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#### WEC LINES LAUNCHES FAST & DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN IRELAND, FRANCE & BELGIUM

**WEC Lines is excited to announce the immediate launch of a direct, weekly service between Ireland, Belgium and France in one seamless, fully controlled operation.**

**Increased flexibility & efficiency**

The new weekly service will be performed by a 868-TEU owned vessel in a fixed 7-day rotation, departing Zeebrugge on Thursdays, arriving in Dublin on Sundays, providing clients with a heightened level of flexibility and efficiency, such as rapid end-mile delivery.

**30-year presence in Irish market**

Dublin will now be called three times a week, as it is also a port of call in the existing Spanish and Portuguese services. Overall, WEC Lines’ commitment to the Irish Sea network will ensure a premium service to its clients.

As Roger Megann, Managing Director WEC Lines UK, pointed out: “WEC Lines has been active in the Irish market for over 30 years from Portugal. In 2024, we launched a dedicated Bilbao call connecting Dublin, facilitating onward linkages to and from inland Spain and the Canaries. Megann adds: “2025 will see the launch of this new service connecting Dublin to Zeebrugge and will also extend our reach to the surrounding European hinterland, further demonstrating WEC Lines’ commitment to Ireland as we grow the wider network that will see our range eventually extend to the Baltics and beyond whilst continuing to develop our markets of Portugal, Spain, Morocco and East Africa.

**Transcending the traditional network**

Traditionally connecting the Northwest Continent with Southern Europe, the Dutch carrier continues to expand its trade with linkages that transcend WEC Lines’ conventional shipping network. The new Northwest Continent – Ireland (“NWC – IE”) service is the latest example as demanded by clients in both the dry and reefer markets to offer increased frequency, faster transits, and deliver reliability.

By calling Le Havre, WEC Lines offers a sustainable alternative to trucking. WEC Lines now calls Le Havre twice a week, offers a fixed weekly Montoir call, and with its local Nantes office, it is further establishing its position in France. What’s more, the Zeebrugge-Dublin connection provides a reliable opportunity in avoiding the congested ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam for westbound shipments.

Philip Collet, General Manager WEC Belgium, adds: “Zeebrugge offers an easy port approach, multimodal hinterland connectivity opportunities, a short transit time to Ireland, and, above all, a valuable addition to our network to meet the needs of our customers.

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| SAILING SCHEDULE | Terminal | Day |
| Zeebrugge | CSP | Thursday |
| Dublin | MTL | Sunday |
| Le Havre | TN MSC | Wednesday |
| Zeebrugge | CSP | Thursday |

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| TRANSIT TIME (To: ->) | Zeebrugge | Dublin | Le Havre |
| Zeebrugge | - | 2 days | 5 days |
| Dublin | 3 days | - | 2 days |
| Le Havre | 1 day | 3 days | - |

*\* The arrival and departure days are excluded from the total transit time*

**Reliable and secure equipment**

The fully owned service connecting the Northwest Continent with Ireland safeguards complete and real-time information, thorough monitoring, and immediate operational actions throughout the entire transportation process which is particularly relevant when shipping temperature-sensitive, food-grade, or dangerous cargo. As usual, an extensive container range will be available.

For inquiries, bookings, and more information about the new services by WEC Lines, please visit [www.weclines.com](http://www.weclines.com) or contact your local representative.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS

WEC Lines is a proud shipping line with intermodal connections. Headquartered in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, the carrier operates 16 vessels, has a large container fleet, 17 local offices, and a large worldwide agent network. With +50 years of history, WEC Lines connects North & East Africa, The Red Sea, and Southern Europe to Northwestern Europe with high frequent, environmentally friendly container shipping solutions. The company is continuously exploring ways to further optimize services to its valued customers, fostering sustainability, and delivering superior customer experiences.

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