



# ZERO BRINE

## Creating Acceptance for Circularity

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# Agenda

- 15:00 – Welcome** – Kees Roest
- 15:10 – Introduction** to the structure of the ZERO BRINE project – Gijsbert Korevaar
- 15:20 – Videos** of the ZERO BRINE pilot plants in Poland and Spain
- 15:30 – Social acceptance discussion** between participants and researchers from the Consortium –  
led by Patricia Osseweijer
  - A business model perspective – Giulia Calabretta
  - Inputs from integrated sustainability assessment – Gijsbert Korevaar
- 16:25 – Wrap up**, closing words – Kees Roest

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# Speakers



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# Polish Pilot





# Spanish Pilot





# ZERO BRINE

## Quality Standards

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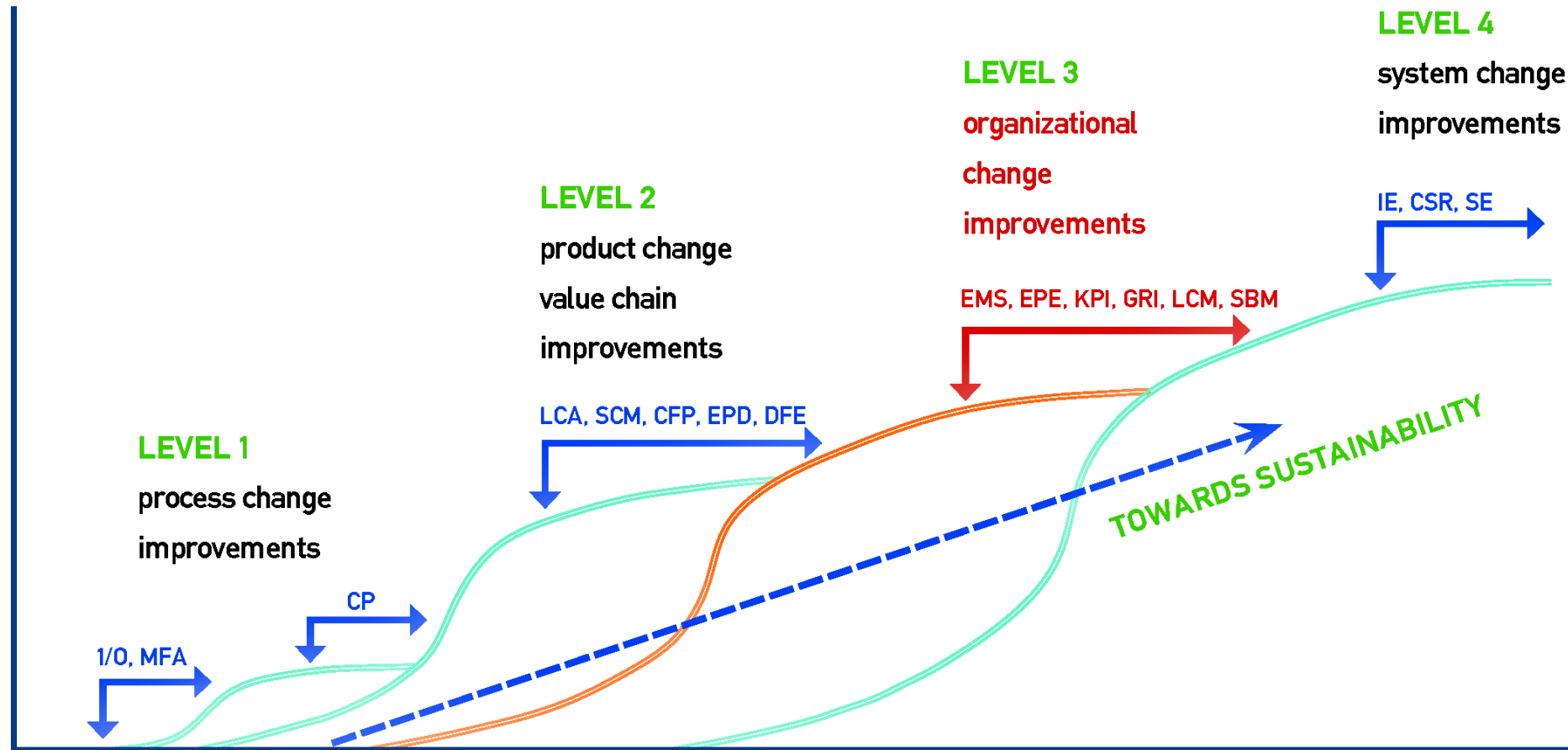


