

SMASH UP!

**Charting the Course for Smart Shipping:
Discover European innovations and act!**

Hogeschool Rotterdam (RDM campus) – 14 October 2026



1. Welcome

Thierry Verduijn

Smart shipping innovation manager at Port of Rotterdam
Professor of Port Dynamics at Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

2. Vision Smart Shipping 2035: Inland shipping and ports

Fokke van der Veen

Program manager at SMASH!

3. Autonomous E-barge demonstrations – a MAGPIE recap

4. SEAMLESS Innovations for Autonomous Port, Fleet and Logistics operations

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Board Member of Centre for Logistics and Traffic, University of Duisburg-Essen

Vasileios Podimatas

Research Associate of Maritime Risk Group, National Technical University of Athens

5. MAGPIE: Reducing port congestion using autonomous e-barges

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Break (30 minutes)

6. A walk in the RAIN: feasible and desirable futures of smart shipping

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Michael Seifert

Project Coordinator at Dept. Logistics & Transportation, DST

7. Workshop 'From Vision to Venture'

8. Wrap Up!

9. Apéro reception (incl. opportunity to attend the SEAMLESS demonstration nearby)



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