

# FuturePort Bilbao

“APICA: A Digital Twin  
for port operations  
management”



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Antwerp  
Bruges



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### I. Introduction

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- Offers a brief introduction to the topic

### II. Background

- Explains what a digital twin is and how it can be used in port operations management
- Highlights the current challenges in port operations management

### III. APICA

- Describes APICA and its key features and benefits
- Provides examples of successful APICA implementations

### IV. Use Cases

- Illustrates how APICA can be used for container terminal operations, vessel traffic management, and cargo handling and logistics

### V. Technical Requirements

- Covers the hardware and software requirements for APICA
- Discusses data integration and security
- Outlines the project timeline and milestones for implementing APICA

### VI. Implementation Process

- Identifies the key stakeholders and their roles in the process
- Describes the training and support offered for APICA
- Shares real-world examples of APICA in action

### VII. Case Studies

- Shows the quantifiable benefits achieved through APICA implementations
- Summarizes the key points of the presentation

### VIII. Conclusion

- Provides insight into potential future developments
- Offers a Q&A session for attendees



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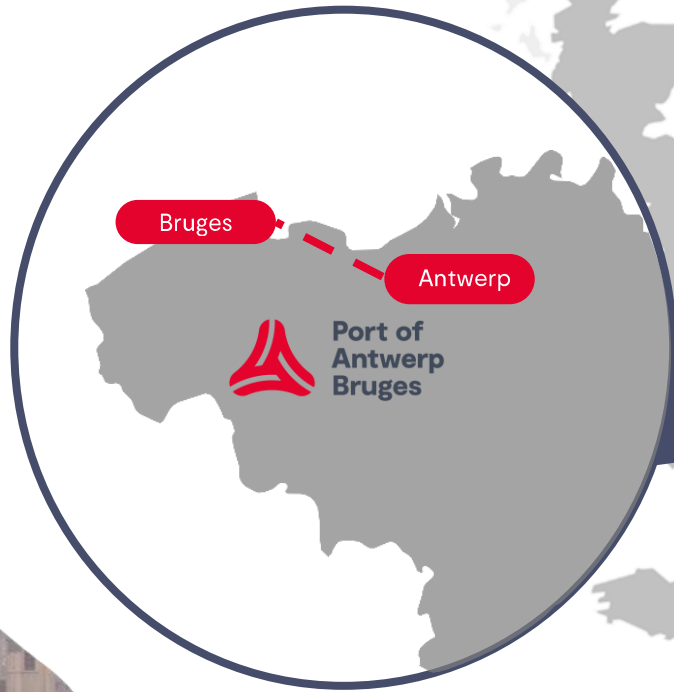
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# Who we are



Port of  
Antwerp  
Bruges



**A global port  
in the heart of Europe**

**One port  
Two sites**





2nd largest port in Europe



Largest **car handling**

port in Europe

3,507,461 million cars/year



20,675

**Seagoing vessels**/year



Largest **chemical**

hub in Europe



Number one **export**

port in Europe



**Total throughput**

287 mio tons/year



Important **cruise**

port in Benelux

547,374 passenger movements



15% of EU **gas** market



## Belgium's most important economic driver



14,322

**Hectares**



1,400

**Companies**



€ 20,8 billion

**Added value**



4.5%

**GDP**



164,000 **jobs**

Direct and indirect



**Energy transition**

frontrunner

# What we do



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# Unique ecosystem



## Bruges

Container & cold chain | roro | gas



## Antwerp

Container & cold chain | breakbulk | chemical hub



# Frontrunner energy and digital transition



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# Frontrunner energy transition

## Projects in energy, industry and shipping



### Sustainable Energy



**Expand Onshore wind** production capacity Hyoffwind



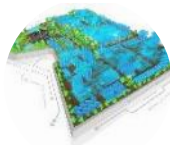
**Backbones for sustainable flows** (H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, waste heat & steam)



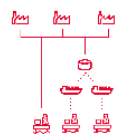
**Hydrogen Import Coalition / Pilots**



### Sustainable Industry



**NextGen District** – hotspot for circular Economy



**Antwerp@C – CCS**



**Power-to-Methanol** green methanol production (CCU)



### Sustainable Shipping



**Multi Fuel Port** – alternative fuels on offer



**Onshore power supply** for vessels



**Tugboats on H<sub>2</sub> & methanol**



“We must dare to pioneer”

Jacques Vandermeiren,

CEO Port of Antwerp-Bruges



Twins are relevant!

