

# The Sustainability Report 2019

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The port of Antwerp cherishes the ambition to remain a leader in creating sustainable added value. The 2019 sustainability report shows that we have put much effort into this over the past two years and have achieved results. We strengthened our economic position, but not without taking responsibility for the environment and the climate, taking care of our employees and local residents, and contributing to a more just world.

This positive story does not alter the fact that challenges remain. Continuing the transition to a low-carbon and circular economy remains the biggest challenge for the coming years, a process in which innovation must and will play an important role. To ensure our future, we must also focus on the modal shift and make extra efforts to fill bottleneck occupations and remain an attractive employer.

Read the full sustainability report at  
[www.sustainableportofantwerp.com](http://www.sustainableportofantwerp.com)



# Our performance in sustainability in 12 highlights

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In 2018, **235.2 million tonnes of goods** were transhipped in the port: a growth of **5.1 per cent**.

The total tonnage of produced goods reached an all-time record of **67 million tonnes** in 2018. Industrial investments increased, to a total amount of **3.4 billion euros** in 2017.

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ECLUSE, the **first green heat distribution network** in the port, is operational. The installed capacity for **renewable energy** has increased to **262.83 MWe** in 2018. **Onshore power supply cabinets** are available at 9 locations.

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Since its launch in 2017, **500,000 passengers** have used DeWaterbus as an alternative to the car. Cycling to work has also risen sharply: from 6% in 2016 to 14.5% in 2018.

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Via the **employer branding campaign 'You. The port. The world.'** we put the port in the spotlight as an attractive employer and we build a community around the people who work in the port.

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The growth of 2017 and 2018 was achieved **without a significant increase in our environmental emissions** (NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, particulates and CO<sub>2</sub>). Energy consumption decreased by **2.3%**, despite the growth of our activities.

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**2,494 discounts for green ships** were granted to shipowners. We have taken concrete steps in offering alternative fuels such as **LNG** and **hydrogen**. The first electric inland navigation ships and ships that run on hydrogen called at the port of Antwerp.

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With the Grenspark Groot-Saeftinghe, efforts are being made to create a **robust nature park of 4,500 hectares**.

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By charting the share of certified cocoa present in the port, we participate in **Beyond Chocolate**, the partnership that works towards a sustainable Belgian chocolate chain, and we pay attention to the role of ports in the entire supply chain.

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Companies from the port are contributing to the first circular and **climate-neutral industrial site** in the country, Blue Gate Antwerp. With a demonstration project on **Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU)**, we are testing the production of green methanol in our **circular experimental site**.

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The port of Antwerp is the first in Europe to introduce **Zero Pellet Loss**, a unique collaboration between industry, logistics and transport to prevent plastic granules from ending up in the environment.

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We launched the **Nxtport data platform** to make maritime and logistical processes even more efficient.

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With the signing of the **World Ports Sustainability Program** at the Port House and the launch of the **chair in Sustainable Transformation**, we inspire the international port community regarding sustainable development.



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