



IPCSA Summary 2018-19

IPCSA is the successor to the European Port Community Systems Association (ECPA) which was launched in June 2011 by six founding members, all European-based Port Community System operators.

IPCSA and its members play a vital role in global trade facilitation; the electronic communications platforms provided by Port Community Systems ensure smooth transport and logistics operations at hundreds of sea ports, airports and inland ports.

ECPA was originally formed in June 2011 by SOGET, Le Havre, France; MCP, Felixstowe, UK; Portic, Barcelona, Spain; Portbase, Rotterdam and Amsterdam, Netherlands, dbh, Bremen, Germany and DAKOSY, Hamburg, Germany. ECPA was formed so that Port Community System Operators (PCSOs) had an organisation who could represent them at the European Commission and other agencies, National, Regional and International.

On 1st September 2014 the association changed from a European to an International association to better reflect our growing membership which now includes members from across the globe.

In addition IPCSA expanded its membership which now includes Sea and Air Port Community System Operators, Cargo Community System Operators and Single Window Operators. A number IPCSA members actually operate the Community System and the Trade Single Window in their own country.

IPCSA core objectives and priorities are:

- I. To ensure that the importance of PCSOs is recognised Internationally and in the EU and its Member States and that the sector is consulted substantively on any measure likely to affect it;
- II. To ensure that PCSOs play their full part in delivering e-services Internationally;
- III. To promote the highest possible standards in European and International PCSOs;
- IV. To encourage all PCSOs to be proactive in PCS development.
- V. To support and promote international, regional and national trade facilitation measures
- VI. To promote international collaboration for more effective cross-border processes and supply chain visibility.

For 2018-19 the priorities for IPCSA are split between Core Priorities and initiatives and with one cross cutting theme and current or proposed priority leads or initiatives lead persons have been included.

CORE PRIORITIES

Standardisation – To support international organisations with advice and guidance on the development of standards. This would include:

- **UN/CEFACT** – support UN/CEFACT standards and guidance
- **WCO** – Participate in the IMO DMPT including the IMO Electronic FAL Compendium
- **IMO** – Support and provide input into revisions of existing and future guidelines, policies
- **ISO** – Actively participate in ISO standards and Technical Committees including TC154 and TC8.
- **SMDG (Ship Message Design Group)** – Engage and share information with SMDG and its members
- **PROTECT (Port Message design Group)** – Engage and share information with PROTECT and its members

Customs – Customs is critical to PCS and therefore should be a key focus for the association. Building on the relationships we already have with regional and international customs organisations IPCSA will focus on developing these further, with:



- **WCO** – including participation at the WCO Trade Facilitation Working group and Permanent Technical Committee. Attendance at the WCO IT Conference and other meetings that are appropriate for PCS. To become a formally recognised body.
- **OCO** – to develop the OCO's (Oceania Customs Organisation) Associate membership and support its members in the understanding of Trade facilitation and the role that Port Community Systems could have in their region.
- **UCC and DG TAXUD** – help DG TAXUD deliver appropriate and trade friendly guidelines and regulations for the new UCC and its implementation
- **eManifest** – participate actively in the DG MOVE & DG TAXUD eManifest Pilot being led by EMSA.
- **Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DG MOVE)** – Continue attending and participating in the DTLF and advise IPCSA members on progress.
- **DG Connect** – engage with DG Connect on the EU Digital Agenda in areas which may be relevant to PCS and their operators.
- **DG SANCO** – engage with DG SANCO on relevant issues.

