



Allocation of subject fields to the Technical Committees 2022-2024

A. Committee on Port Governance and Management

Port Regulation implementation and related matters
Strategies of port managing bodies
Concession policy and port services
Port financing (including State aid) and charging
Block Exemption Regulations (GBER and CBER)
Institutional aspects and management reform
Port-city relations
Preparation and follow up of European Ports Forum

B. Sustainable Development Committee

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

C. Intermodal and Logistics and Industry Committee

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

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

Subcommittee marine affairs:
Safety of navigation and maritime operations
Vessel traffic control and monitoring
Ship-shore connections (e.g., waste collection)
Places of refuge
Single window (safety aspects)



Bunkering of alternative fuels and OPS (operational safety aspects)

E. Subcommittee Trade Facilitation, Customs and Security

Trade facilitation

International Trade and geopolitical developments of relevance to ports (agreements, tensions, trends, etc.)

Digitalisation

Single window

Customs

Border control passengers

Health control procedures

Security (including cybersecurity)

Brexit

F. Economic Analysis and Statistics Committee

Data collection

Economic analysis including forecasting

Port performance and benchmarking

EU statistical directives

Cooperation with Eurostat

Supervision of implementation and preparation of further development Port insights

G. Energy and Blue Growth Committee

The Energy and Blue Growth committee shall deal with:

a) EU energy policy and initiatives of importance to ports related to the role of ports as energy hubs and the energy transition.

- Relevant EU Energy Strategies such as the Hydrogen Strategy, Off Shore Energy Strategy, Blue Energy Strategy, etc.
- Repower EU plan
- Energy transition (energy as a commodity – business development strategy)
- EU Funding possibilities
- TEN-E

In view of avoiding overlaps, environmental and climate related issues of energy policy shall be dealt with by the SD Committee.

b) Shall follow the EU policy and initiatives related to Blue Growth and shall assist the ESPO secretariat and the Ports active in the European Ports Form Subgroup on “Ports as hubs of Blue Growth” in the preparation and follow up of the meeting and work.



List and functioning of the ESPO Networks

A. 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, as agreed in September 2014.

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
- Monitor all cruise related EU initiatives such as Pan-European Cruise dialogue

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 organise, whenever relevant and necessary, additional internal meetings on ferry and cruise issues for ESPO members only.

B. 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.

C. The Legal Expert Group

The Legal Expert Group 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.