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### Innovation at the Port of Oostende: launch of the IntraDE Intelligent Autonomous Vehicle

The unveiling of the IAV will take place on the 14th of October 2013 (13:30-18:00) at the Port of Oostende (AGHO), [Renewable Energy Base Oostende \(REBO\) Terminal](#), Zeewezendok site. (30-9-2013)

In modern times innovation is an essential component and strength for businesses wishing to retain their market position, enhance their profitability or, even more, succeed. This applies especially to traditional sectors, such as [transport and logistics](#), where innovative thinking plays a key role in ensuring ample margins of competitiveness to enterprises.

The need to deploy ground-breaking or novelty technologies to improve efficiency and operations is exactly the reason why in 2008 the port of Oostende entered into a partnership with other five European organisations, under the umbrella of the €7m InTraDE (Intelligent Transportation for Dynamic Environment) project, to create more sustainable and energy-efficient logistic equipment for the transportation of commodities within the port area.

The cooperation has resulted in the construction of an Intelligent Autonomous Vehicle (IAV), built in France under the guidance and supervision of the engineers of the Polytech Lille. Due to its flexibility, effectiveness and economic/environmental advantages, the InTraDE [integrated system](#) could appeal in the future to different kinds of big and medium-sized ports where diverse types of goods are being handled.

Following years of working, testing and finetuning of the so-called InTraDE RobuTAINeR, a public demonstration has now been organised in order to display the functioning and full potential of the developed prototype. The unveiling of the

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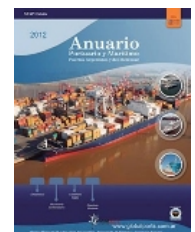
Wim Stubbe, AGHO's [Business Development Manager](#), said: "It is undeniable that innovative technologies should constantly be introduced in our port to increase its attractiveness towards potential investors. Taking part in the construction of an IAV has been an invaluable experiment. We now hope that the efforts put in the project pays off and that the event may arouse interest and curiosity in various companies which could exploit the vehicle's multifunctional applications."

Emmanuel Timmermans, REBO's [Business Development Manager](#), added: "REBO has been collaborating with the Port of Oostende for quite some time to transform it into a hub for offshore wind activities. However, because of its capacity and adaptability, the offshore wind terminal can offer numerous options for development and usage. It is therefore with great pleasure that we have made our facilities available for the demonstration of the InTraDE IAV."

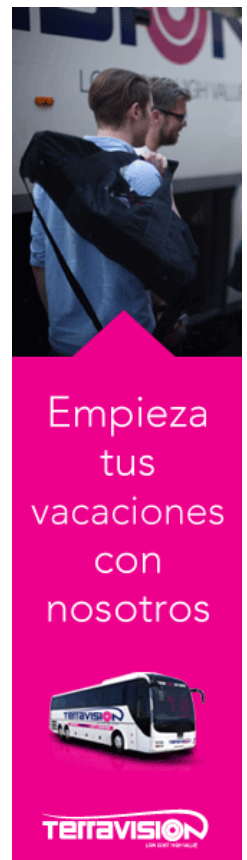
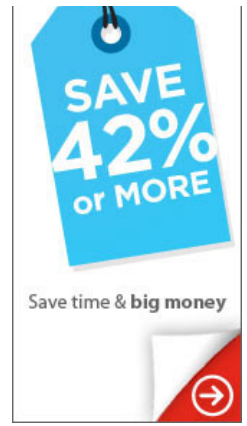
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