

The connecting power of art

After two years of local cooperation – in June 2020, DHL Express became the Official Logistics Partner of the Van Gogh Museum, handling all shipments from the latter's webshop using DHL GoGreen climate-neutral shipping – the partners have taken their work onto the global level. The two aim to inspire and connect children around the world, for whom (art) education is not always available or accessible, through the art and life story of Van Gogh as a medium. These children will learn about the painter's life and work and, equally if not more importantly, explore personal development topics such as discovering identity, chasing dreams, and overcoming adversity. DHL will be providing full-service shipping and logistics coordination.



Photo: The Van Gogh Museum



Quay with men unloading sand barges (1888); photo: Artvee

What's the time?

For the Port of Barcelona's Clock Tower, located in the Old Port on the Fishermen's Wharf, the bell rang exactly 250 years in 2022! Its construction – as a lighthouse championing the neoclassical style – began in 1751, with commissioning taking place in 1772. As the Catalan port grew, the lighthouse found itself farther and farther from the sea. When the Llobregat lighthouse entered into service in 1852, a proposal to demolish the old one hung in the air ominously. Fortunately, the Port Works Board decided to replace the lamp with a four-sphere clock to give the structure a new lease on life. The Clock Tower also has its merits outside the port industry. It was used to measure the length of the meridian arc from Dunkirk to Barcelona, which helped to establish the metric system. In this context, it was used as a reference point for designing in the mid-19th century the La Meridiana and El Paral·lel avenues. Felix aniversari!



Photo: Port of Barcelona

When cars were exported via Gdynia

This early July, a special event took place in the Port of Gdynia to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the production start of the FIAT 126 model. The automobile aficionados from the Polish 126Hooligans club decided to travel from Bielsko-Biala in central-south Poland to Turin in northern Italy, where the Italian manufacturer began putting together the it'sy-bitsy car in 1972, which just one year later made its 'under licence' way onto assembly belts in Poland (as FIAT 126p, also known as "the Polish Fiat"). Arguably, it is *the* vehicle that motorised the country far and wide. Moreover, during the 28 years of production, a lot of 126ps were exported to other pally commie countries, like Cuba and China (serving, a.o., as taxis). Altogether 12 vehicles took part in the 3,126 km long journey, including unorthodox versions (convertible, racing and cabrio). What is positively shocking – the 92 years old Sobiesław Zasada, a three times European rally champion, also partook in the expedition along with his 96 yo pilot, Longin Bielak. What a team! What a car! What a passion!



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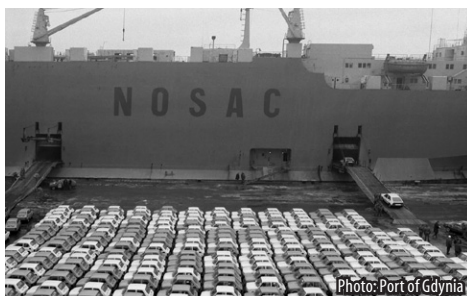


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Photo: Paweł Bielak/126Hooligans



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A good working life

The Danish Port of Hirtshals, the Norwegian ferry company Fjord Line, and the municipal Lundergård Primary School from Hjørring (North Jutland) have been cooperating in recent years to show eighth and ninth graders what it's like to work in the transport industry, on- and offshore. The latest instalment of the Brobyg Nord project took the students aboard Fjord Line's *Stavangerfjord* to showcase the multitude of jobs needed to run the cruise ferry. "We have had the students from the ship's top to the bottom – from the bridge to the engine room. It has been a great eye-opener for them, and it is clear that Fjord Line already has some new employees on the way," said Ditte Gerstrøm Sørensen, the Port of Hirtshals' Head of Marketing. The Brobyg Nord initiative aims to acquaint students with future job opportunities – by doing it outside the classroom. The goal is also to underscore that transport can provide "a good working life" in a variety of occupations.



Photos: Port of Hirtshals