# My background

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- Chemical Engineering design research
  - Industrial Ecology education development
  - Industrial Symbiosis projects and research
  - Circular Economy education and research
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- Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management
  - Department of Engineering Services and Systems
  - Energy and Industry section

# Level 4: system change improvements







# Industrial Symbiosis – main topics

**Industrial -** resources, production, transport, waste treatment  
**- Symbiosis** ... linked together with a mutual benefit

- What is needed:
- Process Intensification
- Innovative (Bio)-Chemical Routes
- Design Value Chains and Supply Chains as Closed Loops
- Smart Infrastructures
- Sufficient Diversity
- Organisational Embedding
- Evaluation and Management of Sustainability Performance



## INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY

Discipline that uses ecological principles in order to analyze and design industrial systems and to reduce their impact on the environment.

### Eco-industrial park

Community of manufacturing and service businesses seeking enhanced environmental and economic performance through collaboration in managing environmental and resource issues including energy, water, and materials.

### Industrial symbiosis

Dynamic process based on the interaction of separate businesses entities that create a cooperative network to achieve competitive advantage by physical exchange of materials, energy, water, and/or by-products as well as services and infrastructures.

### Industrial symbiosis dynamics

Ways in which an industrial symbiosis is generated and structured from a technical and organizational point of view.

#### Technical dynamics

- Process oriented
- Residue oriented
- Place oriented

#### Organizational dynamics

- Anchor manufacturer
- Eco-cluster development
- Government planning
- Business incubator

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Industrial system that is restorative or regenerative by intention and design.

### Circular economy principles

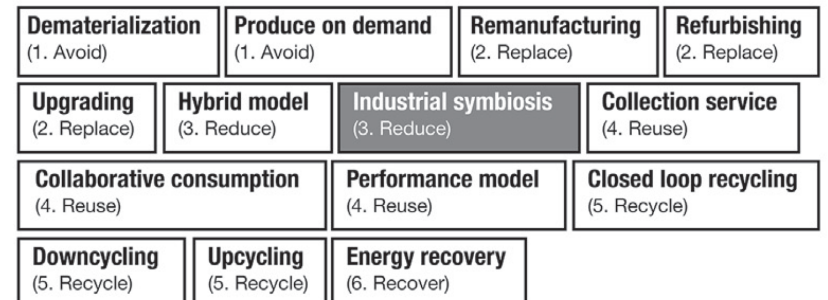
1. Design out waste/Design for reuse
2. Build resilience through diversity
3. Rely on energy from renewable sources
4. Waste is food/Think in cascades/Share values
5. Think in systems

### Circular economy strategic framework

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|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Narrowing resource loops |   | A. Technical innovation      |
| 2. Slowing resource loops   | + | B. Business model innovation |
| 3. Closing resource loops   |   | C. Collaboration             |

### Circular business models

Disruptive business models aiming to drive the sustainability of a business network through the circular strategies, linking up material flows, using resources most efficiently and ideally eliminating waste.





# Key concepts for Quality indicators

1. Environmental and economic assessments
2. Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment
3. Ecological impacts from brine discharge
4. Policy review and assessment

