



**Innovative Technologies for Ports and Logistics  
Towards a Sustainable Resilient Future**



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Born 21 September 1960 in Ghent (Belgium) – still living there. Rudy studied public administration and modern languages

Brief description of his activities and responsibilities in water related associations and projects :

- ▶ President of Inland Waterways International (IWI)
- ▶ Chair of PIANC WG 219, with the task of realizing a report with 'guidelines for inland waterways infrastructure to facilitate tourism'
- ▶ Expert in the World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization (WCCO)
- ▶ President of the Flemish Committee of Sailing Heritage
- ▶ Promoter water tourism city of Ghent
- ▶ Representative of the 'Flemish cities of art' in the core team 'platform water recreation, -sports & - tourism' and of the subteams 'Inland Waterways' and 'Water recreation' (Flemish authorities)
- ▶ Secretary of NautiV, the Professional Association of Flemish Nautical SME's
- ▶ Secretary of the Flemish Federation of Passenger Transport
- ▶ NIWE member (Network for Inland Waterways in Europe)



- ▶ PIANC-Belgium member
- ▶ Member of the High Council for self-employed persons and SME's – section tourism
- ▶ Project member of Escaut/Schelde2050
- ▶ Member of Water Heritage Flanders
- ▶ Council member in the regional Tourism Boards 'Toerisme Leiestreek' & 'Toerisme Scheldeland' on behalf of the city of Ghent
- ▶ Project leader for Ghent in the European Interreg-project 'Golden Lys'
- ▶ Author of several articles in water-related publications
  
- ▶ Organizer of the WORLD CANALS CONFERENCE 2015 in Ghent, together with NautiV
- ▶ Former project leader European Interreg 2 Seas 'Yacht Valley' - Masterplan Snepkaai marina
- ▶ Former project member European Interreg II 'sustainable canal restoration'
- ▶ Former project member European Interreg IV 'the river Lys, from source to mouth'
- ▶ Former project member European 'Detour' : Compact Cities and Tourism - Developing Tourism in Urban Europe
- ▶ Former ICOMIA representative on behalf of Portus Ganda Marina - Belgium
- ▶ Founding board member of Gandavum (association promoting the cultural heritage along the waterways in Ghent and in the province of East-Flanders – association on hold)
- ▶ Belgian representative and delegate in AEMA (European Association of Municipalities with Marina/Yachting Harbour) (association on hold)