HUMAN SENSES

Touch

Vision

Hearing

Smell

Taste

DIGITAL SENSORS

UI & IoT

Cameras

VHF

iNoses

Sensors

# Digital nervous system

5G

Drones

IoT  
Sensors

Camera's

Digital  
Applications



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# Digital Twin is the capstone project





# A (Port) Digital Twin ?

## DE WHAT IS A DIGITAL TWIN



A digital twin is a virtual replica of a physical object or system, created using data to simulate its behavior and performance. It provides a complete and accurate representation of the physical asset, including its materials, and properties, as well as its operational status.

Digital twins are used in various industries, including manufacturing, transportation, and energy, to improve efficiency, monitor equipment performance, and simulate and test new products and processes. They help reduce costs and risks associated with physical operations.

Digital twins can be created using data from sensors, machine learning algorithms, and other sources. They are used to build and update the digital model of the physical asset or process, allowing operators to optimize the physical asset or process.

## DE WHAT IS A PORT DIGITAL TWIN



A port digital twin is a virtual representation of a port's physical assets, processes, and systems. It uses advanced analytics to create a digital model of the port's physical and operational characteristics.

The digital twin technology enables port operators to monitor and analyze the port's performance in real-time. Port digital twins can simulate different scenarios, allowing operators to test different operational strategies and optimize port operations.

A port digital twin typically includes data on vessel arrivals and departures, cargo movements, cargo handling, and infrastructure. It is used for forecasting and optimizing port operations, improving the shipping industry, port digital twin technology to improve their operations.



What is the port of antwerp-bruges digital twin (named APICA)?



I'm sorry, but as a language model, I do not have access to real-time information on the status or specifics of the APICA digital twin port of Antwerp-Bruges. However, I can provide some general information on digital twins and their use in port operations.

A digital twin is a virtual representation of a physical object or system that allows for real-time monitoring and analysis of its performance and behavior. In the context of ports, digital twins can be used to simulate and optimize various aspects of port operations, including vessel traffic, cargo handling, and infrastructure maintenance.

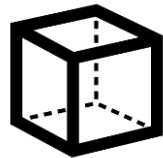
The Antwerp-Bruges port is one of the largest ports in Europe, and it has been investing in digital twin technology to enhance its efficiency and sustainability. APICA (Antwerp Port Information and Control Application) is a digital twin platform developed by the port to enable real-time monitoring and analysis of various aspects of port operations. However, the specific details of the platform, including its port number, may not be publicly available.

# How to define your Digital Twin?

And be prepared for the road ahead...



