

## CHALLENGE 2, 10th September 2019

### How can we align the economic development of inner-city ports with the quality of life in the surrounding urban areas?

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**Ports are examples of infrastructure that must be connected to either the highway or railway networks. Such transport volumes are not so palatable for the city’s residents - especially in cities such as Gdynia, where the port lies next to the city centre. In addition, some port activity causes noise and pollution, which is a common source of complaints from some residents. At the same time, there is no doubt that seaports are extremely economically important for the BSR, country and the metropolitan area. The challenge, therefore, is to maintain the current economic development of ports and at the same time to ensure a high quality of life within its neighbourhood.**

#### key questions:

- How might we solve the problem of improving road/rail connections to ports and the development of port infrastructure without interfering with the city urban infrastructure?
- How can we effectively plan warehousing and transport lying within the harbour city perimeter?
- How cutting-edge technology affects this situation?
- How can IT and autonomous solutions improve the logistics of port operations, but also improve relations with the local community?
- How to avoid conflicts with residents living near port areas?

#### who should be potentially interested in this challenge?

Representatives of Port Authorities, City planning officers, City council members, Development agencies, local activists, higher education institutions – academics, scientific institutes, maritime startups, students and NGOs