Port platforms as a catalyst for sustainable development

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Number one **export** port in Europe

20k seagoing vessels/year

48k barges/year

Largest car handling port in Europe

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3.56 mio new cars/year

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Largest integrated chemical hub in Europe

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Important **cruise** port in Benelux 1 mio passenger movements

2nd largest port in Europe

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13th largest port in world

15% of EU gas market 1,000 km pipelines

Total throughput 271 mio tons/year 42k loaded cargo **trains**/year 80 destinations

Antwerp Bruges



Results

January – December 2023

Total freight volume -5.5% 271.3 million tonnes



169 cruise ships



liquid bulk 88.7 mio tonnes

containers 136.7 mio tonnes

containers 12.5 mio TEU





20,156 seagoing ships



-7.2%





-2.1%

roro 21 mio tonnes









conventional breakbulk 10 mio tonnes



A significant global presence

Promoting the port and sharing knowledge



Disruptive global drivers



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Technology

Collaboration

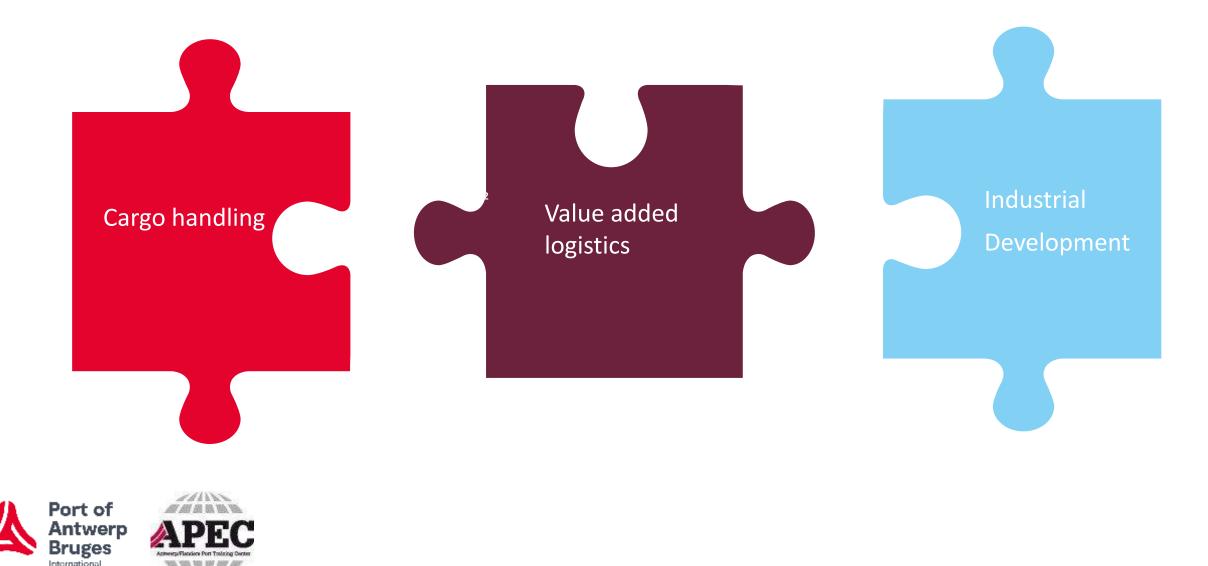


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Derisking Financing Port Infrastructure