Mission



Scope



Target Group

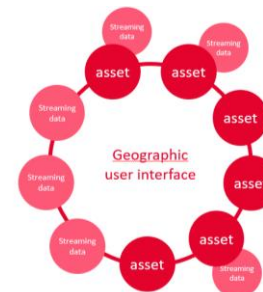


Goal



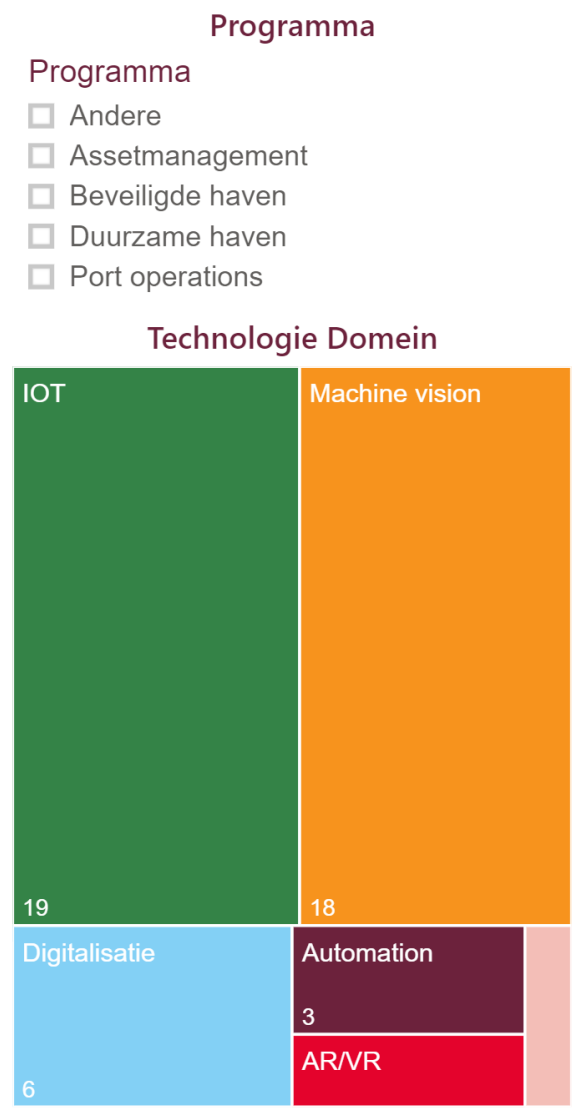
