



Allocation of subject fields to the Technical Committees

A. Port Governance Committee

Strategies of port authorities
Concession policy and port services
Port financing (including State aid) and charging
Institutional aspects and management reform
Port-city relations

B. Sustainable Development Committee

Environmental management in ports
Port development / planning and nature conservation
Pollution (air, water, waste, noise)
Climate change
Energy issues

C. Intermodal and Logistics and Industry Committee

Role of ports in the logistics chain
Modal shift and co-modality
Modal and logistics policies
Transport infrastructure policy (TEN-T) and its financing (CEF)
Hinterland connections
Industrial policy impacting European ports
EU R&D programmes

D. Trade Facilitation, Customs and Security and Marine Affairs Committee

Subcommittee Marine Affairs:

Safety of navigation and operations
Vessel traffic control and monitoring
Ship-shore connections (e.g. waste collection)
Places of refuge
Single window/ Blue Belt (safety aspects)
LNG bunkering and OPS

Subcommittee Trade Facilitation, Customs and Security

Trade facilitation

International Trade (agreements, trends, etc.)

Customs

Single window/blue belt

Border control passengers

Health control procedures

Security

E. Economic Analysis and Statistics Committee

Data collection

Economic analysis including forecasting

Port performance and benchmarking

EU statistical directives

Supervision of implementation and preparation of further development PortinSights

List and functioning of the ESPO Networks

A. The Legal Advisory Network

The Legal Advisory Network shall provide legal advice on demand of the Secretariat, responding to legal questions emanating from the General Assembly, Executive Committee or Technical Committees of ESPO.

B. The Ferry and Cruise Port Policy network

The Ferry and Cruise Port Policy network shall bring together Cruise and Ferry port representatives and shall work in close cooperation with the other Cruise port organisations.

This network shall:

- Monitor the development of a code of practice for Cruise and Ferry Ports
- Report on policy issues being dealt with by ESPO's standing committees of importance for ferry and cruise business

This network shall meet at least once a year. If needed, additional ad hoc meetings of the network will be organised. The existence of this network involving other cruise port organisations, does not prevent ESPO to organize, whenever relevant and necessary, additional internal meetings on ferry and cruise issues for ESPO members only.

C. Labour and Operations Network

The Labour and Operations Network is the Network where the work of the social Dialogue is being prepared. The secretariat assists the ESPO members that are represented in the Social Dialogue. The positions taken by the Network do not engage ESPO's full membership unless otherwise decided by ESPO's Executive Committee.

The Labour and Operations Network meets in function of the agenda and decisions to be taken in the Social Dialogue.

D. The Blue Growth Network

The Blue Growth Network is a Network that shall assist the ESPO secretariat and the Ports active in the subgroup in the preparation and follow up of the meeting and work of the European Ports Form Subgroup on "Ports as hubs of Blue Growth". The Network will only gather when and if relevant in function of the work of the EPF subgroup.

E. The Energy Network

The Energy Network shall deal with EU energy policy and initiatives of importance to ports related to the role of ports as energy hubs and the energy transition.

The Energy Network shall amongst others focus on the following issues:

- Relevant EU Energy Strategies such as the Hydrogen Strategy, Off Shore Energy Strategy, Blue Energy Strategy, etc.
- EU Funding possibilities
- TEN-E
- Sector coupling
- Energy transition (energy as a commodity)

In view of avoiding overlaps, the Energy Network shall rely on the relevant committees for energy related aspects of other files.