

# THE PORT OF ROTTERDAM IN TRANSITION

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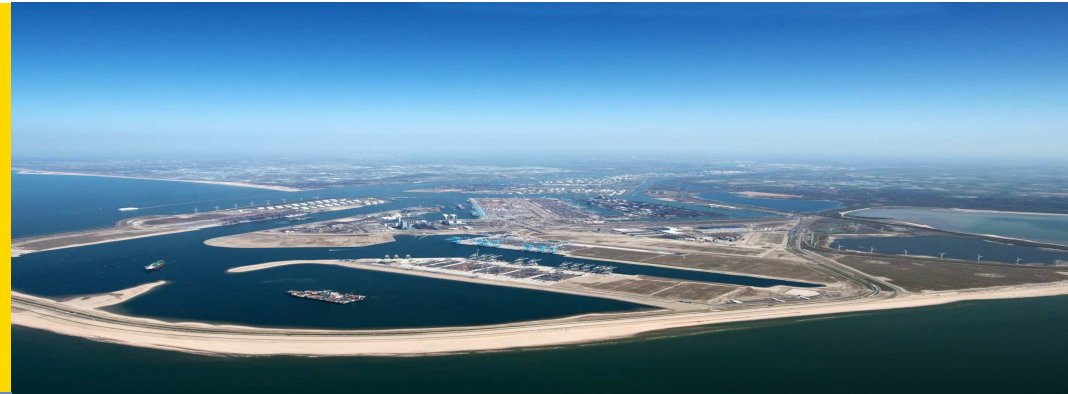


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# Rotterdam Port and Industrial complex:

## *Global Hub and Industrial Cluster*

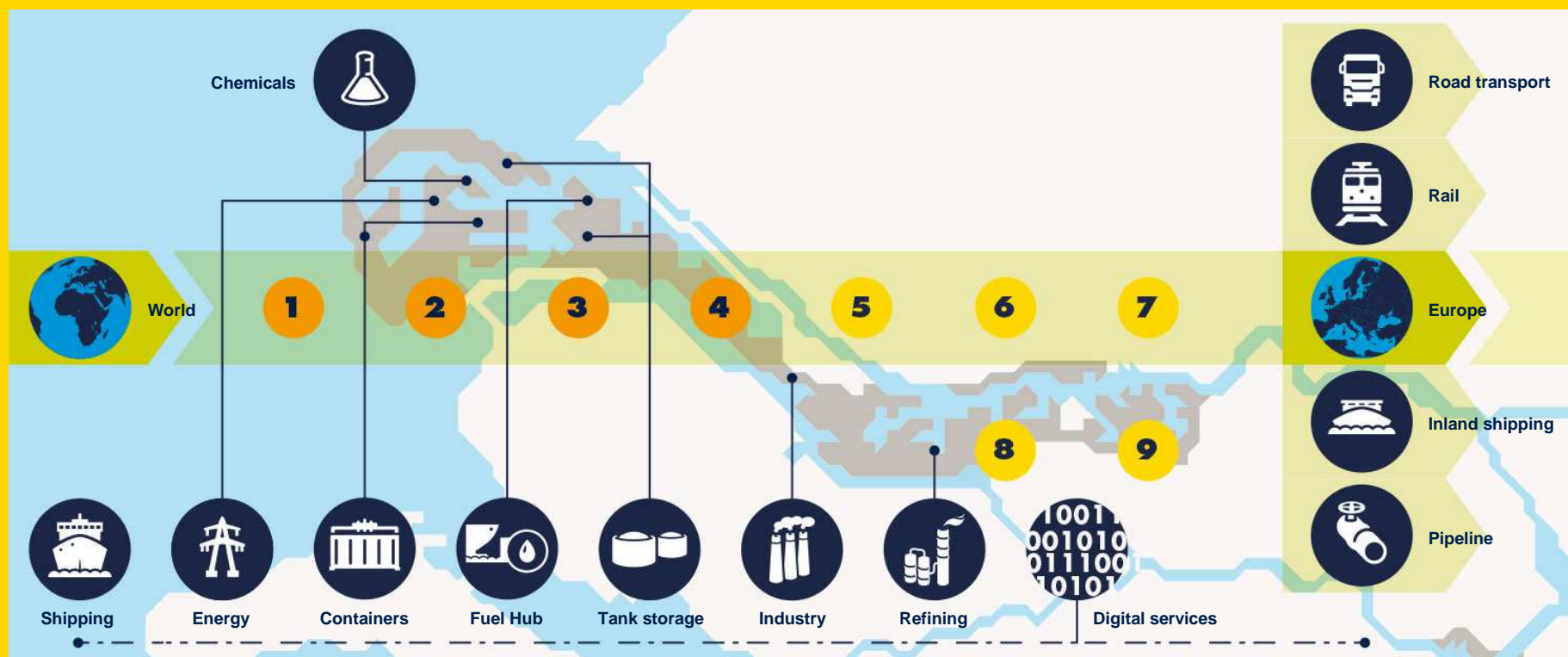
- Total port area 12,500 ha (net 6,000 ha)
- Total employment 175,000 people
- Total added value € 20 billion (3.0% GNP)
- Largest port in Europe, 9th port worldwide
- Throughput 460 million tons; 12.4 million TEU (containers)
- Depth up to 75 ft (= 24 m)



