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Important Conclusions

A research pathway will be established to identify the relevant data and information available through the [EcoPorts Network](#) to assist with the energy and environmental objectives of small-medium ports, with special focus on island ports. Dedicated support material will be developed to assist the managers of such ports with the options available to implement practicable, time and cost-effective Environmental Management Programmes so that the ports are well-placed to optimize the application of any of the factors that may support sustainable development. Particular attention will be paid to the identification of existing good practices, and the options presented for the exchange of knowledge and experience. The participant institutions will work to encourage the cooperation between big experienced ports and small - medium ports especially in islands. This would include workshops, visits etc. Open the eligibility of participants/applicants in CEF CALLS (maritime infrastructure and transport) to include comprehensive ports in islands or regions with an isolated network without long distance rail freight transport. This point is to be forwarded to the Malta Presidency of the EC.

Investigating the possibility of adapting the status and structure of the Port Authorities in Greece, towards a more autonomous operation, learning from the European experience. Public-private partnerships (PPP) could be an indicative scheme. Dissemination of knowledge and experience through education and training by creating a generic training module for all small-medium ports, which could be adapted to the specific needs of each port separately. The electrification of infrastructures and maritime transportation and the smart management of electricity as well, is a core technology for the ports of the future. Still open are the issues of the electricity cost and renewable energy storage.