

## Summery

### Meet and Learn: Port City Atlas

Carola Hein, professor at the technical university of Deft and director of the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus PortCityFutures Centre, gave a brief insight into the extensive research she had conducted over the past several years on the importance of ports and port city territories and how these areas have shaped the territorial development of North-West Europe.

Building upon the historical, cultural, and geographical ties in the area, the atlas compares the import port cities like Hamburg, Rotterdam, and London through extensive mapping and to show how different cities have adopted different development strategies with reference to their ports and their hinterlands, resulting in the differences in their spatial development plans. The atlas also focuses on the shared territories between the port cities and how they can impact each other.

Historically, tracing the impact of oil on the ports and how this new fuel had shaped the ports and territories around them. The direct and indirect impacts that oil had on the cities and cities that controlled these oil hubs.

The various stages of exploring, mapping, and interpreting the data across the four seas of Europe and understanding how ports can be pivoting points for future spatial development plans that help us achieve development by prioritising global SDGs and putting Europe ahead on the global arena.

Port City Atlas maps 25 North Sea port territories and highlights the connections between the sea and inland ports and why they should draft spatial development plans together for a circular and sustainable development with Eurodelta and Europe. The atlas for the river ports is in its development stage and will focus further on industrial, urban, peri-urban, and rural area development.

To conclude, the mapping approach taken by the atlas provides enough spatial evidence indicating the importance of the ports and their territories for circular development. Eurodelta serves as the experiment bed for this approach, with cities like Amsterdam and Rotterdam accelerating this movement with the ASSET project by Interreg North-West Europe.