

#### **Sustainable policies of European ports**

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#### **European Sea Ports Organisation**



- Founded in 1993, based in Brussels
- Represents European seaport authorities
- Members from EU and neighbouring countries (observers)
- Recognised counterpart of European institutions
- Interest and knowledge network





#### **ESPO & the Environment**

Encouraging ports to be **proactive in protecting the environment** by:

- Providing guidance and preparing recommendations on environmental management (Green Guide)
- Drafting guidelines on specific issues (e.g. nature protection)
- Developing and promoting tools and methodologies for port environmental management (EcoPorts tools)
- Providing the platform for port cooperation and sharing of environmental experience (EcoPorts network)
- Visibility and credit to frontrunners (ESPO Award, EcoPorts labeling and certification)









#### 21 years of EcoPorts



- The main environmental initiative of the European port sector
- Initiated by a number of proactive ports in 1997 and has been fully integrated into ESPO since 2011
- Developed by ports, for ports, encouraging the free exchange of experience on environmental issues among its members
- To increase awareness about environmental challenges, deliver compliance with legislation and to demonstrate a high standard of environmental management
- EcoPorts helps European ports to be at the frontline, to take initiatives to protect the environment, improve public health and address the challenges of climate change

## 21 years of EcoPorts





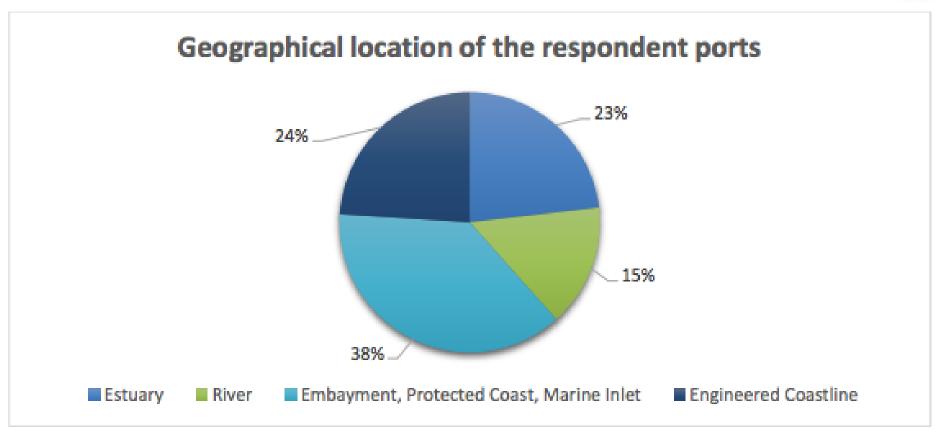
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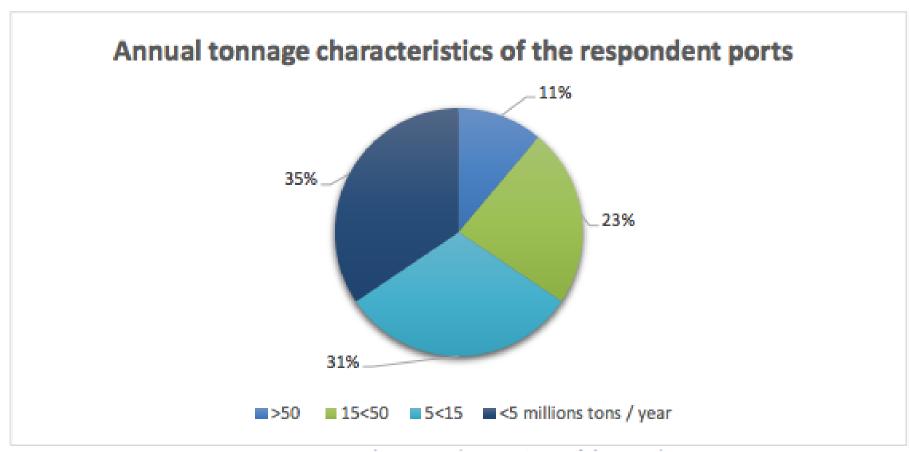
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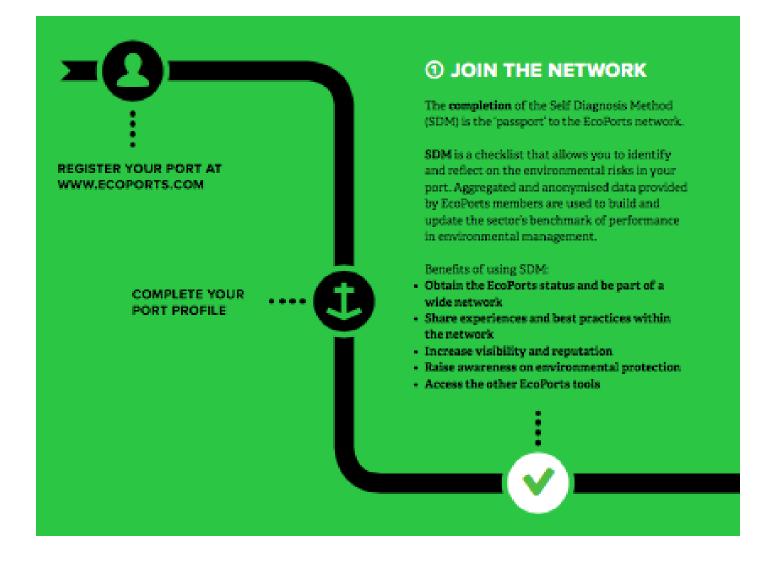