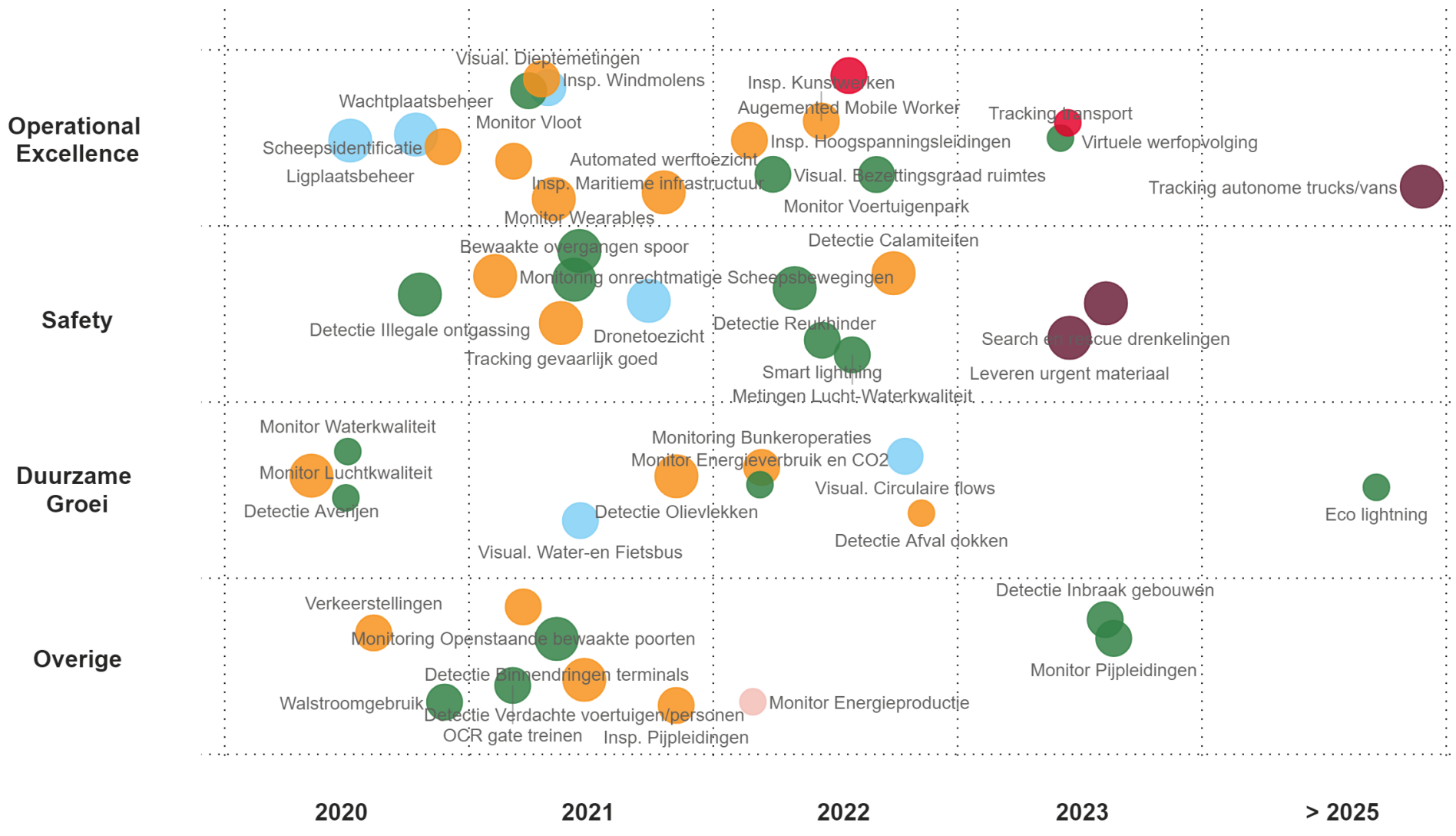
**Fluent traffic  
in a safe and sustainable Port.**

