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Press conference by Siim Kallas on the upgrade for 300 key European seaports: extracts

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On 23 May 2013, Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Transport, gave a press conference on the upgrade for 300 key European seaports. During this press conference Siim Kallas unveiled an initiative to improve port operations and onward transport connections at key seaports along Europe's coastline. The guidelines and legal changes being proposed will help port operators upgrade their services and facilities, and give them more financial autonomy.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the Berlaymont building in Brussels	00:00:09
00:00:14	Arrival of Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Transport, at the press conference	00:00:04
00:00:18	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): The nature of the trade is changing. The new generation of container ships can carry up to 18,000 containers. Placed on trucks, they would stretch in a single line from Rotterdam to Paris! Europe's ports have to adapt. Faced with these challenges they need to become more efficient; and attract new investment.	00:00:28
00:00:47	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:03

00:00:50	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): The growth of traffic could create more than 70.000 direct additional jobs in ports by 2030. But doing nothing would put at risk these jobs. It would be a lost opportunity to develop new sea links. It would create additional congestion on roads and would cost more than 10 billion Euros for our transport industry by then. That's why we are making new proposals today.	00:00:34
00:01:24	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:04
00:01:28	Soundbite by Siim Kallas (in ENGLISH): We are proposing: more customer focus – with a new users' advisory committee; more freedom for ports to set charges, combined with a greater obligation for transparency where public money is involved; new transparent and open procedures to select the providers of port services; financial support from the 'Connecting Europe Facility' for port projects which improve onwards connections with rail, inland waterways and road; and improved dialogue with the social partners – through a new committee structure.	00:00:43
00:02:11	General view of the press conference	00:00:05

00:02:16	Extracts of a stockshot - Views of a terminal in the port of Antwerp	00:01:18
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