Table 2. Recovered materials by the four locations of ZERO BRINE

Recovered material	CAS no.	Source of waste water	Location	Potential end-markets (professional use)
$\text{Ca(OH)}_2$	1305-62-0	Chemical industry, Silica industry	The Netherlands and Spain	<p>This substance is used in the following areas: building &amp; construction work, municipal supply (e.g. electricity, steam, gas, water) and sewage treatment, agriculture, forestry and fishing, formulation of mixtures and/or re-packaging, health services, printing and recorded media reproduction and scientific research and development.</p> <p>This substance is used for the manufacture of: mineral products (e.g. plasters, cement), wood and wood products, textile, leather or fur, rubber products, plastic products, machinery and vehicles, electrical, electronic and optical equipment, pulp, paper and paper products and furniture.</p>
$\text{Mg(OH)}_2$	1309-42-8	Chemical industry, Coal mine industry, Textile industry, Silica industry	The Netherlands, Poland, Turkey, Spain	<p>This substance is used in the following products: lubricants and greases, anti-freeze products, coating products, polishes and waxes, adhesives and sealants, polymers and fillers, putties, plasters, modelling clay.</p> <p>This substance is used in the following areas: building &amp; construction work, agriculture, forestry and fishing, mining and formulation of mixtures and/or re-packaging.</p> <p>This substance is used for the manufacture of: chemicals, plastic products, textile, leather or fur, pulp, paper and paper products and machinery and vehicles.</p>
$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$	7757-82-6	Chemical industry, Silica industry	The Netherlands and Spain	<p>This substance is used in the following products: plant protection products, textile treatment products and dyes, washing &amp; cleaning products, cosmetics and personal care products and fertilisers.</p> <p>This substance is used in the following areas: agriculture, forestry and fishing, printing and recorded media reproduction and mining.</p> <p>This substance is used for the manufacture of: chemicals, textile, leather or fur, pulp, paper and paper products and food products.</p>

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NaCl (both solution and salt)	7647-14-5	Chemical industry, Coal mine industry, Textile industry	The Netherlands, Poland, Turkey	<p>This substance is used in the following products: pH regulators and water treatment products, fertilisers, water treatment chemicals, anti-freeze products, textile treatment products and dyes, laboratory chemicals, cosmetics and personal care products, inks and toners and paper chemicals and dyes.</p> <p>This substance is used in the following areas: agriculture, forestry and fishing, building &amp; construction work, scientific research and development, printing and recorded media reproduction and health services.</p> <p>This substance is used for the manufacture of: textile, leather or fur, wood and wood products and food products.</p>
Demineralised water		Chemical industry	The Netherlands	Can be used in the neighbouring chemical production as ultra-pure water.





# Quality standard development

Deliverable Number	Deliverable Title	WP number	Type	Dissemination level
D7.1	Report on the unified approach of the environmental and economic assessments	WP7	Report	Public
D7.6	Report on the LCSA results	WP7	Report	Public
D9.1	Report on environmental impacts from brine discharge	WP9	Report	Public
D9.2	Report on policy review and assessment / suggestions for BREF update	WP9	Report	Public