Single Window / Trade Facilitation – The WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) is the driving force behind the development of the electronic exchange of information and reducing the administrative burden for trade across borders. To that end every WTO member state has agreed, subject to the ratification of the TFA, to development a Single Window and Single Submission of Information. IPCSA will highlight that PCS are a Trade Facilitation tool and supports the development of Single Window through linking both Administrative and Operational information. IPCSA will focus on:

- **WTO** – Look towards gaining official NGO status at the WTO and participate in appropriate WTO meetings. Participate in the TFA implementation.
- **IMO** – Work with the IMO on their Maritime Single Window project and provide support and guidance as appropriate.
- **European Commission** – Work with DG MOVE and DG TAXUD project groups and also on advice and guidance related to potential developments and amendments to existing and future Single Window directives such as 2010/65.
- **Asia Pacific** – Become actively engaged with APEC and other Asian organisations including ASEAN, PAA as two examples. Support Asia Pacific Ports in the development of Community Systems and digitalisation in ports.
- **UN** – To continue to provide experience and knowledge with the UN and its regional commissions as well as UN/CEFACT and UNNEXT and participate in meetings where appropriate.
- **UNCTAD** – Support UNCTAD in activities related to Single Window and PCS.

Community Systems Development – Support organisations including local, national, regional and international in understanding the value of Community Systems and engage in activities to support such organisations. The principle is for IPCSA to support such organisations to get to a position whereby they agree on the need for a PCS and at that point the organisation should look for specific consultants to support them further.

- **Member Showcases** – at each IPCSA meeting hosted by a member those members, if acceptable to them, to showcase examples of best practice.
- **International Community Systems development** – support the Inter-America development Bank and other similar organisations with advice and guidance on terms of reference for projects related to Community Systems and Single Windows.

Air Community Systems - In order to ensure that IPCSA builds its experience and knowledge and thus influence in the air environment and subsequently encourage new members IPCSA will focus on:

- Obtain ICAO Ngo Consultative Status
- Relationships with IATA, TIACA, IASA and AEA.
- Attend and participate in relevant conferences and events.
- Create an Air Corridors initiative and to consider including eCommerce

CROSS CUTTING THEME

Cybersecurity and data protections – Given the extent or recent Cyber Security threats and also new legislation IPCSA should consider within all of its activities the impact of Cyber Threats and Risks and also Data Protection issues.

- **Cyber Risks** – Keep members updated on cyber risks and security threats where appropriate



- **Data Protection** – Provide advice and guidance to members on impact of existing and future regulations such as the EU General Data Protection Regulation
- **IPCSA Initiatives** – Include, where appropriate within initiatives and their design elements covering Cyber Security and Data protection.

INITIATIVES

IPCSA role in these initiatives is to help facilitate and develop these amongst the membership and where appropriate publish and promote them to the wider community.

Network or Trusted Networks: To increase number of members actively engaged in the initiative and to develop new areas of collaboration.

Blockchain – Bill of Lading Pilot : To complete the Proof of Concept for a Bill of Lading Blockchain

PCS Vision 2030: To complete by end of 2018 a Community System vision covering all styles of Community Systems and in less than ten pages

NEAL-NET liaison / One Belt One Road: To develop an initiative exchanging data supporting the One Belt One Road policy of China and to have a regular liaison with NEAL-Net and engage all NEAL-NET Partners in IPCSA activities.

Air Corridors: To develop Air Corridors between IPCSA members to exchange data between relevant parties

Membership and Regions

In order to show it is a truly international body in applications to gain consultative status within international bodies, IPCSA should be seen to cover the whole world. As such during 2015-16 a regional structure was put into place.

The IPCSA Regional Structure mirrors that of the UN Economic Commission which is:

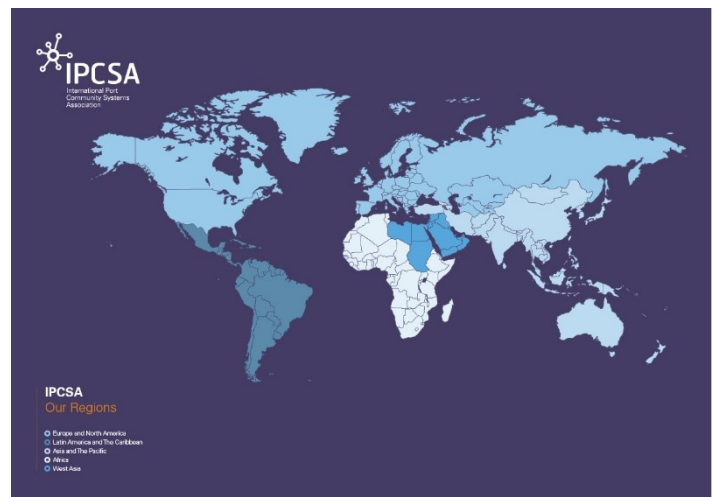
- Europe and North America
- Africa
- Latin America and Caribbean
- Asia and Pacific
- West Asia