*(More) fluent traffic in a safe(r) and (more) sustainable Port,  
within the same territory.*

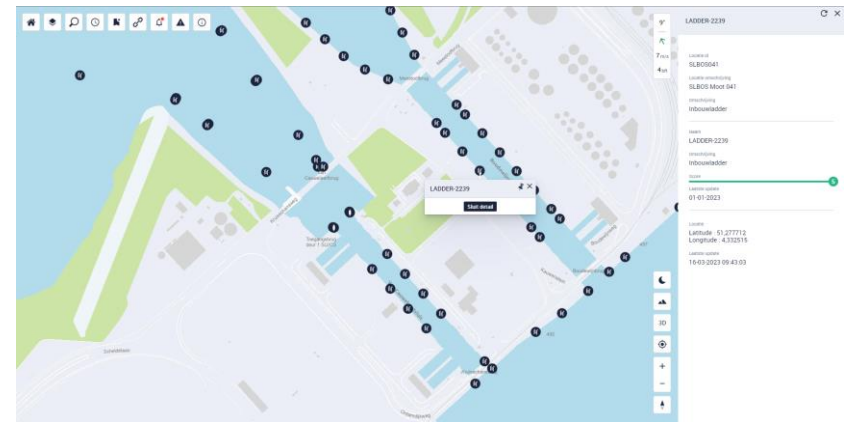
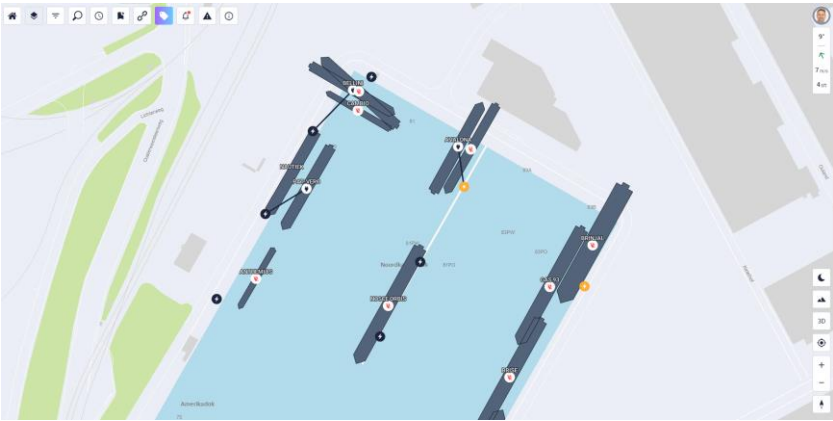
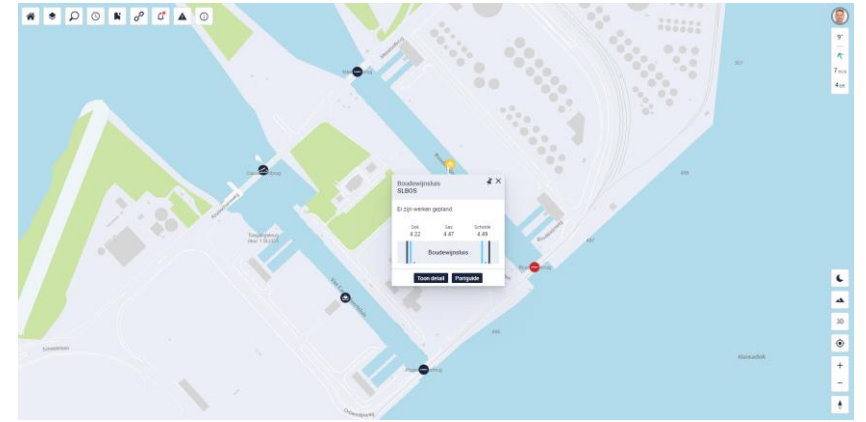
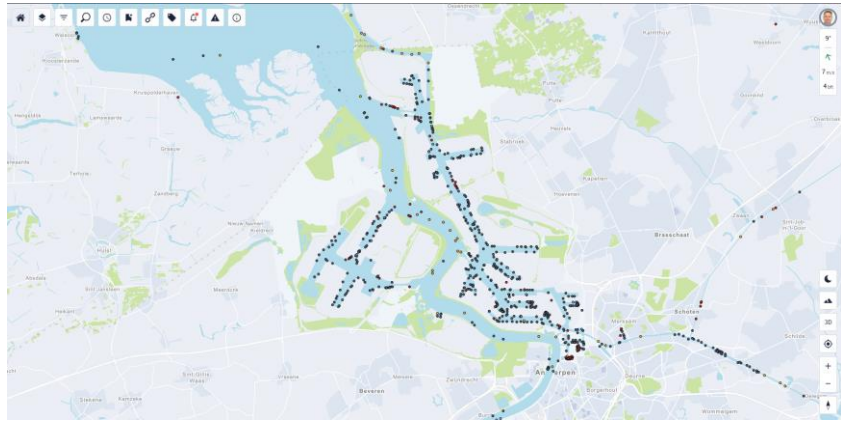


