



Directorate-General for Internal Policies - Directorate D - Budget Affairs  
Committee on Budgetary Control

Brussels, 11 September 2012

**Fact-finding delegation of the Budgetary Control Committee to  
Rotterdam and Antwerp,  
19-20 September 2012**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Members of the delegation:**

1. Iliana Ivanova - EPP (Head of Delegation)
2. Ingeborg Grässle - EPP
3. Georgios Stavrakakis - S&D
4. Jens Geier - S&D
5. Edit Herczog - S&D
6. Søren Søndergaard - GUE/NGL

**Members accompanying the delegation (out of quota)**

6. Michael Theurer - ALDE, (CONT Chairman)
7. Bart Staes - Verts/ALE
8. Jan Mulder - ALDE
9. Lucas Hartong - NI

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Balazs Szechy - EPP  
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**Languages covered**

EN, NL

**In attendance**

Cristina Fancello, assistant to Ingeborg Grässle

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**Commission**

Katelijne Claes (DG TAXUD)

*Members are informed that, according with article 6 of the Bureau decision on travel of the committee delegations, as amended on 13 March 2012, missions should take place during weeks set aside for external parliamentary activities and missions outside these weeks would only be provided with a limited language regime that may not exceed interpretation into one language. Therefore the only interpretation to be provided for this delegation is into English.*

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### **Transportation**

The delegation will have an air-conditioned bus at its disposal from/to Brussels and during the entire duration of the delegation visit. Company: Bergkoning.

**Main objectives of the delegation:** The system of (traditional) own resources and the customs control systems, in particular - situation in the ports of Rotterdam and Antwerp and the respective Member States. Traditional own resources comprise customs duties, agricultural duties, and sugar and isoglucose levies and were introduced in 1970. They are levied on economic operators and collected by Member States on behalf of the EU.

- how and on the basis of what rules they are collected
- how the physical supervision and documentary/electronic controls are organized and implemented both by the Ports Authority and the Customs Administrations enforcing Union legislation and regulations.

## **I. Wednesday 19 September 2012 - Rotterdam**

Departure from Brussels (09h00) to Rotterdam by bus.

- 11:00 Reception and welcome at the World Port Centre by:
- Mr. René de Vries, the Harbourmaster of Port of Rotterdam
  - Mr. Willy Rovers, the General Director Customs Administration of the Netherlands
- 11:15 Presentations on:
- Port of Rotterdam, Mr. Frans van Keulen
  - Inspection tasks (safety & security), Mr. René de Vries
- 12:00 Embarkation 'MS Nieuwe Maze' for a tour through the Port of Rotterdam to the Maasvlakte
- Presentation by Mr. Willy Rovers: the Customs Administration and the international supply chain
  - *Lunch*
- 14:00 Disembarkation (Fast Ferry Jetty, Yangtze Port, address Antarticaweg, Rotterdam Maasvlakte)

*Transfer to the ECT Delta container terminal by delegation bus*

14:15 Visit to the ECT Delta container terminal, Mr. Rob Bagchus Chief PA & PR Officer ECT, the Netherlands

14:45 Transfer to Customs office Maasvlakte by delegation bus

15:00 Presentation on customs supervision on in-and outbound traffic: management of the EU external border on commodities, Mr. Frank Heijmann, Head of Trade Relations of the Customs Administration

**16:30 End of programme, transfer to the hotel by delegation bus from:**

Address: Bosporusstraat 5, Rotterdam Maasvlakte

18:00 Exchange of views with the Dutch Cigarette Manufacturers Association on the Memorandum of Understanding between the industry and the Dutch Customs Administration and an outline of sequence of events in case customs do cigarettes seizure, Mr. Marco Diekstra from the Dutch NMA (Stichting Sigaretten Industrie) and Mr. Mario Mueller from CECCM (Confederation of Community Cigarette Manufacturers (venue and exact hour TBC)

*Free dinner arrangements*

## **II. Thursday 20 September 2012 - Antwerp**

Departure from Rotterdam (8h30) to Antwerp by bus.

- 10.00            Arrival at the Port House, Entrepotkaai 1, B-2000 Antwerpen
- 10.00            Welcome and short introduction by Mr Chris Hoornaert, Port Ambassador
- 10.15            Meeting with Cpt. Rik Verhaegen, Manager Vessel Traffic Management of the Antwerp Port Authorities
- 10.45            Exchange of views with Noël Colpin, Administrator-General of the Belgian Administration of Customs and Excise
- 12.00            Transfer by bus to Kay 62 and boarding on Flandria 16
- 12.30            *Port tour and lunch*
- 14.00            Arrival at Kay 602 and transfer by bus to Antwerp Gateway Terminal
- 14.20            Visit Antwerp Gateway terminal and explanation of working flow process by terminal operator
- 15.00            Transfer by bus to Border Inspection Area
- 15.10            Introduction and visit to the Border Inspection Post (it will be possible for the delegation to choose one or several containers to be scanned)
- 16.40            End of programme
- 17.00            End of delegation visit and return to Brussels.**