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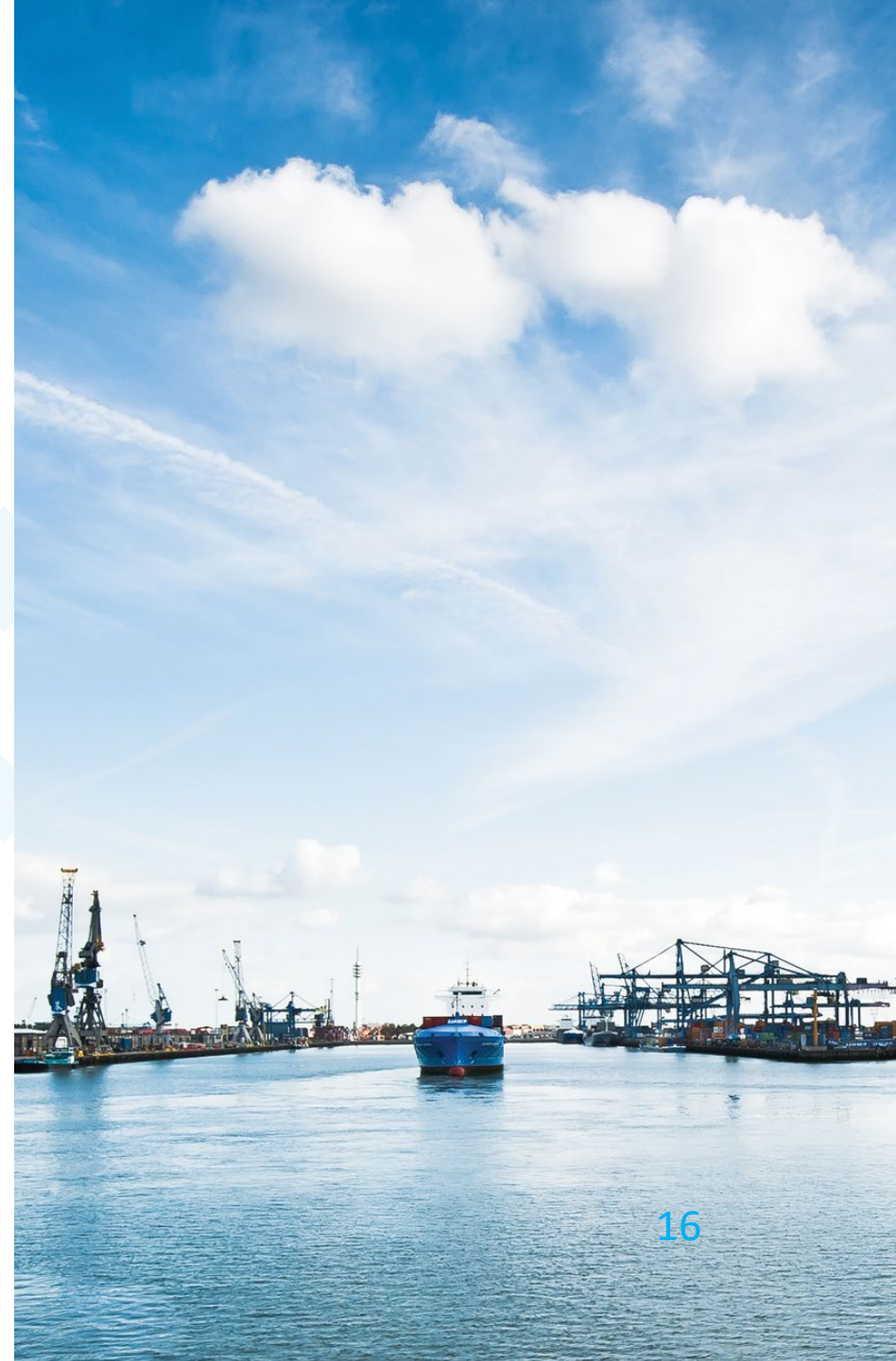
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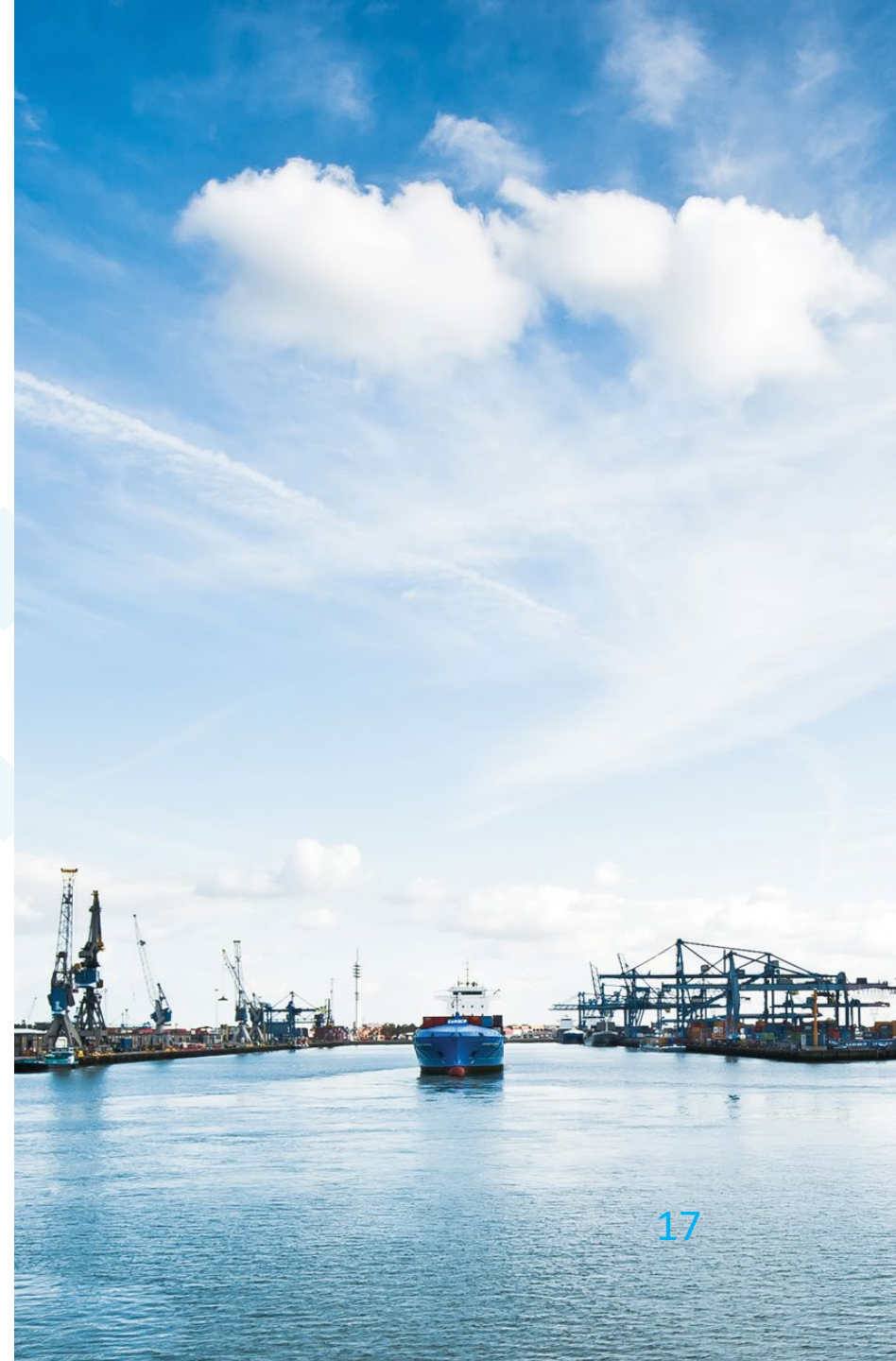
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## Designing a circular business model for ZERO BRINE in Botlek

