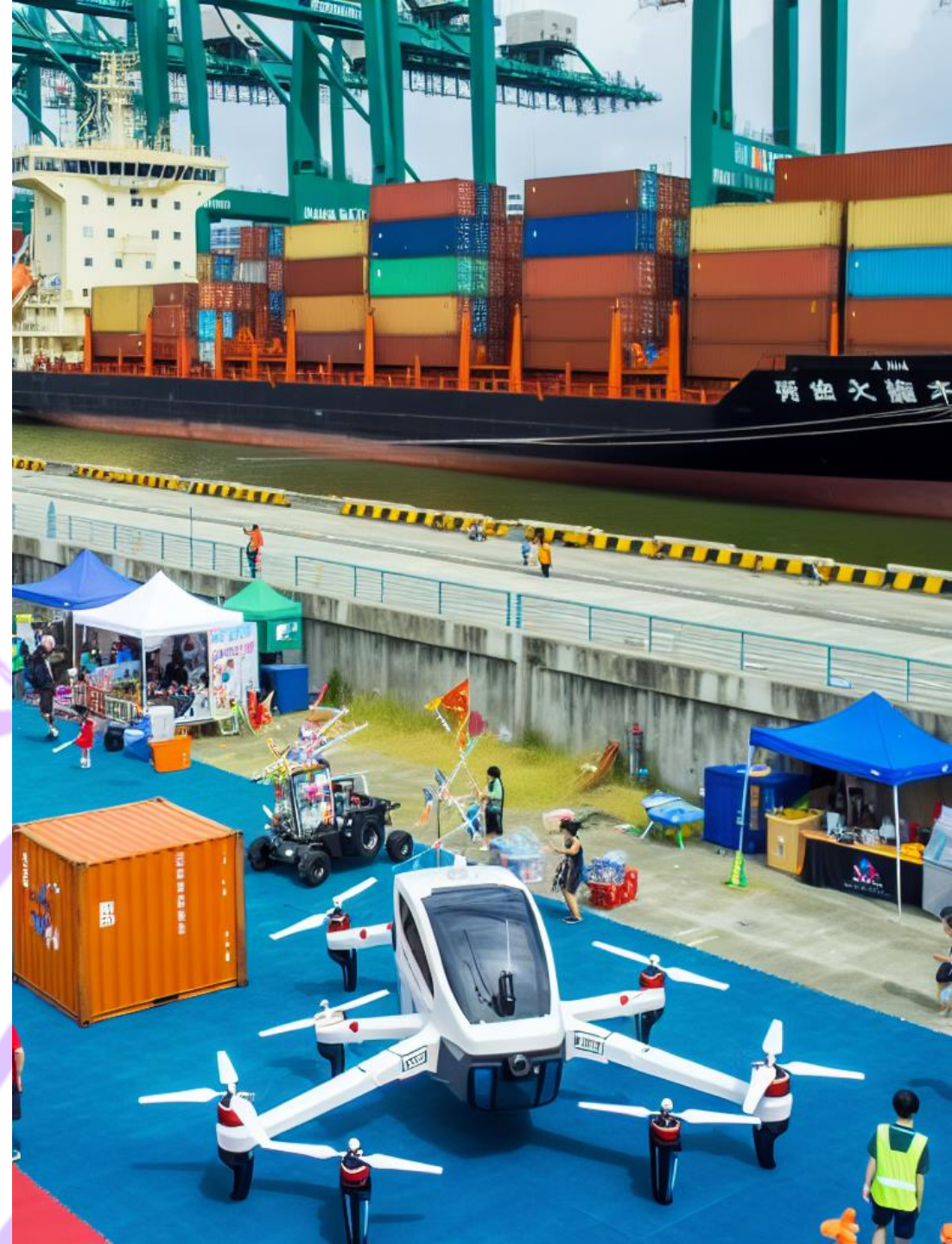
Scope

Goal

- Tech demos & showcases
- Promote the port as an open innovation platform
- Accelerate the realisation of autonomous applications in the port



We want YOU to explore & show how inspirational technology can be transformed into commercially viable business opportunities to help create a memorable “WOW” touch-and-feel experience, and envision the autonomous port of the future.



