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## **SOGET Announces Development of its e-Maritime Platform on Microsoft Cloud Technology**

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**Today, SOGET, a world leader in Port Single Windows and Microsoft Gold Partner, announced it will be delivering its e-maritime solution, the next generation of port single window solutions for port communities, port and customs authorities, on Microsoft Cloud Technology.**

SOGET's e-Maritime Port Single Window project, originally launched in June 2010, is supported by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and is addressing the European Union's "Maritime Transport Strategy 2018".

The e-Maritime Port Single Window provides a single sign-on allowing all major maritime, port, logistics, and government trade stakeholders to access real-time data application modules. The solution also aims to improve the efficiency of business processes, by standardizing exchanges and providing interoperability with European and international port and government single window systems.

*"E-maritime is a strategic project for SOGET; we needed to rely on leading edge and efficient technologies. Based on Microsoft technology, the Port Single Window aims to make multimodal transport greener, safer, cheaper, more competitive and transparent by standardizing core functional processes, facilitating business networking, improving knowledge, and dealing with all stakeholders,"* stated **Jacques Ritt, CEO of SOGET.**

With this solution, SOGET is providing port communities with the building blocks of e-maritime transactions and processes. The solution leverages several Microsoft technologies including BizTalk 2010, SQL server 2011 and Hyper V 2008, creating an open, integrated and innovative solution specifically tailored for the e-maritime industry.

*"With the increasingly complex demands of global trade, and growing pressure on ports across the world to effectively manage both security concerns and facilitate trade, the need for innovative e-maritime technology has never been greater,"* said **Frank McCosker, Managing Director, Microsoft Global Strategic Accounts.** *"Our work with SOGET has the goal of providing port communities and customs authorities with a bespoke technology platform to meet the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century maritime trade."*

The announcement was made at the World Customs Organization's annual IT Conference and Exhibition, where SOGET and its strategic partner BUREAU VERITAS are exhibiting under Microsoft's pavilion.

### **About SOGET:**

Headquartered in Le Havre, France, since 1983, SOGET is the leading Port Community System operator in France and a public-private partnership between the Port Community of Le Havre, Port of Le Havre Authority and French Customs. SOGET PCS is in operation throughout French ports as well as overseas. SOGET provides also e-Customs solutions.

SOGET is a recognized expert by the European Commission, International Association of Port and Harbors, United Nations, World Customs Organization, Caribbean Law Enforcement Council, Organization of American States, International Association of Ports and Cities, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Investment Bank and French Development Bank.

SOGET is a founding member of the European Port Community System Association (EPCSA) and the SEFACIL foundation.

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