



Invitation
Friday 11 August 2017
Port of Basel

Dear shipping professionals,

After 2 years of Zurich Shipping Network activities, we are very pleased to announce our upcoming event with a very **exclusively Swiss shipping theme**.

We are inviting you to join us in Basel, at the international shipping port of Switzerland. Here our host and sponsor, **Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) Basel** and Managing Director **Mr Rene Maegli**, will take us through a unique programme. We will have a great opportunity to learn more about:

- the importance of Rhine in the European trade flow
- the role of port of Basel for Swiss economy
- the importance of the container business in world commerce

MSC Basel has generously offered to sponsor the entire tour, including the transportation on the Rhine, museum visit and networking apero.

Program:

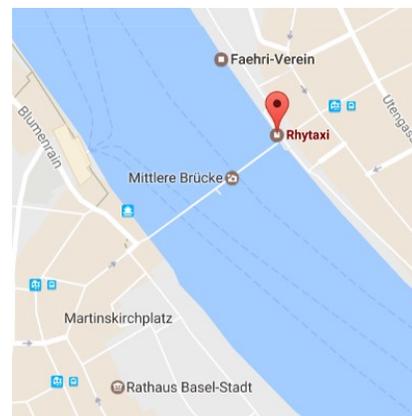
15:45 Arrival at Rhytaxi pier Basel
16:00 Departure by Rhinetaxi
16:15 Visit the Verkehrsdrehscheibe Basel with guided tour, incl. Q&A
17:45 Visit the Barge Container Terminal of Basel, incl. Q&A
18:45 Networking drinks on the boats
20:15 End of official programme

Start of the tour: Rhytaxi Pier, Basel ([google mail link](#))

Dress code: Business casual. **No high heels please.**

Expenses: No costs to attend. Attendees will need to cover own transportation costs to Basel and onward to the meeting point at the [Rhytaxi pier](#).

Register: Please email zurich@shippingnetwork.co.uk by **latest 2nd July 2017**.



*This is a networking event targeted at people involved in the shipping industry based in the wider Zurich-Zug area. Anybody with an interest in shipping is welcome. **There are only 30 places available for this event** which will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Feel free to forward this invitation to those who may want to join the Zurich Shipping Network.*

For those who will attend, we will revert at later stage with more logistics details (meeting points in Zurich and Basel, train schedule, how to reach the pier Basel, etc) to facilitate a smooth arrival. We are also working on a late lunch company visit prior to the port visit. Details about this to follow.

On behalf of the board of Zurich Shipping Network,

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)

is a world leader in global container shipping, with headquarters in Switzerland. The company operates a fleet of 460 container vessels with an intake capacity of ca 2.75 mil TEU, calling 315 ports and covering 200 trade routes. MSC was founded back in the 70s by the seafarer Captain Mr Gianluigi Aponte who started the business with one ship and it is still run by the Aponte family, with the current CEO Mr Diego Aponte, being the son of the founder.

For more information please visit <https://www.msc.com>

MSC Basel and Mr Rene Maegli

Mr Rene Maegli is the founder of MSC Basel, the only MSC agency in Switzerland, back in the 1981. The agency in Basel counts for more than 100 employees, who are rendering services not only for Swiss based customers but also for multinational companies, including commodity trading companies, FMCG and major forwarders.

Mr Maegli is well known in the industry not only for the expertise and dedication to the customers but also for having only women in his large team. There are plenty of articles on this subject (in German only), which can be accessed here:

www.renemaegli.ch



Port of Basel-Kleinhüningen

Port Basin 1 and Port Basin 2, along with a turning basin, are located on the right bank of the Rhine. The port at Kleinhüningen has three container terminals of growing importance. Classic dry goods such as steel, aluminium and non-ferrous metals, as well as liquid fuels and propellants, are also handled and stored at Kleinhüningen.

Area: 701,091 m²

<http://www.port-of-switzerland.ch/>