Program

Day 1 | DroneHorizon '26

08.30h – 09.00h	Welcome & Registration
09.00h – 10.20h	Opening Session, State of the Union Drones & Port Use Cases (Antwerp-Bruges, Hamburg & Rotterdam)
10.20h – 10.40h	Coffee Break
10.40h – 12.25h	Defence & Security, State of the Union USVs, Use Cases & Expert Panel
12.25h – 13.00h	Lunch & Opening Fair & Networking Area
13.00h – 16.00h	Guided Demo Tours (UAVs & USVs) & Tech Pitch Sessions
16.30h – 17.00h	Closing Keynote & Future Outlook
17.00h – 17.10h	Handover Ceremony
17.10h onwards	Networking Reception

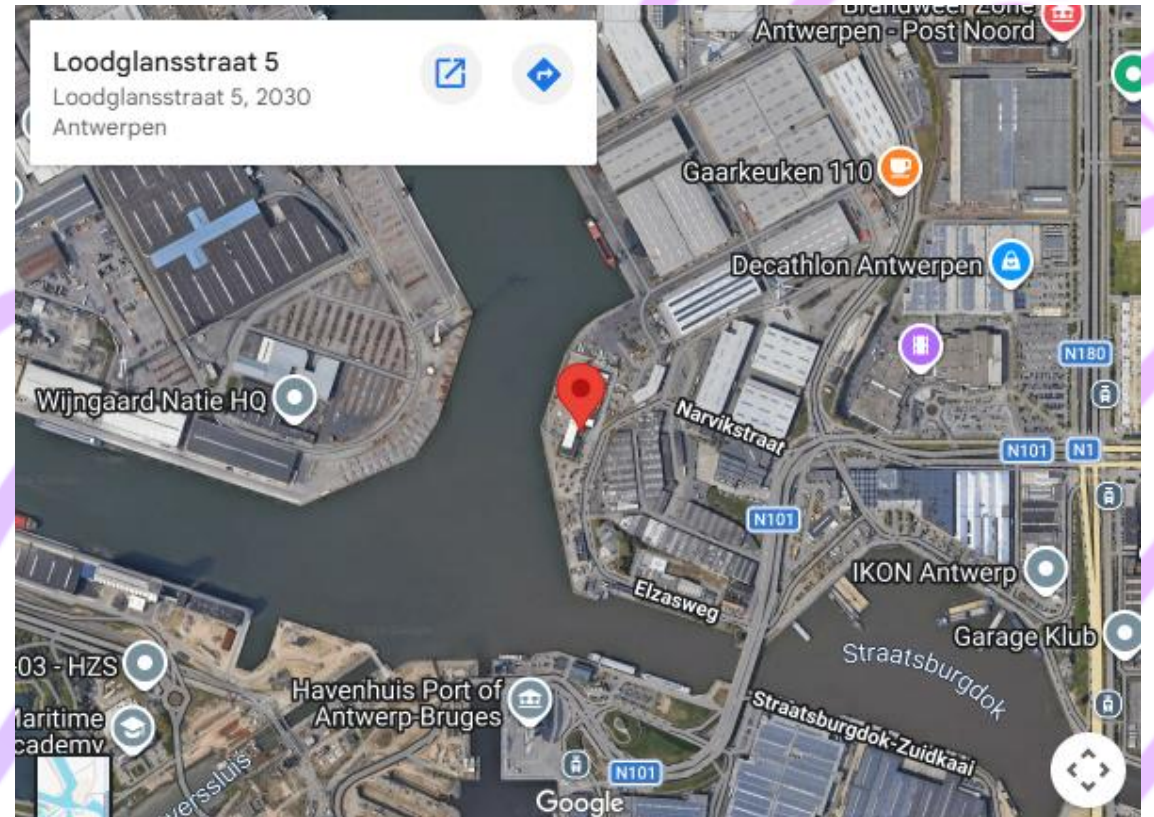
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Day 2 | Autonomous Summit

09.00h – 10.00h	Welcome & Registration
10.00h – 11.00h	Opening Session
11.00h – 12.00h	Opening Fair & Demonstration Zones (Networking & Live Tech Demos)
12.00h – 14.15h	Lunch Break
14.15h – 16.00h	Side Events: Guided Tech Tours, Autonomy Deep Dive, Pitching Sessions, Demonstrations & EU Testbeds
16.00h – 17.00h	Closing Session: “China’s Next Miracle” Keynote (Pascal Coppens)
17.00h onwards	The Gathering Reception & Networking (Antwerp Innovation Powerhouse)

