



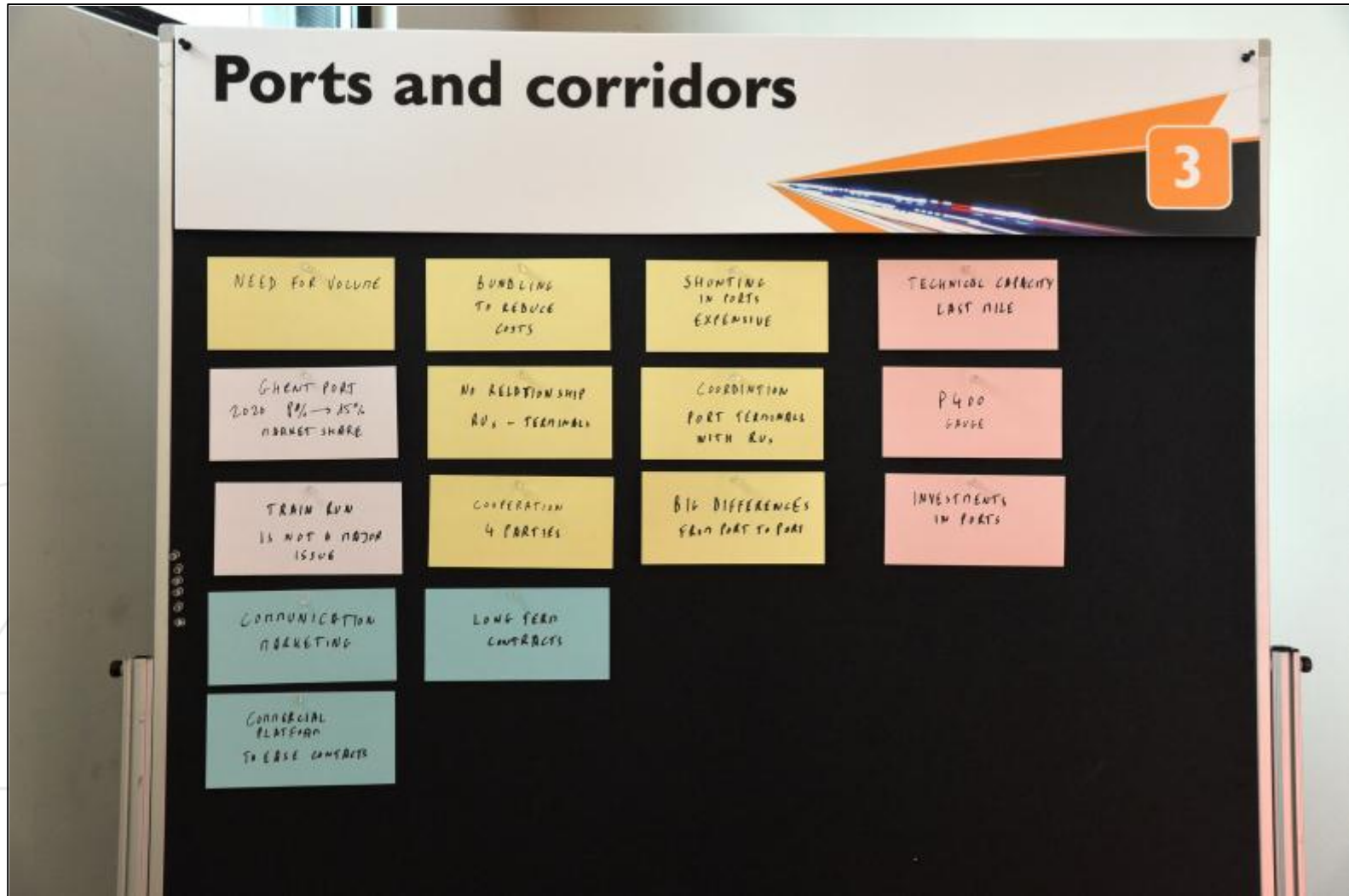
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# Traffic management studies on maritime ports



*Fast track your rail freight*

# Ghent conference 20 March 2014



# Ghent conference: what ports told corridors

- All ports have ambitious long term objectives for rail market share; the main obstacle is rail competitiveness (i.e. rail costs)
- First/last mile costs are more expensive than train run



# Ghent conference: what ports told corridors

- Volumes are too low so there is the need for bundling; there are other sources of costs, mostly in the last miles and often due to shunting problems
- Parties involved cannot use contractual relationships to solve problems; 3 or 4 categories of parties are often involved in this organisation process
- Problems are different from one port to another

**Bilateral cooperation is the solution: 1 port + corridor(s)**  
**It should focus on the identification of soft measures**

# Action plan (1/2)

- Objective: optimising rail freight transport in the port
- Themes: supply chain management, first/last mile issue, traffic organisation, exchange of information between parties, diagnostic of the state of the infrastructure, assessment of infrastructure needs, etc.





## Action Plan (2/2)

- Studies could be done directly by a rail infrastructure manager or by consultants steered by an infrastructure manager
- Timing: start in 2014, some studies have already begun
- Within ports or in marshalling yards at the entrance of ports



# Port studies and TAG

- Immediate focus on a small number of ports (2 or 3)
- If successful, these studies might be extended to other terminals (maritime or IWW ports, combined transport terminals)
- With due regard to confidentiality, the main elements of these studies could be shared with the RFC 2 TAG as they may be relevant for other terminals



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