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## ZOUTMAN wins Baanbreker Award 2025 for sustainable logistics

On 26 November 2025, ZOUTMAN received the **Baanbreker Award 2025**, an initiative by Multimodaal.Vlaanderen. The award recognises organisations that excel in sustainable transport and smart logistics solutions. The ceremony took place at De Montil in Affligem.



The jury praised ZOUTMAN for its advanced **multimodal logistics strategy**, in which road transport is increasingly replaced by **inland waterways and rail transport**. This strategic modal shift results in measurable impact:

- **103,934 fewer truck kilometres**
- **125 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided**

Ambitions go further. In 2026, ZOUTMAN aims to increase the number of avoided road kilometres to **294,715 km**. To put this into perspective: that equals **more than seven times around the world**.

Intermodal hubs and ports play a key role in inbound and outbound transport flows. By organising transport more intelligently, ZOUTMAN structurally reduces its environmental

Sustainable logistics is not a standalone initiative, but a deliberate strategic choice. Fewer trucks on the road mean lower emissions, less congestion and a more efficient logistics chain.

Maarten Delbaere, Sustainability Manager ZOUTMAN

The Baanbreker Award fits within a broader sustainability approach. Since 2024, ZOUTMAN has been working with a dedicated logistics sustainability team focused on structurally reducing transport emissions. The long-term ambition is clear: **climate-neutral logistics by 2047**.

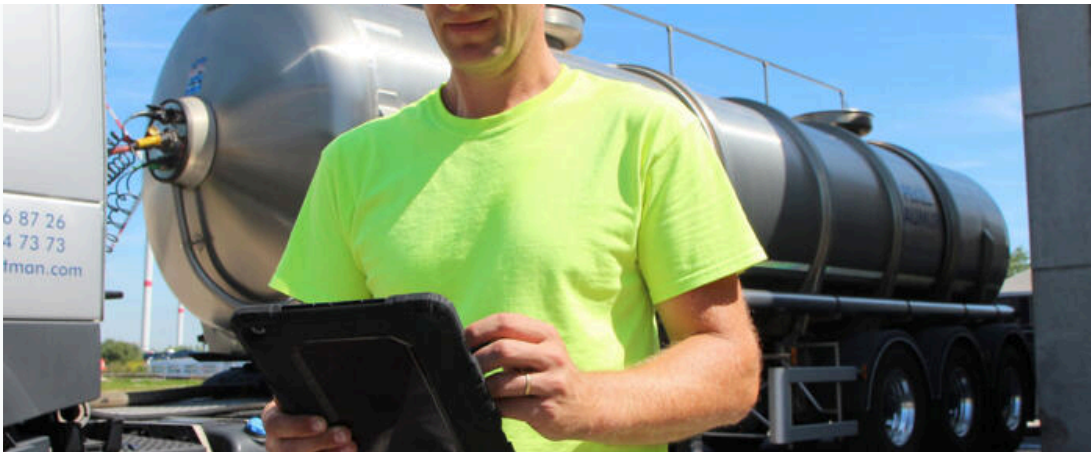
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From our sites in Roeselare and Ghent, we deliver up to 450,000 tonnes of sea salt annually to customers in more than sixty countries. By shifting to rail and inland shipping, we're consciously moving towards a more sustainable logistics model.

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