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CENTRAL BOOKING PLATFORM

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THE FREIGHT FORWARDER

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**AFFA = ANTWERP
FREIGHT FORWARDING,
LOGISTIC AND WORKS'
AGENTS ASSOCIATION**

GAMU

- ✓ represents freight forwarders, custom brokers and logistics providers
- ✓ the information centre about freight forwarding, customs, transport organisation and logistics
- ✓ proactive defense of the interests of its members
- ✓ providing useful information



INTERMODAL BOOKING PLATFORM

Realizing economies of scale

Central Booking Platform

Some years ago the idea arose within AFFA to establish a **Central Booking Platform** for the container inland waterways.

Due to the economic crisis, the project was put on hold.

From a Central Booking Platform towards an Intermodal Booking Platform

- for both inland waterways and rail
- AFFA is preparing the start-up
- Antwerp Port Authority
- Flemish Government
- Realize economies of scale by bundling volumes
- Important asset for
 - facilitating the flow of goods;
 - the accessibility of our port and
 - the mobility as a whole



Fast, simple and competitive way to book containers by barge and rail

Neutral

Transparent pricing table

Advantages Intermodal Booking Platform

Influence on schedules and timetables

Common 'buying power' Direct feedback with market information

Realizing price advantages

Confidential

Continuously stimulating intermodal transport

Differentiate by bundling volumes

Permanent contact with barge and rail operators

Strengthening the position of the freight forwarder

A wide canal with several barges. In the background, a large white arch bridge spans the water. The barges are of various sizes and colors, including red, white, and grey. The water is calm, and the sky is overcast.

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ATTENTION

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