**Situational awareness  
Digital Twin of a territory**

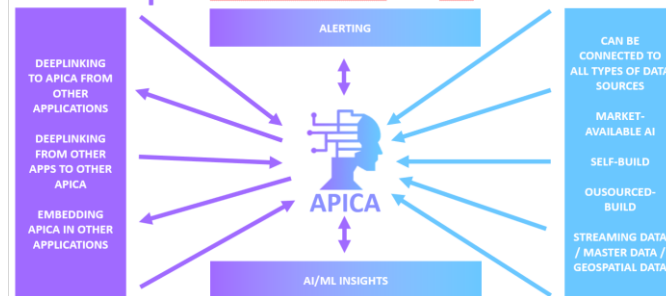
# Digital Twin Roadmap







Open architecture on all sides.



Building the skeleton...

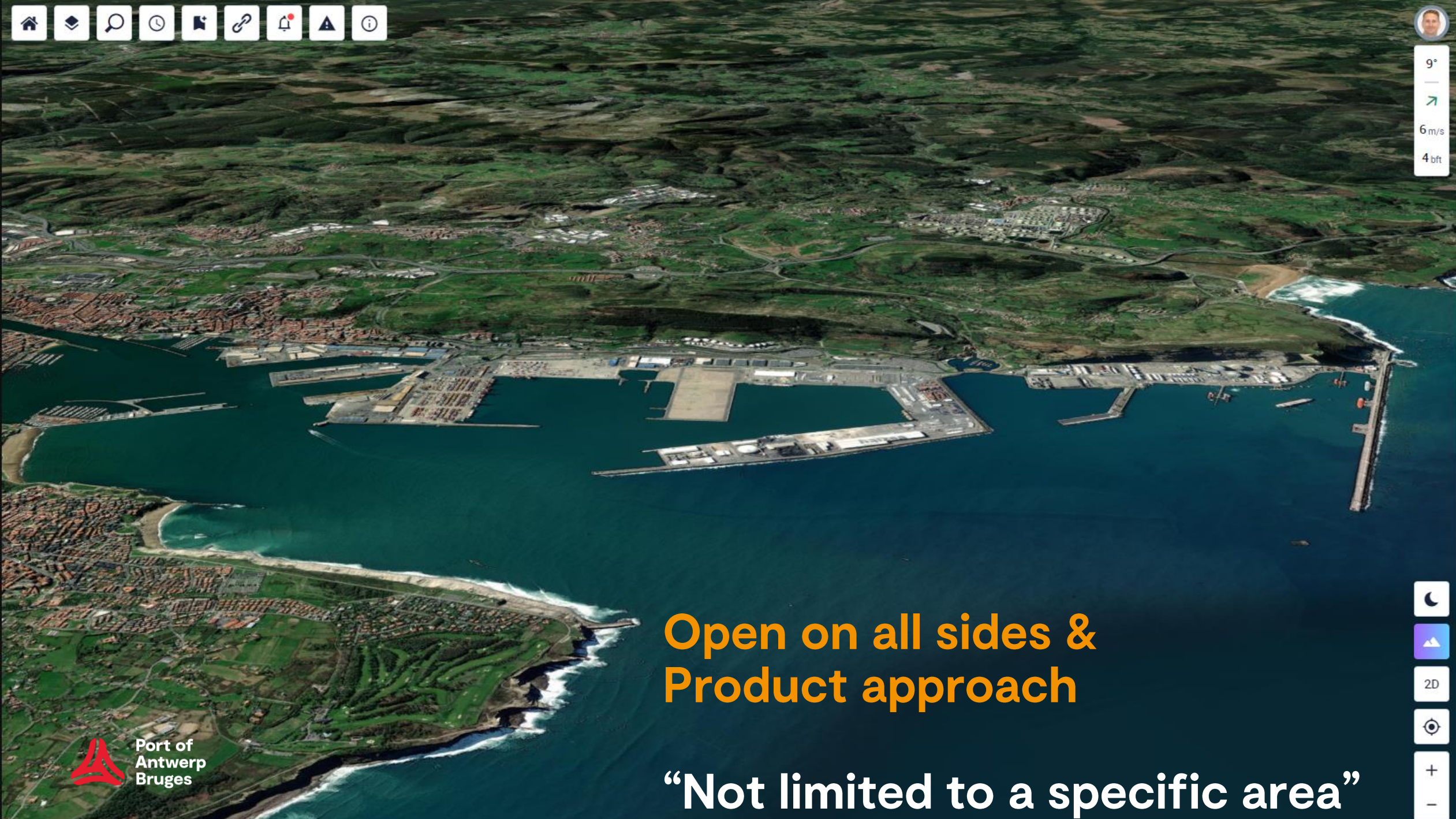




# Situational awareness through the Digital Twin “APICA”



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4 bft



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**Open on all sides &  
Product approach**

**“Not limited to a specific area”**



# Benefits for Port Operation Management

- Bringing real time insight into the port situation (nautical, infrastructure, environmental, meteo...)
- Gainging new insights based on (geographical) data connection across different layers
- Possibility to look back in time when investigating
- Augmented awareness by alerting and forecasting



