

## Press Release

### GLOBAL PORT DEVELOPMENT

## Global port development gains momentum – all about ports focuses on modern port infrastructure

***Investment programmes worldwide – currently particularly dynamic in India – demonstrate how strongly ports are investing in modernization, digitalisation and sustainable infrastructure – key topics of all about ports conference in Hamburg.***

**Hamburg, 5 March 2026** – Ports around the world are increasing investments in infrastructure, technology and sustainable processes in order to make global supply chains more efficient and robust. New terminals are being developed, cargo handling systems are becoming increasingly automated, and digital control technologies and intelligent energy systems are entering port operations. At the same time, resilient supply chains, intermodal logistics corridors and the protection of critical infrastructure are gaining importance.

This development is particularly evident in India, which is currently one of the fastest-growing markets for port infrastructure worldwide and continues to strengthen its role in global trade and logistics networks. The country is investing heavily in the expansion of port and logistics infrastructure and is advancing programmes such as *Sagarmala*, *Maritime India Vision 2030*, and the long-term strategy *Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision*.

Against this backdrop, Hamburg Messe und Congress is establishing all about ports (2–3 September 2026, Hamburg) as an international conference with an accompanying exhibition. The event takes a comprehensive look at modern port infrastructure, technologies and processes. Together with other international industry events, Hamburg will become an important meeting point for the port industry, the maritime industry and digital logistics at the beginning of September. The event positions itself as a platform for practical solutions – ranging from digitalisation and automation to sustainable energy systems, alternative propulsion technologies, as well as security and infrastructure topics.

### Technology meets decision-making expertise

all about ports brings together solution providers and decision-makers from international port locations.

Key topics include:

- Digital control systems, artificial intelligence and process automation
- Cybersecurity and protection of critical infrastructure
- Decarbonisation, alternative propulsion and intelligent energy systems
- Intermodal logistics and autonomous cargo handling systems
- Sustainable port planning and infrastructure development

The event is aimed at port authorities and terminal operators, shipping companies and logistics providers, public authorities and policymakers, as well as technology companies and innovative start-ups.

“Ports worldwide are facing far-reaching transformation challenges. all about ports brings together the relevant stakeholders to develop concrete solutions for modern, resilient and sustainable port infrastructure,” says **Claus Ulrich Selbach**, Vice President Exhibitions Energy & Maritime at Hamburg Messe und Congress.

### **Hamburg as an active infrastructure hub**

Hamburg is one of Europe’s largest and most versatile ports and a key hub in international maritime trade. More than 200,000 TEU are handled annually between Hamburg and India, reflecting the close economic ties between the two regions.

In February 2026, a Hamburg business delegation led by **Dr Melanie Leonhard**, Hamburg’s Senator for Economic Affairs, travelled to Mumbai to discuss infrastructure projects and cooperation opportunities with port and government representatives. The delegation included Claus Ulrich Selbach, who presented Hamburg Messe und Congress’ international flagship events – SMM, WindEnergy Hamburg, and the new all about ports – as platforms for technological exchange, investment and international cooperation.

India’s investment programmes exemplify the pace at which port infrastructure is currently being modernised worldwide – a development that also has direct implications for European port locations.

### **Innovation driver for the port industry**

all about ports sees itself as a platform for innovation and transformation in the port industry. The aim is to provide momentum for resilient and sustainable port structures, strengthen international networks and facilitate technology transfer between research and the market.

Developments in India illustrate how strategically important port infrastructure is becoming worldwide – and how essential international platforms for exchange, investment and cooperation have become.

all about ports will take place on 2–3 September 2026 in Hamburg.

### **About all about ports**

all about ports (aap) is an international conference with an accompanying exhibition dedicated to the future of the port industry. The inaugural event will take place on 2–3 September 2026 at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg as “the new platform for integrated port solutions”. The focus will be on the challenges facing global port locations and on solutions related to digitalisation, automation, sustainability, security and logistics in the port environment. The event will also feature an extensive accompanying programme.

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