Example : Port of Cotonou



Only seaport of Benin



Partnership with the Benin government since 2018



Responsible for the management



2021: Moody's rating upgrade for Benin to B1





Port of Cotonou Management Agreement



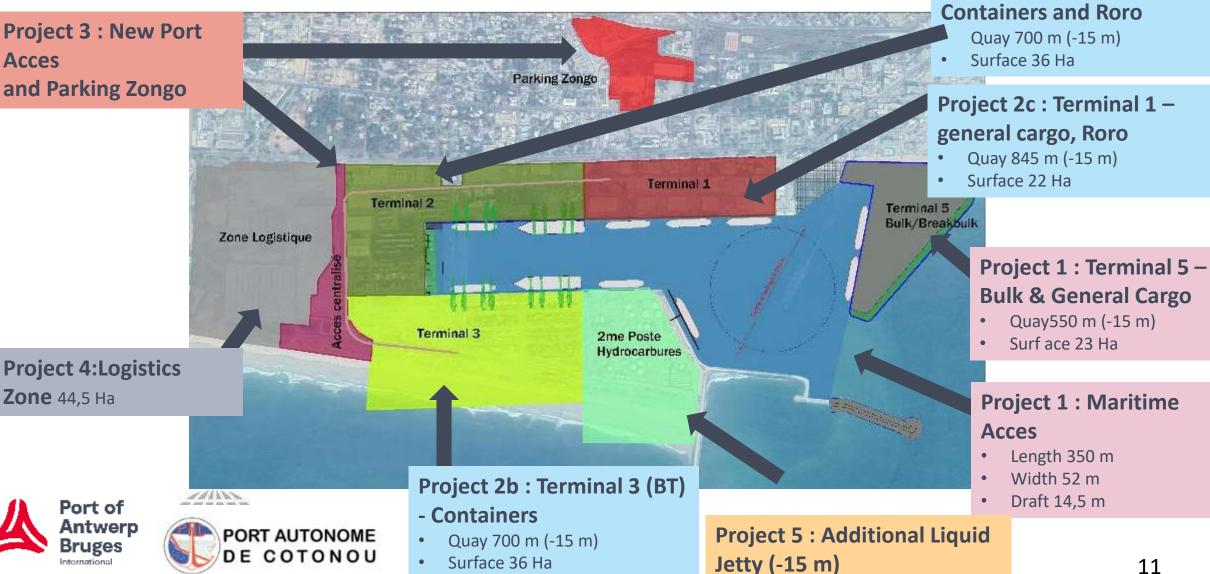


Gradual transfer to the local team



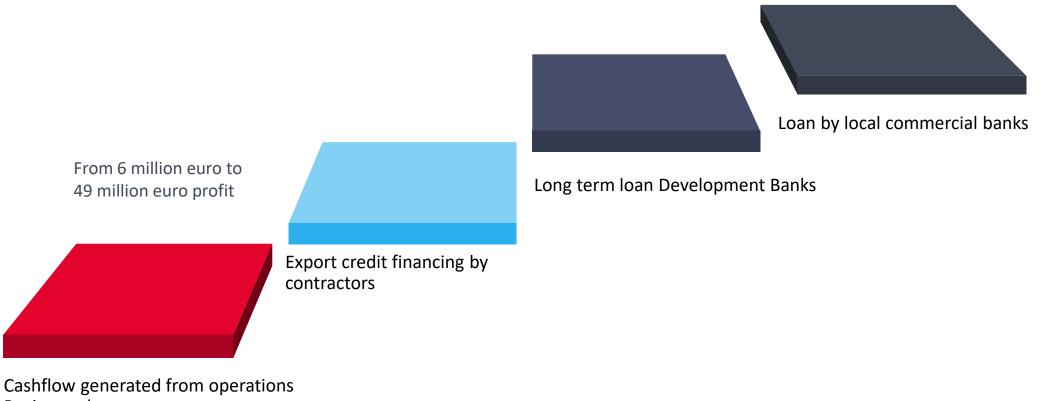
Masterplan Cotonou

Project 3 : New Port Acces and Parking Zongo



Project 2a : Terminal 2 -

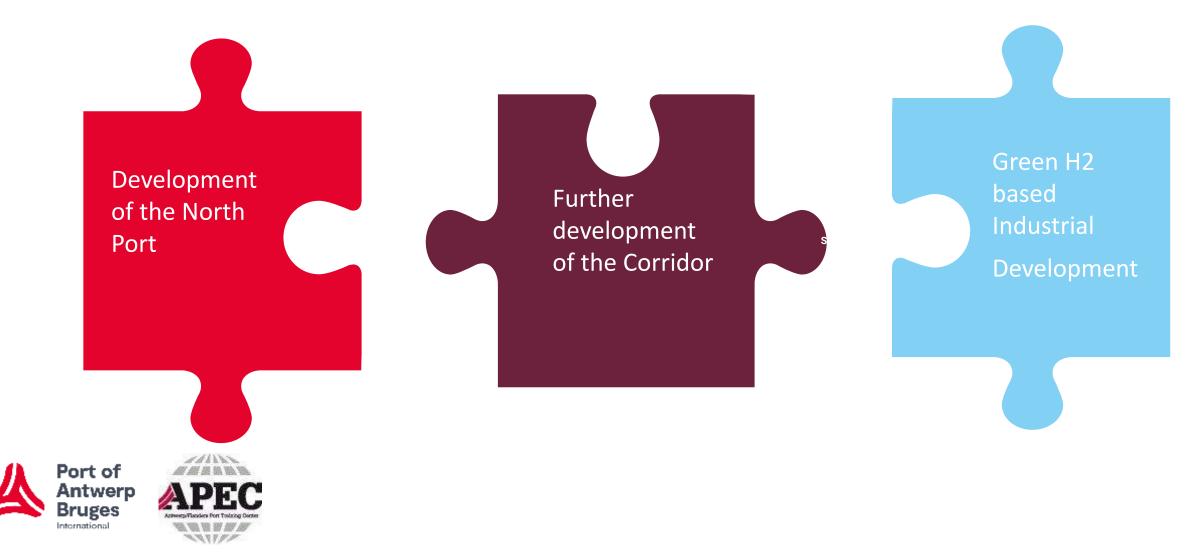
Financing Masterplan Cotonou : 3% Benin's GDP