Location

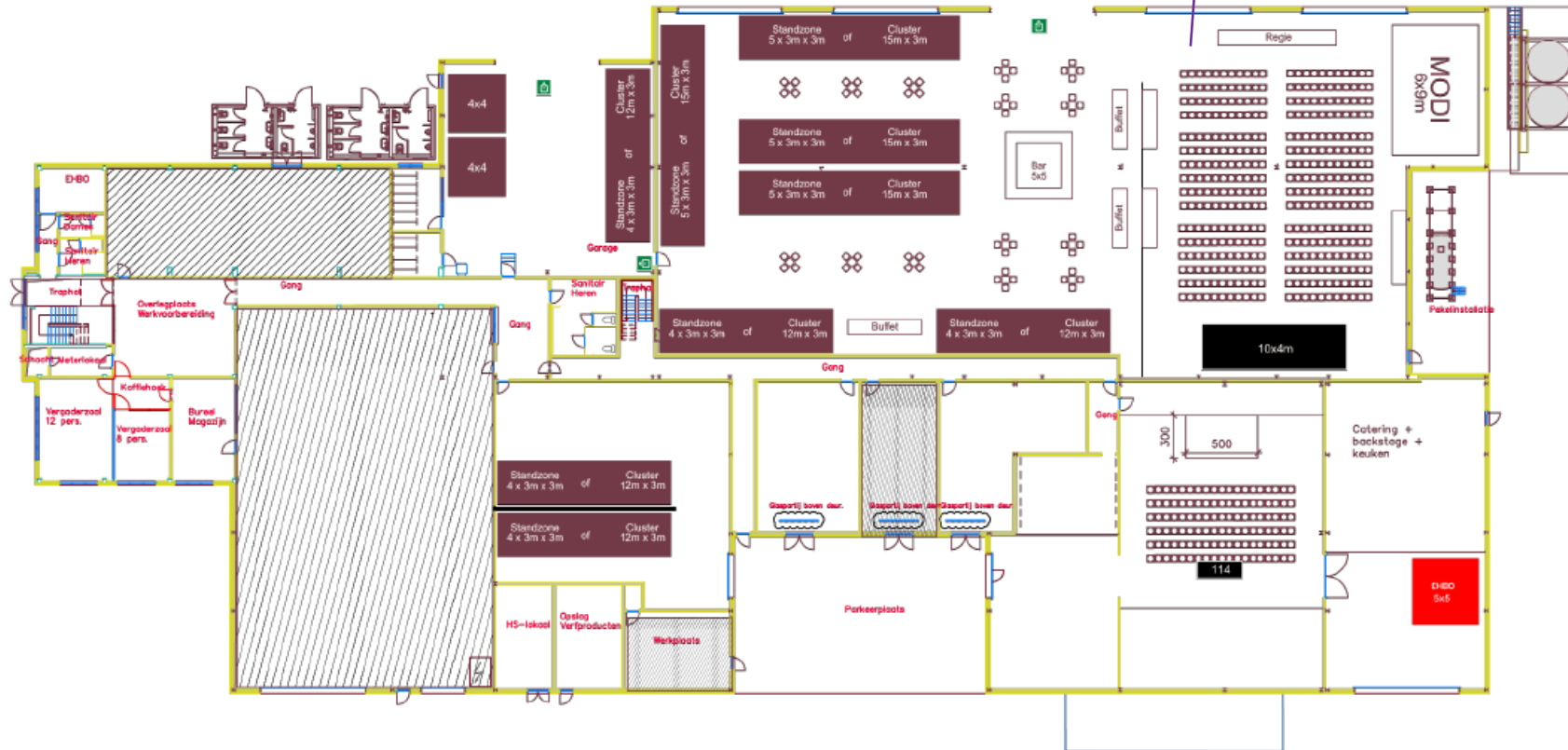
Quay 102
Loodglansstraat 5
2030 Antwerp



Location

Floor plan – indoors

This area will be transformed into a networking area after keynotes



Location

Floor plan - outdoors

1. Outdoor - sheltered - registratie
2. Central walk-around welcome and info signage
3. Entrance Indoor Zone
4. Sailing Tech Zone
5. Driving Tech Zone
6. Flying Tech Zone



Practical information

Exhibitor packages

Overall

- Two-day presence at the Port of the Future week: 15 sept & 16 sept
- Exhibition booth with a uniform back wall & furniture (high table, 2 stools)
- Included on website with logo

Practical information

Exhibitor packages

Basic package (500 EUR excl. VAT)

- 3 tickets for staff, reception incl.

Plus package (750 EUR excl. VAT)

- 5 tickets for staff, reception incl.
- Possibility for screen

Practical information

Overall booth setup

- Thematic clusters instead of traditional booths (curated zones) with room for multiple exhibitors
- Focus on demonstrations and showcases
- Unified event branding with attention to individual visibility (logo's, promotional material)

Practical information

Cluster zone

Zone with branded back wall (ca. 12m²)

Clear cluster identity with flexible placements for co-exhibitor logos

Each cluster accommodates up to 4 or 5 exhibitors

High tables & chairs, possibility for screens (see packages)



Practical information

Separate booth

Smaller booths available for separate exhibitors
(ca. 9m²)

Same format applies



Next steps

- Registration deadline: 30th of June **Registration**
- Confirmation & further discussion of booth in July
- Webinar with practical details: 31st of August

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“Antwerp is much more than a logistics hub; it is a place where the mobility of tomorrow is tested and refined. Innovation is not optional, but an engine for competitiveness and economic growth.”

Johan Klaps

Vice Mayor for the Port and Economy City of Antwerp / President of the board Port of Antwerp-Bruges