- 80 terminals
- 9 power plants, 20% Dutch power production
- 3.000 companies
- 5 oil refineries
- Largest biobased cluster of Europe
- 70,5 km quay length
- Part of ARRRRA-cluster (40% chemical industry in Europe)

# Core tasks of the Port of Rotterdam Authority

*Manager, developer, facilitator, booster and sometimes co-investor*





# Current developments

- Geopolitical developments influence trade flows
- Long-term moderate growth rates (eg in BRIC countries)
- Container Market is dynamic (alliances, over-capacity), strong competition
- Structural changes in energy market (emerging sustainable technology, shale gas)
- Ratification Climate Accord Paris
- Rapid application of new technologies - Digitization and robotics (inter alia self transport, drones)



# Main challenges: Digitalisation, energy transition, accessibility

Rotterdam wants to be a smart port by:

- Optimising ship handling through transparent information sharing
- Offering clients the possibility to determine the most efficient routes
- Smart hinterland planning
- Dolphins that indicate the actual load
- Berths and dolphins that give notification when available





# Main challenges:

## Digitalisation, energy transition, accessibility

- Energy transition strategy is two-fold:
  - Renew the existing business
  - Welcome new businesses
- Goal: strengthen the competitive position of the industrial cluster in the interest of business and society
- Major adaptations and flexibility are needed.....No more business as usual...
- A lot of projects are already underway in Rotterdam...



# Heat Roundabout

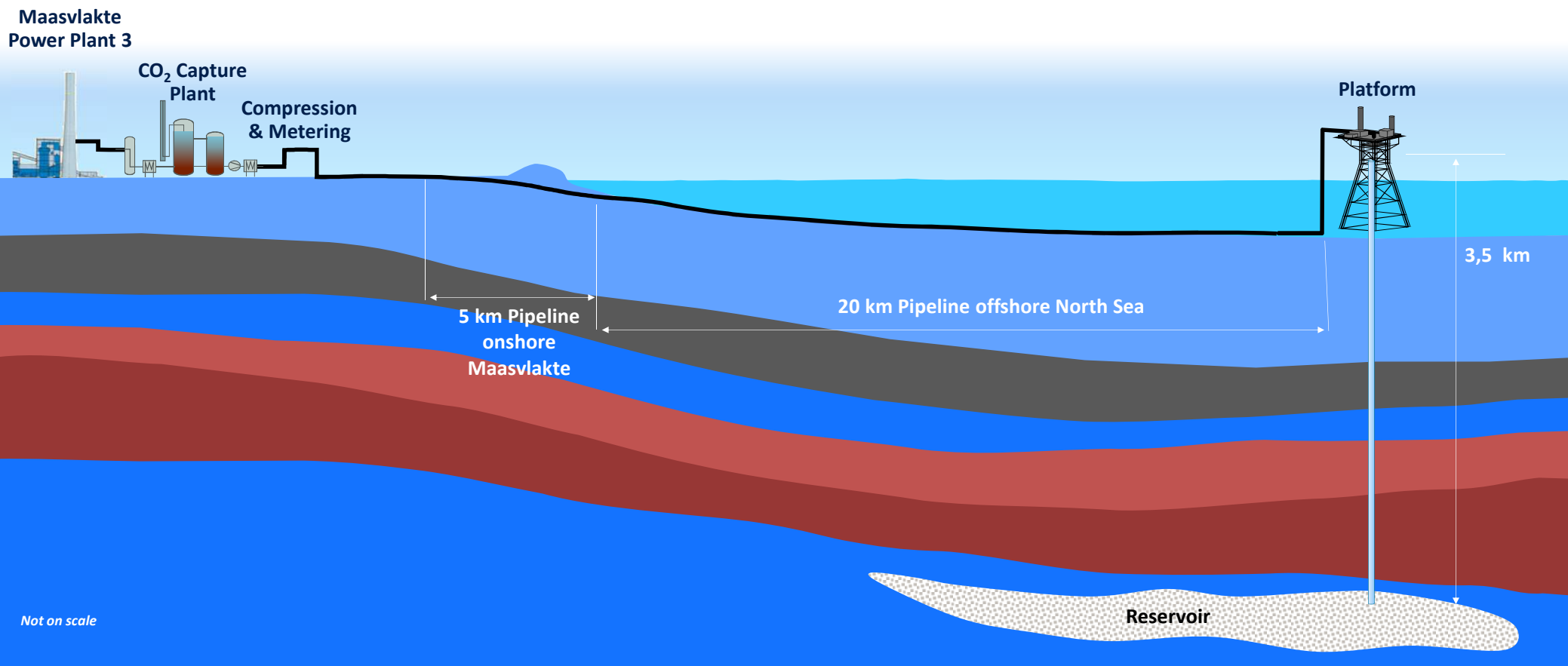
- Pipeline between the port - Westland - The Hague: distribution network for greenhouses
- Energy savings: 7.3 PJ annually;
- Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: 450 ktons/year;
- Reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions: 2 ktons/year







