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## **Third ALICE Logistic Innovation Award Announced**



The Award Selection Committee has chosen the winners of the third ALICE Logistics Innovation Award, dedicated to Logistic Nodes. The Selection Committee has decided to give awards to four categories: Gold Award; Award for disruptive technology; Award for market impact; Award for sustainability

## **The Winners**

- The gold award was given to <a href="CircleGroup">CircleGroup</a> for Port Rail Shunting Optimization Tool. The committee decided to give the award because it has high potential to increase share of railways in logistics, thus promoting modal shift and creating notable impacts such as driving down the operation costs, increasing operation efficiency, reducing congestion in logistics nodes as well as increasing sustainability; it is valid for all types of logistics nodes to support multimodal nodes.
- The Award for market impact was given to Nallian and AirCargo Belgium for Slot Booking App. The committee decided to give the award because it has a high potential for scalability and has already created impacts through implementations in several airports in Europe and beyond
- The Award for disruptive technology was given to <u>Ericsson</u> for 5G Port of the Future. The committee decided to give the award because it is highly innovative, using cutting-edge technology in this field and inspiring for using new technologies to improve efficiency of logistics nodes.
- The Award for sustainability was given to the <u>Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV)</u> for Port Environmental Index (PEI). The committee decided to give the award because this tool supports logistics nodes to sustainability transition toward zero emissions, raising awareness for sustainability and climate action

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## **About the Award:**

The ALICE Logistics Innovation awards were organized in the framework of the BOOSTLOG project, aiming to recognize those companies and organizations that have successfully managed to transform knowledge generated in R&I-funded projects into innovations in the market, transformative changes in society and markets or implemented effectively as part of policies and policy guides.

The Selection Committee consists of five highly experienced experts:

- Salvador Furió Pruñonosa, Innovation & Port Cluster Develop. Director at **Valencia Port Foundation** (chair)
- Kris Neyens, Manager of Internationalisation at VIL Flanders Innovation Cluster
- Giuseppe Dall'Asta, Managing Director at Interporto Bologna SpA
- Lamia Kerdjoudj, Secretary General at **FEPORT**
- Elvina Nowak, Project Manager at ALICE

Evaluation for the ALICE Logistics Innovation Award was based on three criteria: Impact on Nodes, Society and Market, Scalability and growth potential, and Innovation.

Details about the achievements of the award holders and selection of the candidates have been detailed described in the <u>BOOSTLOG</u> Cloud Report on Logistics Nodes (<u>download the report</u>).

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About ALICE: ALICE, the Alliance for Logistics Innovation through Collaboration in Europe is a non-for-profit industry led association based in Brussels with 160+ members. ALICE is the Alliance of European leading companies and experts in implementing logistics and supply chain innovation and reaching the full stakeholders' groups in the field. ALICE's vision is to achieve an affordable transition towards zero emissions logistics. To that end, logistics, from global to urban, need to evolve. Assets and resources, including transportation means, need to be better utilized. By creating seamlessly interconnected logistics networks through the Physical Internet (PI) better conditions for affordability of zero emissions solutions will be created through improved asset sharing and efficiency, contributing also to improved agility and resilience of supply chains. ALICE supports, assists, and advises the European Commission in the definition and implementation of the EU Program for research: Horizon Europe in Logistics. For more information about ALICE, please visit the website: https://www.etp-logistics.eu/, follow ALICE on LinkedIn and join our LinkedIn discussion group, sign up for the ALICE newsletter here.

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