**Dr. Giulia Calabretta**



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# Our approach: Experimentation

**Circular business model experimentation entails defining an initial circular business model idea, and then iteratively refining it over time in collaboration with key stakeholders, to find an overlap between their different goals, economic and environmental benefits**

- Co-design tool
- Co-design activities

(Baldassarre et al., 2020; Bocken et al., 2018; Konietzko et al., 2020)



# A circular business model for the Botlek area

**business model**  
a conceptual  
construct

**= value proposition**  
what does the  
consortium make and  
sell to whom

**+ value creation**  
how does the  
consortium make it and  
with whom

**+ value delivery**  
how does the  
consortium reach the  
clients and deal with  
them

**+ value capture**  
where are the costs  
and how does the  
consortium make  
money

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**Costs:**  
- Financing the feasibility study  
- Financing the installation

**Revenues:**  
- Feasibility study (?)  
- Full implementation

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## IMPLEMENTATION BARRIERS

### Cultural barriers

### Regulatory barriers

### Economic barriers

### Technical barriers

#### Circular value proposition

Reactive approach to innovation

Unfavorable waste disposal regulations

Lack of a solid business case

Rebound effects

#### Circular value creation

Limited willingness to collaborate

Explorative vs. exploitative mindsets

Issues with intellectual property rights

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Low technology readiness level

#### Circular value delivery

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Limited availability of necessary infrastructure

Risk of damaging current infrastructure

Energy efficiency issues

#### Circular value capture

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Low price of virgin resources

Unwarranted quality of recovered resources

Limited volumes of recovered resources

Increase of operational costs due to the new technology use

Inability or unwillingness to cover initial investment

Reusing equipment within the service-based revenue model



# Lessons learned for achieving acceptance

- New circular business model opportunities:
  - Magnesium recovery
  - Brine Excellence Centers
- A granular and detailed understanding of stakeholders and barriers
- Unbalanced focus on technological discussion
- A need for deeper embedment of the business model discussion
- Taking responsibility for leading the business model discussion





