Ports in Europe combine commercial and public interests.

Most of them consider themselves as mission-driven entities and sustainability is often at the centre of their mission.

EcoPorts helps
European ports to deliver on their sustainability goals.

Isabelle RYCKBOST Secretary General of ESPO

ECOPORTS

coPorts has become the main environmental initiative of the European port sector. The aim of EcoPorts is to increase awareness about environmental challenges, deliver compliance with legislation and to demonstrate a high standard of environmental management. Even if the EcoPorts members must be seen as the driving force of the network, it is clear that the added value of EcoPorts reaches far beyond the network. 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. The EcoPorts tools are available to ports and terminals outside Europe through the ECO Sustainable Logistic Chain Foundation (ECOSLC, www.ecoslc.eu).

EcoPorts was initiated by a number of proactive ports in 1997 and has been fully integrated into the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) since 2011. EcoPorts has provided a system developed by ports, for ports, specifically designed to put ESPO's policies into practice by encouraging the free exchange of experience on environmental issues among its members.

EcoPorts aims to strengthen its network and assist more European ports in being prepared to face the environmental challenges of tomorrow.

Green your Port, Join EcoPorts!

ECOPORTS TOOLS

The ability to say that Dover is an EcoPort allows us to demonstrate to all our stakeholders that we are being proactive on environmental issues.

Port of Dover United Kingdom he well-established EcoPorts tools actively assist ports in their environmental management. Becoming an EcoPorts member is easy and entirely free of costs. You can register on the EcoPorts website and fill out the Self Diagnosis Method (SDM) questionnaire. Answering the questions of the SDM is your 'passport' to the EcoPorts network.

Once you become a member of the network, you have access to all the EcoPorts tools: the comparison of your port's SDM score against the European benchmark, the SDM Review and the Port Environmental Review System (PERS). All of these tools are **optional**, but highly recommended if you want to improve your environmental performance.



3 REVIEW YOUR SCORE

You can apply 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.

If you submit your SDM for an analytical review, an 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.

Benefits of the SDM Review:

- Receive a gap analysis of your port's environmental performance
- Receive a SWOT analysis of your port's environmental performance
- Receive expert's advice and customised recommendations according to your port's top 5 priorities



② COMPARE YOUR

Once you have completed the SDM

a comparison of your port's score

with the European benchmark of

environmental performance.

environmental performance

• Establish priorities for action

Self-evaluate your port's

questionnaire, you can apply to obtain

Benefits of comparing your SDM score:

 Identify strengths and weaknesses in relation to the European average
 Increase protection of the environment

THE AVERAGE

••• SCORE WITH

Developed by ports for ports, the Port Environmental Review System (PERS) has firmly established its reputation as the only **port sector specific environmental management standard**.

The Port Environmental Review System (PERS) doesn't only incorporate the main general requirements of recognised environmental management standards (e.g. ISO 14001), but also takes into account the specificities of ports. PERS builds upon the policy recommendations of ESPO and gives ports clear objectives to aim for. Its implementation is independently reviewed by 'LRQA Nederland B.V..

The SDM checklist and PERS certificate have a validity of two years. The prices of the SDM Comparison, SDM Review and PERS certification are available on www.ecoports.com.