IPCSA in 2017 received UN ECOSOC Special NGO Consultative status which gives IPCSA a voice at UN ECOSOC organisations including the five UN Regional Commissions.

IPCSA also has NGO Consultative Status at the IMO

Governance

IPCSA has a simple and effective governance structure which enables it to act and move quickly to make decisions whilst at the same time maintaining transparency with its members. IPCSA relies on its members to represent us at meetings and events to ensure the association stays firmly rooted in the practical realities of exchanging information within the logistics supply chain.



IPCSA
Executive Committee

Chairman - Hans Rook
Vice Chairman - Javier Gallardo
Secretary General - Richard Morton

IPCSA
ExCo
Consultative
Committee:
Regional
Representatives

Areas of Responsibilities

Initiatives

Customs and other
Government Agencies:
Uwe Liebschner

Network of Trusted
Networks:
Javier Gallardo

Single Window /
Trade facilitation:
Mees van der Wiel

Blockchain - Bill of Lading
Pilot:
Gadi Benmoshe

Community System
Development:
Richard Morton

PCS Vision:
Pascal Ollivier

Air Community Systems:
Evelyn Eggers

NEAL-NET Liaison /
One Belt One Road:
Hans Rook

Standardisation:
Nico de Cauwer

Air Corridors:
Nanne Onland

IPCSA membership - Membership is €5,500 euros per annum (1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 or pro-rata subject to when membership is approved)

Membership will entitle the Member to:

- Access to the IPCSA dedicated members website which has all information for members only.
- Participation in Policy and Technical Committees (Standards and Technologies, Business Applications, Customs, PCS development, Research and Development).
- Participation in specific workshops organised on specific issues such as interconnectivity.
- Be an IPCSA representative at regional meetings.



Membership as at 3rd May 2018

EUROPEAN UNION

Organisation

Location

Antwerp PCS	Antwerp, Belgium
Hamburg Port Authority	Hamburg, Germany
EPuertoBilbao	Bilbao, Spain
CNS Ltd	Southampton, UK
Portel	Madrid, Spain
PENTANT	Dover, United Kingdom
Freeport of Riga	Riga, Latvia
MGI	Marseille, France
ValenciaportPCS	Valencia, Spain
Port of Ravenna	Ravenna, Italy
Port de Tarragona	Tarragona, Spain
Port of Sines	Sines, Portugal
MCP	Felixstowe, UK
SOGET	Le Havre, France
Portic	Barcelona, Spain
Portbase	Rotterdam, Netherlands
Dbh	Bremen, Germany
DAKOSY	Hamburg, Germany
UIRNet	Rome, Italy
CARGONAUT	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea	Trieste, Italy

INTERNATIONAL

Organisation

Location

SEGUB	Benin
Maqta Gateway	Abu Dhabi, UAE
IPCS	Israel
PPL 33-35	Odessa, Ukraine
1-Stop	Australia
SEGUCE	Togo
PORTNET	Morocco
Saudi Ports Authority	Saudi Arabia
Dubai Trade	Dubai, UAE
KL Net	Seoul, Korea
Kale Logistics	Mumbai, India
PORTALL	Mumbai, India
Port of Prince Rupert	British Columbia, Canada
Port of Abidjan	Ivory, Coast
Djibouti PCS	Djibouti

International Organisations

FONASBA	International (based in UK)
INCU	International (Australia)
OCO	South Pacific (Fiji)