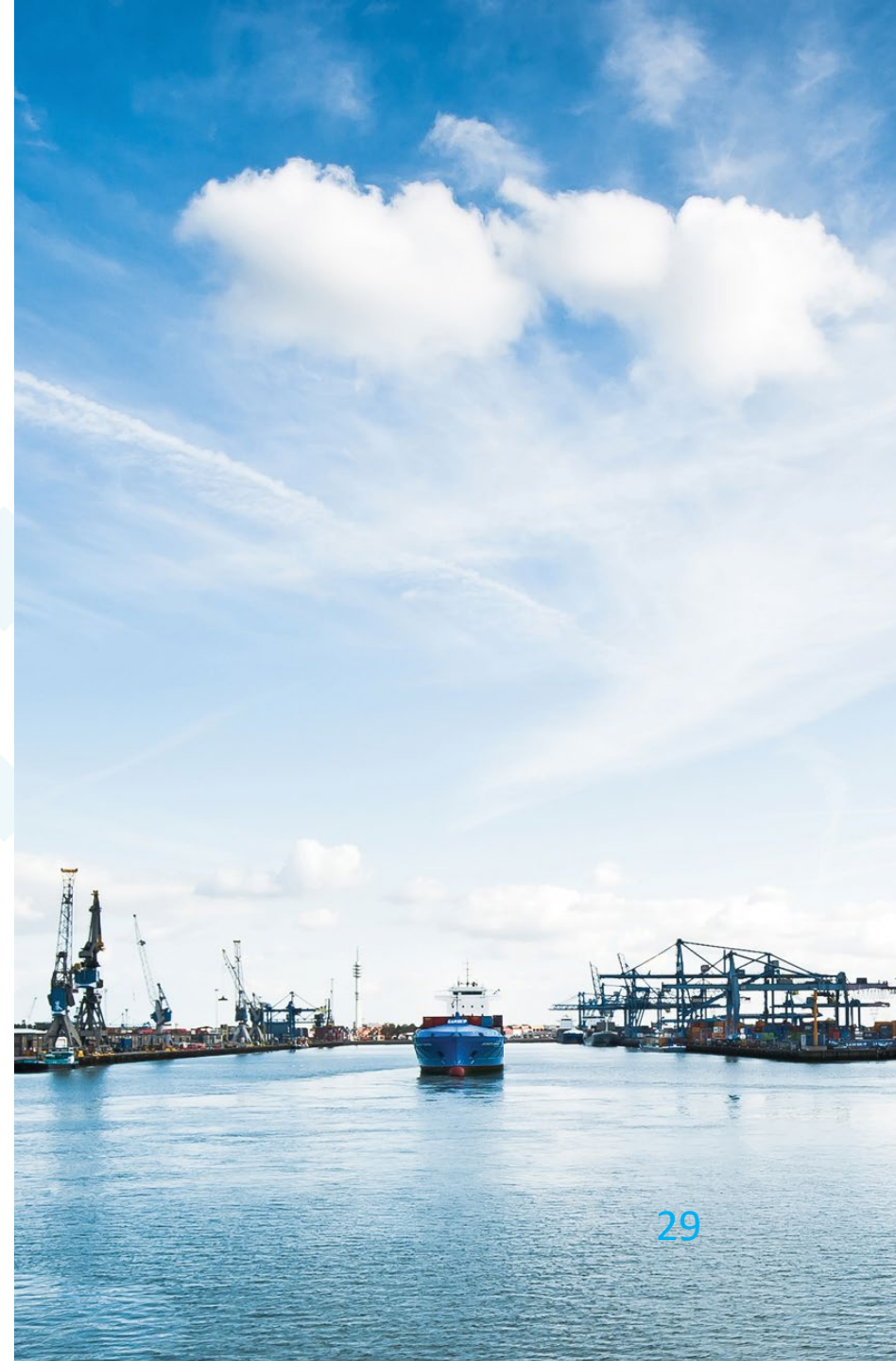
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