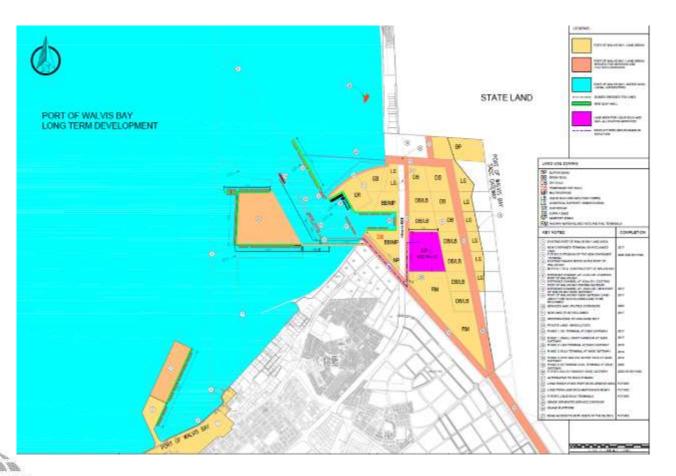


Further development of Walvisbay

An economy that works for the people



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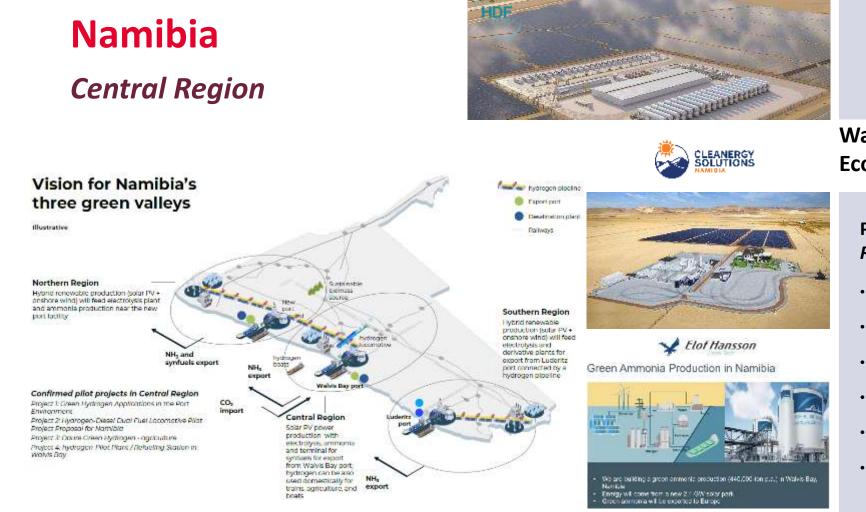




Improvement of the transport network from and to the Southern African Development Community (SADC)

- Ports globally, and the port of Walvis Bay in particular, are experiencing significant congestion due to backlogs in cargo and delays in deliveries.
- The port of Walvis Bay being the gateway to the SADC, means that ensuring goods can flow in (e.g. raw minerals from the Southern and Central African Copper Belt), but also out of the port is of the utmost importance.
- The enhancement of the current logistical network relying on a multi-modal philosophy (road and rail) should be carried out as a prerequisite to any further development plans.





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Walvis Bay as hub for the green H2 Economy in the *Central Region*

Projects under development in the Central Region

- Cleanergy Solutions.
- Elof Hansson Clean Tech.
- Zhero
- Hylron
- HDF Energy.
- Daures Green Hydrogen & Fertilizer.
- Some of these investment projects are larger than Namibia's National GDP

