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Antwerp Terminal Services and MSC PSA European Terminal connect with youths through local outreach programme 'Repair Teens'

Interactive workshop aims to inspire teenagers to be enthusiastic about knowledge, skills and technology

MPET, Thursday 27 April 2023 – Antwerp Terminal Services (ATS) hosted 15 youths at the MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) in the Port of Antwerp for an interactive workshop on 26 April 2023 to introduce the scope of work carried out by port engineers and technicians on a daily basis. This hands-on event is part of the 'Repair Teens' community project that encourages teenagers between the ages of 12 and 14 to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), which will open up career opportunities for them in future.

The workshop included a tour of the quay displaying massive quay cranes in action and a visit to the straddle carrier garage, where large vehicles, also referred to as 'Elephants', that move individual containers around the terminal are serviced and repaired. At the garage, many youths participated in interesting activities such as tuning a six-cylinder engine as well as measuring and reporting the resistance box.

'Repair Teens' regularly organises workshops and camps across the northern area of Belgium in Flanders, where youths learn how to solve problems in specialised fields such electricity, mechanics and programming. These initiatives expose youths to the corporate world and allow them to learn how technical services play a role in supporting multinational companies.

'Repair Teens' is established by the Technical Academy, an initiative of Vives college, project partners including BEMAS vzw, POM, Repair Share, Thomas More College, PXL college and a group of industrial partners. It also receives active support from VLAIO, the Flemish Agency for Innovation and Enterprise.

Koen Vansteelant, Senior Officer Training at PSA Antwerp believes that 'Repair Teens' plays an important role in our current society. "By participating in this project, we want to show young people that if they choose a STEM direction now, this kind of interesting career can be waiting for them."

Noë Huybrechts (12) from Wilrijk says, "I found it a very interesting visit. I've already fixed a hydraulic pipe and later we're going to see straddle carriers from above. I can see myself working in the port, because my grandfather does so and he always talks about it and I find that interesting."

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MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) is a joint venture between PSA and Terminal Investment Limited (TIL). With an annual throughput capacity of 9 million TEU, a quay length of 3.7 km and a surface area of 242 ha, MPET is the largest container terminal in Europe and accounts for more than 50% of Antwerp's total container volume.

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About ATS

ATS is a joint venture between PSA Antwerp and MPET. ATS provides Technical, HSS (Health, Safety, Security) and Barge Planning Services to both companies.

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