

### Dear Europort friends abroad,

In just 1.5 months, Europort2021 will open its doors to the public and will thus be one of the first major maritime in-person events since a long time. In our daily conversations with customers, partners and other stakeholders, we notice that everyone is eagerly looking forward to meeting each other live again.

We hope you can feel the vibe too.

No need to explain that in the past year COVID-19 has been dominating our daily lives. And it has certainly been top of mind in Europort's preparations; with many questions and uncertainties about what is allowed and what is not.

Fortunately, this week's press conference of Mark Rutte (Dutch Prime Minister) and Hugo de Jonge (Dutch Minister of Health) has brought us more clarity and perspective.

With infection number of casualty drastically getting to zero and hospitalisation declining with full vaccination rate surpassing 90 percent of all adults in the Netherlands already; new relaxations have been announced.

## No more 1,5 meter distance required

We are pleased that the 1,5-meter social distancing is no longer required allowing Europort visitors and exhibitors to walk around and network freely just as it should be.

Also, all meeting and catering areas at Europort will be accessible without 1,5-meter restrictions. Furthermore, there will be no caps in terms of visitor numbers.

### No face masks

Face masks are only required in public transport and the airport.

# Corona check

Our government has also announced that the socalled corona check will be mandatory on various occasions including restaurants, theatres, and events.

This means that Europort will carry out such a corona check for all visitors and exhibitors at the venue entrance during the event days. Everyone aged 14 and above will also have to show their ID along with their coronavirus entry pass proving that they are either fully vaccinated, have valid proof of recovery or a negative result from a coronavirus test taken less than **24 hours before** entry.

#### No more self-quarantine

Another positive news is that travel restrictions to the Netherlands will change for the better as of 22 September.

From this date onwards vaccinated travellers from the United States, the United Kingdom and other very high-risk areas no longer have to undergo selfquarantine on arrival in the Netherlands.

For more info on government COVID relaxations see: https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2021/09/14/n etherlands-to-reopen-further-with-coronavirus-entrypasses

In the coming days we will update our website with practical questions & answers and more detailed information about the applicable protocols. We thought it would be good to inform you on this subject in advance. Should you have any questions, let us know.

With all such positive signs, we hope this will help you to get some last minute bookings from your sales territory.

We can be proud with what we have achieved together so far: More than 700 companies already signed up. Europort2021 will surely be the long waited kick off and re-uniting of the international maritime industry!

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