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“ MODAL INTEGRATION WITHIN THE TEN-T CORRIDOR CONCEPT ”



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THE FREIGHT FORWARDER

VEA

**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



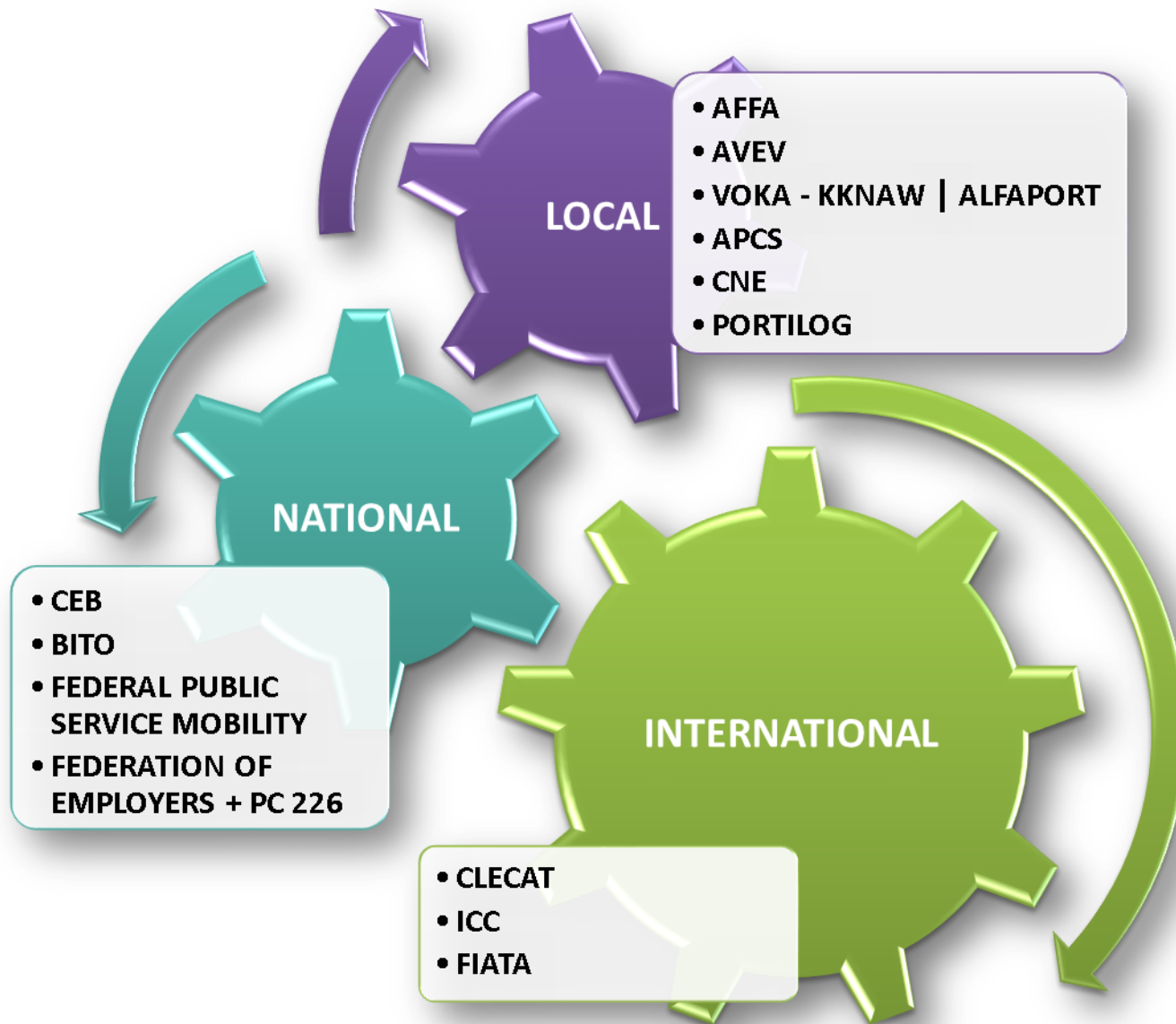
CEB = CONFEDERATION OF BELGIAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS

The members of CEB are the regional associations:

- ✓ **ADESO**
- ✓ **AFFA**
- ✓ **BAFI**
- ✓ **BELOTRA**
- ✓ **VEREXZ**
- ✓ ***Associated member: BCA***

❖ **CLECAT**

❖ **FIATA**





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 rail and inland waterways
- 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

Common 'buying power'

Influence on schedules and timetables

Direct feedback with market information

Realizing price advantages

Advantages Intermodal Booking Platform

Confidential

Continuously stimulating intermodal transport

Differentiate by bundling volumes

Permanent contact with barge and rail operators

Strengthening the position of the freight forwarder



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