



## **“Not a TEN-T core port? What’s in it for you?”**

*EU legislation, funding possibilities & other opportunities for small ports*

*Final Draft agenda*

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After the successful first edition of a “Small Ports Workshop” in 2016, the second edition will focus on the following topics:

The current TEN-T policy identifies 104 core ports and 225 comprehensive TEN-T ports. These ports have the main access to TEN-T funding and are often included in the scope of application of new EU legislation (e.g. port regulation). But what if you are a small port within TEN-T, or outside TEN-T? What are your opportunities for EU funding? In what way does EU legislation impact your port and recognises the different administrative capacity? What are the benefits of joining initiatives and programs on the European level?

### **10.30 Welcome and Coffee**

#### **11.00 – 12.30 EU legislation and Motorways of the Sea (MoS)**

##### **1. European legislation applying to small ports (Kostas Rigas, DG MOVE)**

Kostas Rigas (DG MOVE) will explain how and to what extent EU Regulations apply to small ports that are part of the comprehensive network, as well as small ports outside the TEN-T network.

##### **2. Motorways of the Sea (Wojciech Kopinski and Anton Giulio Marin, MoS)**

Wojciech Kopinski and Anton Giulio Marin (MoS) will present the ‘Motorways of the Sea’ concept and its relevance for small ports that are part of the comprehensive network.

##### **3. Applications for funding and evaluation (Marija Janeva, INEA)**

Marija Janeva (INEA) will give an insight to INEA’s application and evaluation processes, as applicable to small comprehensive ports.

### **12.30 – 13.30 Lunch**

#### **13.30 – 15.00 Funding opportunities & programmes for small ports**

##### **4. The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, DG MARE (Felix Leinemann)**

Felix Leinemann (DG MARE) will present the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and the ports’ role within the framework of Blue Growth.

##### **5. Good practices (Wim Stubbe , Port of Oostende)**

Wim Stubbe (Port of Oostende) will share his extensive experience in terms of EU co-funded projects. He will concentrate on the ‘Dual ports’ project, which is a project for SME ports, that is 50% co-funded by ERDF through the Interreg North Sea Region Programme (priority eco-innovation).



**6. Other funding opportunities (Anne-Rieke Stuhlmann, ESPO)**

Anne-Rieke Stuhlmann (ESPO Secretariat) will give a brief overview of other funding possibilities, such as the Interreg Program and Horizon 2020).

**15.00 Coffee**

**15.10 - 16.00 ESPO initiatives and programs**

**7. Ecoports (Sotiris Raptis, ESPO)**

EcoPorts is the main environmental initiative of the European port sector. It was initiated by a number of proactive ports in 1997 and has been fully integrated into the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) since 2011. The overarching principle of EcoPorts is to raise awareness on environmental protection through cooperation and sharing of knowledge between ports and improve environmental management.

**8. Digital data Platform (Benoit Lebrun, Port +)**

Port + is currently developing an online data platform for ESPO and its members. The platform will take the RES data exchange system to the next level: From a data collection system to a data analysis tool. The platform will be ESPO's independent continuation of the PORTOPIA project, which was co-funded by the European Commission. Next to the RES data exchange it will also contain also a module on port governance and EcoPorts.