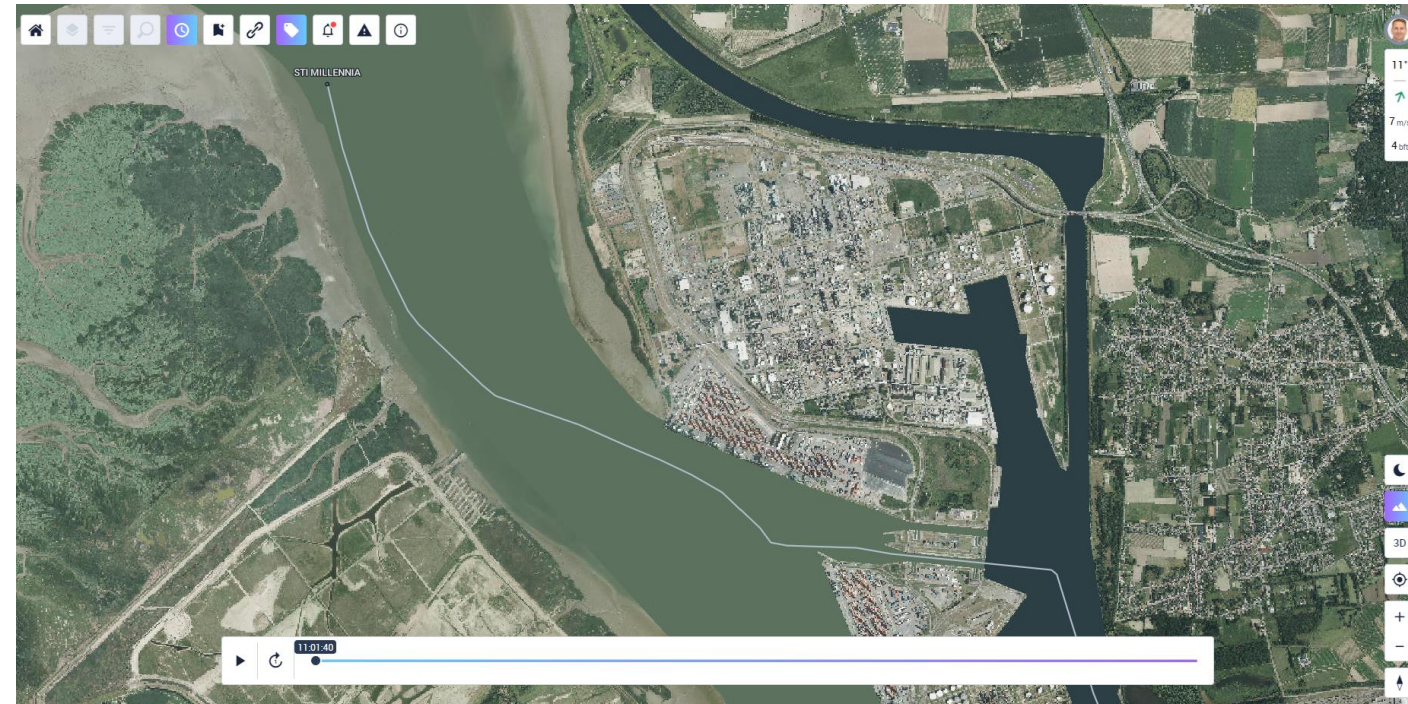
# Traffic Management

## Ongoing use case

- Forecast of traffic simulation to 30min
- Based on historic traffic flow, lock planning, tidal windows, current and predicted traffic situation, vessel destinations,...
- Goal: to provide additional insights into predicted situation, possible dangerous situation
- Additionally, provide insights into the emission effect of the simulated situation

**PIONEERS**

(<https://pioneers-ports.eu/>)





# A (Port) Digital Twin

An aerial photograph of a port at sunset, showing a large container yard with many stacks of colorful containers, several cargo ships docked at piers, and industrial buildings in the background. A network of white lines connects various points across the image, with several circular icons overlaid: a circular arrow, a magnifying glass over a person, a camera eye, a speech bubble, a grid, and a person with a magnifying glass. The text 'A (Port) Digital Twin' is written in red at the top left.

- ✓ Creating a new additional application is NOT the goal, creating a digital twin is a vision
- ✓ Define clear vision, scope, target group(s), goal when starting, BUT... don't be reluctant to change or evolve!
- ✓ Building step by step provides focus and tangibility. By evolution, it inspires and brings new insights
- ✓ Open architecture lowers the integration effort for new use cases
- ✓ Strong data management & integration platform is key



# APIC A

**Advanced Port Information & Control Assistant**

**THANK YOU!**

# Who am I?

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