

Is Europe good for us ?

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EU Ports Policy Communication

| Chapter | Concrete proposals | Timing |
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| 1. Port performance and hinterland connections | TEN-T review (hinterland connections to ports) | 2008-2010 |
| 2. Expanding capacity while respecting the environment | Guidance on application EU environmental legislation | 2009 |
| 3. Modernisation | - Transport Space without Barriers - Performance indicators | 2008 ? ? |
| 4. A level playing field – clarity for investors, operators and users, | - State aid guidelines - Concessions (+ ESPO initiative) | 2009 ongoing |
| 5. Establishing a structured dialogue between ports and cities | - ‘Open ports day’ - Support for research projects etc. - ESPO Award | annually ongoing 2009 |
| 6. Work in ports | Social dialogue | 2008 ? |



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Europe has a diverse port system which consists of a range of major hubs as well as a vast amount of regional and local ports. All these ports have a role to play in accommodating the ever-increasing flows of cargo and passengers moving in and out of Europe. How sustainable is the current lay-out and geographical balance of this system? Will it be able to cope with growth expectations without creating more congestion and other negative externalities? What is the competitive effect of new hubs emerging in countries neighbouring the EU? What visions exist for the future?

The ESPO 2009 Conference will deal with these key questions in the context of the forthcoming mid-term review of the Trans-European Transport Networks which is announced for 2010 and the European Commission's maritime transport strategy for 2018. Bottlenecks of the major European port-oriented transport corridors will be analysed as well as the development potential of regional co-operative networks between ports.

The conference will finally look at the opportunities EU policy instruments and funding mechanisms may bring. Particular attention will in this context be paid to the impact of the EC State aid and environmental guidelines which have both been announced for the end of 2008.



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Thank you for your attention



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