



Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg

First Major



Welcome Address of the First Major of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Welcome to Hamburg!

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg has a long tradition as an international marketplace. Hamburg is one of Europe's most important economic and industrial centres and home to its third largest port. Since 1996 it is also domicile of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea established by the United Nations.

But Hamburg is not only an international trade and logistics hub. It is also a city with a striking amount of trees, green spaces and water with a very high quality of life and a sharp focus on sustainable city-engineering. Therefore we have been awarded the title European Green Capital 2011 by the European Commission.

As "gate to the world" Hamburg has been an outward-looking and open-minded city ever since. This is why it is the perfect place to think "out of the box" and discuss current developments on the fields of port handling and sustainable energy projects on your AIJA Half Year Conference.

I wish you all a stimulating conference and a memorable stay in Hamburg.

First Mayor
Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
Olaf Scholz