



**“What if you are a non-TEN-T port? What if you are a small port in the comprehensive network?”**

*EU legal obligations, rights and funding opportunities for small ports*

*Draft agenda*

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The current TEN-T policy identifies 104 core ports and 225 comprehensive TEN-T ports. These ports have access to TEN-T funding and are often included in the scope of application of new EU legislation (e.g. port regulation). But what does it happen if you are outside TEN-T? Are there other means of getting EU funding for your port? Does EU legislation has an impact on you? And what about the comprehensive TEN-T ports? Is there a right balance between rights and obligations? Or do they need to be happy with some leftovers of the TEN-T budget and have to comply with all EU rules?

**10.30 – 12.30: EU Legal rights and obligations of small ports**

Introduction - Welcome

European legislation applying to small ports

1. ESPO (Antonis Michail)

- Environmental impact assessment and Water Framework Directive, Natura 2000,
- Alternative fuels infrastructure
- Reporting formalities
- Container weighing
- Waste Reception facilities
- Ecoports/Portopia

2. European Commission - DG MOVE B3 (Remi Mayet)

- Port regulation (only focus on the exception for small ten-t ports)
- State aid (Treaty, GBER, de minimis rule important for small ports)
- Concessions (Treaty, directive and its jurisprudence)

3. European Commission - DG MOVE A4 (Christiane Dupont)



- ISPS
- Dangerous goods

### **12.30 – 13.30 Lunch**

### **13.30 – 16.30 Funding opportunities for small ports**

#### 4. Interreg

- Alexander Ferstl - DG REGIO: What is Interreg? How ports can benefit from it?
- Wim Stubbe – Port of Oostende: Examples of ports' projects and potential future cooperations
- Pieter Louwers – Interreg 2 Seas: Financial opportunities offered by 2 Seas
- North Sea Region (tbc): Financial opportunities offered by “North Sea Region”
- DG REGIO (tbc): ENPI MED – Financial opportunities offered by ENPI MED

#### 5. European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

- Dominique Philippe Leveil - DG MARE: What is the EMFF? How ports can benefit from it?
- Bjarne Løf Henriksen – Danish ports (tbc): the Danish example
- Richard Ballantyne (BPA): the British example

#### 6. Horizon2020, LIFE, CEF, EFSI

- Eugenio Quintieri – ESPO: other funding opportunities for small ports