# Carbon Capture & Storage: ROAD-project



# LNG as transport fuel



# Biobased industry



Neste to build biopropane plant at Maasvlakte

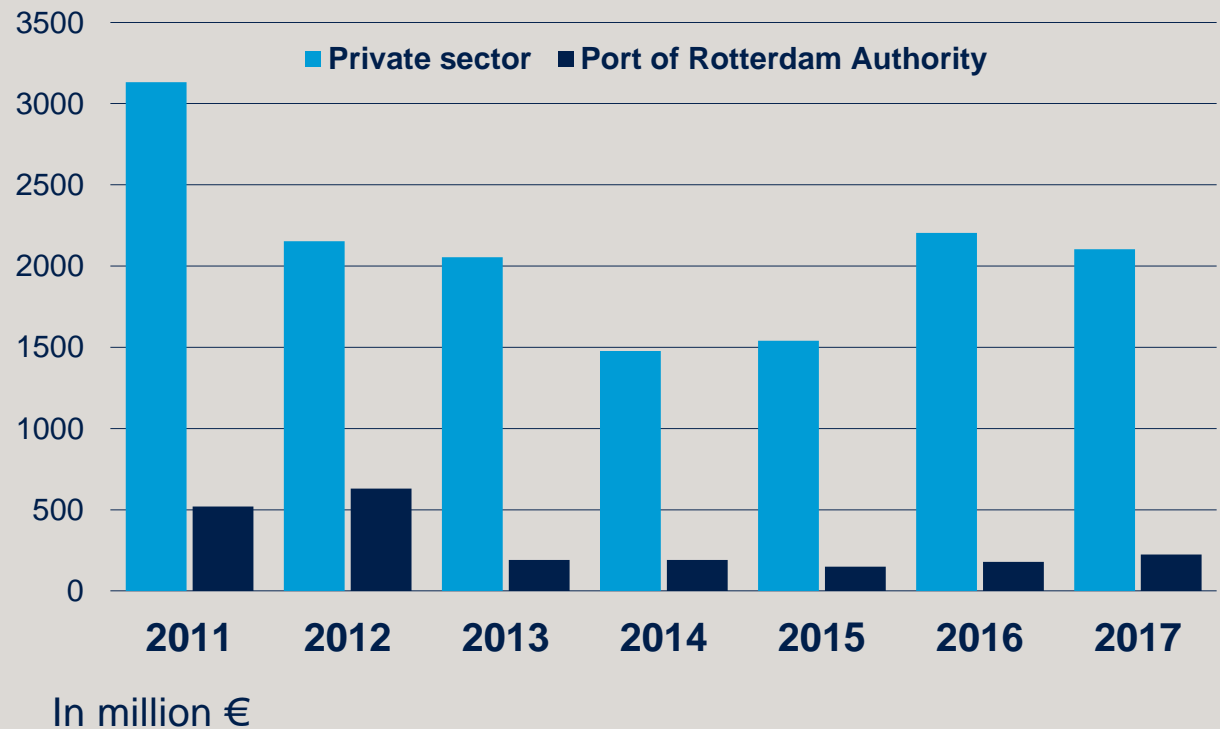


# Circular economy: waste-to-chemicals initiative



# Investments by Port Authority encourage necessary investments of private sector

- In 2016, the Port Authority invested approx.€ 180 million in renewing the industrial cluster and improving accessibility of the Port
- Investments by the Port of Rotterdam trigger necessary private investments
- Ratio of Port Authority to private sector investments is 1:7
- However, we need public support and reliable policies as well...



# How can policymakers help?

1. Increase the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
2. Provide a clear legal framework and timeline for industrial decarbonization paths.
3. Support R&D and investments in new low carbon technologies and infrastructure
4. Stimulate the use of clean transport fuels (i.e. LNG)
5. Enhance fair competition between European seaports





An aerial photograph of the Port of Rotterdam, showing a complex network of waterways, industrial zones with numerous white storage tanks, and surrounding urban areas. The sky is clear and blue.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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