



“Public Private Sector Development in Flanders”

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FITA's core business today is to render public expertise to the private sector. FITA has been providing (technical) assistance to its beneficiary consulting companies through working contracts based on daily performances. FITA experts have been recruited over the last years to conduct additional studies and to provide technical assistance in preparing engineering specifications for the development of a new set of Post-Panamax locks for the expansion of the Panama Canal.

The Flemish region has extensive experience with inland waterways and ports, both on the public as on the private level. Nevertheless, our public expertise in this area is unique and very often of added value to the private engineering and consulting companies. Therefore we would like to have an internal call for public experts allowing us to inform you on procedures and guidelines for FITA assignments abroad. This networking event is open to highly qualified MOW colleagues with an interest in private sector involvement in international design & build (waterborne infrastructure) projects, intelligent transportation systems and lock design assignments amongst others.

Another major responsibility is the (co-)organisation of sectorial trade missions. FITA trade missions can save time and expense for private companies in identifying and developing profitable relationships with compatible foreign companies and local public authorities. FITA sectorial trade missions allow Flemish companies to present their knowledge and expertise directly to qualified prospects through a series of presentations and networking events. However, the aim of today's event is to outline the guidelines for commissioning public experts and to showcase with some practices from key stakeholders involved.

Monday 18 June at 14:30h
 Venue: Ferraris OG20-21
 Koning Albert II-laan 20,
 B-1000 Brussels

- 14:45h Official opening by Secretary – General Filip Boelaert
- 15:00h Presentation by Ambassador H.E. Miguel Verzbolovskis: Economic Outlook-Canal and impact on global world trade – future investments
- 15:15h Introduction FITA: Canal project with focus on Flemish engineering
 - o *History locks*
 - o *Flemish milestones Canal Project*
 - o *FITA as a provider of technical expertise*
 - o *Practical cases*

Registration & welcome: 14:30h
 Limited seating – only upon invitation
 English is the working language

RSVP: sara.caudron@vlaanderen.be
 Please confirm your participation
 before June 8th

- 15:45h Testimonial by Flemish Public authorities:
 - Ivar Hermans, Senior Expert Hydraulic Steel Constructions (EBS)
 - Capt. Paul Balanck (ex-pilot)

Walking dinner gently offered by



- 16:15h Testimonial by Private Sector Company
 - Koen Thomas, C.E.O. SBE
- 16:30h Walking dinner followed by live stream of the football match Belgium – Panama

This invitation is personal and can't be transferred.

LIVESTREAM BELGIUM - PANAMA WORLD CUP - 18 JUNE 2018, 16:45-18:45H

Follow the football match between Belgium and Panama live with your colleagues and our Panamanian friends. The game starts at 17:00h on the 18th of June 2018. Our live coverage on 2 screens in room OG.20 lets you follow all the key moments as they happen. Who will come out on top in the battle of the managers? Roberto Martínez or Hernán Darío Gómez? Find out by following our live matchcast on the ground floor in our headquarters right after the FITA event!



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Belgium vs. Panama