## **EcoPorts membership**





#### Join EcoPorts





# Filling in the questionnaire is the passport







- Ports join the network
- Expressing commitment to share environmental data
- ...and experience
- They get back recognition (labelling),
- the opportunity to self improve by using the well established EcoPorts tools (SDM and PERS)
- and access to professional advice and expertise

#### What is SDM?



- ★ A concise checklist ...
  - □ for periodical self-evaluation of performance
  - for identifying environmental risk and establishing priorities
- ★ No pass or fail exercise / confidentiality
- ★ Single port environmental management performance against the European benchmark (260+ database)







**ABOUT** 

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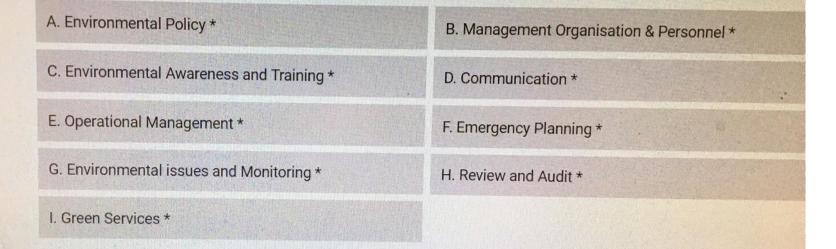
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1. Complete questionaire

2. Submit SDM





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#### A: Environmental Policy

IF YES,

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DOCUMENT**

A.1 Does the Port have an Environmental Policy?









# Compare your score with EU average



 Once you have completed the SDM questionnaire, you can apply to obtain a comparison of your port's score with the European benchmark of environmental performance

Comparison is broken down question by question

## Review your score



#### **Analytical Review**

- To receive expert's advice and customised recommendations on how to improve your environmental performance.
- If you didn't apply for a separate comparison of your port's score with the European average, this comparison will be included in the SDM Review.
- Expert will subject your port's environmental management to a **gap analysis** with regards to established environmental management standards and a **detailed SWOT analysis** (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats).
- During the review, the expert ensures a **customised assessment** based on your port's top 5 priorities for action.

#### **PERS Certificate**



PORT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SYSTEM



#### **PERS Certificate**



- Certification is as an entirely voluntary option
- Developed by ports for ports
- Incorporates ISO 140001 concept
- Independently certified and valid for 2 years (Lloyd's Register)

#### **PERS Certificate**



- Increased transparency
- Effective monitoring of the environmental challenges
- Improved environmental management
- PERS facilitates ports to comply with legislation and meet customer expectations
- Ports' environmental performance is "factored-in" in calculations of the premium by major insurance companies and standards such as PERS are recognized as components of a sustainable approach.

# GREN your port, join EcoPorts