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“ Connecting International Trade: Single Windows and Supply Chains in the Next Decade ”

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PCS Definition

- neutral and open electronic platform enabling **intelligent** and **secure** exchange of information between public and private stakeholders in order to improve the competitive position of the sea and air ports' communities;
- **optimises, manages and automates** port and logistics efficient processes through a single submission of data and connecting transport and logistics chains.

EPCSA Mission

“influence public policy in the European Union level in order to achieve e-logistics throughout all European ports, operating as a key element of the EU maritime, shipping and logistics industry.”

Core Objectives

- To ensure that the importance of Port Community Systems Operators is recognised in the EU and its Member States and that the sector is consulted substantively on any measure likely to affect it;
- To ensure that European Port Community Systems operators play their full part in delivering e-freight all over Europe;
- To promote the highest possible standards in European Port Community Systems;
- To encourage all European ports communities to be proactive in PCS development.

Technical Groups

- Standards and Technologies
- Business Applications
- Customs and Other Government Organisations
- European Port Community Systems Development (Europe, International Affairs)

EPCSA

Founding members

SOGET	– Le Havre, France
Portbase	– Rotterdam, Netherlands
dbh	– Bremen, Germany
MCP	– Felixstowe, UK
PORTIC	– Barcelona, Spain
DAKOSY	– Hamburg, Germany

Associates members

APCS	- Antwerp, Belgium
Hamburg Port Authority	- Hamburg, Germany
Bilbao Port Authority	- Bilbao, Spain
Venice Port Authority	- Venice, Italy

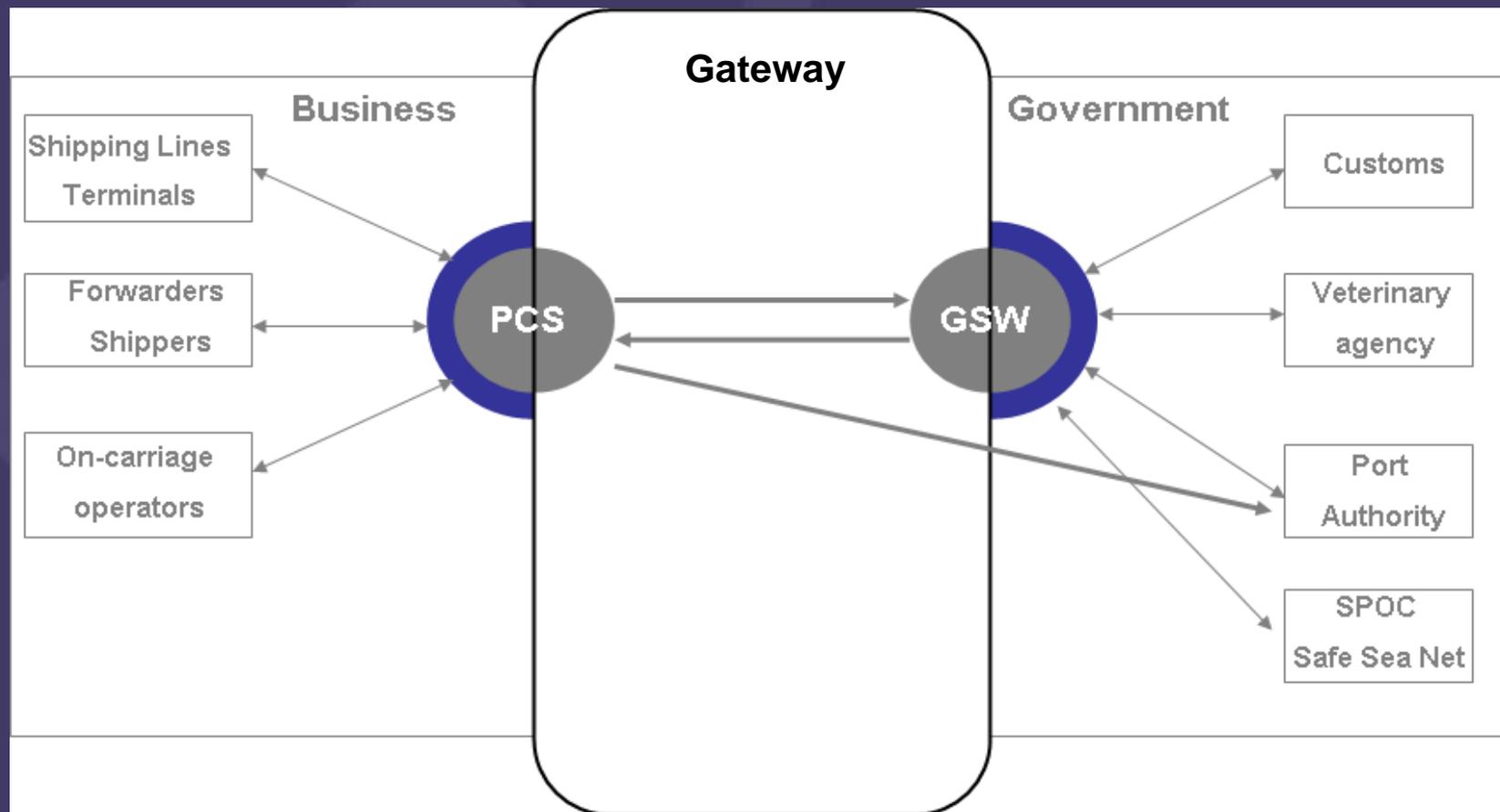
PCS as a Port Single Window

- **PCS acknowledged as the most advanced method for the exchange of information within a single or national port community infrastructure**
- A commitment to facilitate single submission of data, and develop infrastructure and interconnectivity as well as activities in areas of legal frameworks, standardisation and harmonisation in international trade.
- Provides to the Port Community Environment with a tightly integrated system to encompass exports, imports, transhipments, consolidations, hazardous cargo and maritime statistics reporting.

PCS a Gateway to National Single Window

- **Where, no automated processes are in place, PCS is ideally placed to form the foundation or backbone of the National Single Window vision.**
- Integration can create optimal benefits for all stakeholders involved
- PCS can be extended to another air, sea or inland port and customs declaration performed before exiting the gate.
- PCS in a national framework

PCS a Gateway to National Single Window



Providing Data Integrity to Government and Business

EU Initiatives & Change in information management of Supply Chain

- Import Control System
 - ICS Phase 1: As of January 1, 2011 for all modes of cargo
 - ICS Phase 2: improve data quality with the appropriate PCS handling the matching of carrier and NVOCC/Forwarder data.
- 2010/65: Vessel Reporting Formalities
 - PCS acting PCS in 2010/65 acting as clearing centers, acting as a trusted third party
 - Avoiding double input/notifications by the economic sector
 - Additional process optimization in the ports