

21st Königswinter Postal Seminar

13-14 March 2025

Hirschburg, Königswinter, Germany



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Draft agenda

Thursday, 13 March 2025

12:00 Registration

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch at Hirschburg

13:30 Welcome and Introduction

Antonia Niederprüm, Head of Department Postal Services and Logistics WIK, and Dr Cara Schwarz-Schilling, General Manager WIK

International E-Commerce and Postal Markets

Chair: Alex Kalevi Dieke, WIK

13:40 – 14:10 International E-Commerce and the Role of Postal Services

Antonia Niederprüm, WIK

14:10 – 14:40 Evolution of international delivery services and the future of the UPU

James Campbell, Attorney, United States

14:40 – 15:10 Presentation on international e-commerce and the role of the UPU

José Anson, UPU and Roel Gevaers, University of Antwerp

15:10 – 15:40 The International Express Delivery of E-commerce Volume: Challenges and Opportunities

Emanuele Frezza, UPS Europe

15:40 – 16:10 **Coffee break**

Sustainability and Technology

Chair: Sonja Thiele, WIK

16:10 – 16:40 Sustainability reporting in the postal sector: The Belgian experience

Dirk Appelmans and Stijn Braes, BIPT

16:40 – 17:10 Delivering the future – Innovation in parcel logistics

Thorsten Freers, Amazon Germany

17:10 – 17:40 DeinFach: The carrier-agnostic locker network in Germany

Lukas Beckedorff, DeinFach, DHL Group

Hirschburg Networking Lounge

19:30 Reception at Hirschburg

20:00 Dinner

Dinner speech:

Dr. Daniela Brönstrup, Vice President Federal Network Agency

Friday, 14 March 2025

The Future of the Postal Universal Service

- Chair: Antonia Niederprüm, WIK*
- 9:00 – 9:30 Scenarios for the future development of the postal market
Sonja Thiele, WIK
- 9:30 – 10:00 The endgame for the USO of letter mail – the Norwegian case
Kristin Bergum, Post Norway
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Presentation on quality of service levels and universal service financing in Sweden
Dan Sjöblom, ERGP and PTS, Sweden (invited)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Ofcom's legal assessment of postal user needs using consumer research and market data
Hannah Mummery, Ofcom
- 11:30 – 12:45 **Panel discussion 'The Postal Universal Service in 2030'**
Moderator: Sonja Thiele, WIK
Panelists:
Guillaume Roty, European Commission DG GROW
Kristin Bergum, Post Norway
David Levitt, Ofcom, UK
Dan Sjöblom, ERGP and PTS, Sweden
- 12:45 – 13:00 Wrap-up and closing remarks
Antonia Niederprüm, WIK

13:00 Lunch / seminar ends
