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Overview and Strategic Objectives



Policy Background:

- European Parliament Resolution (14 Jan 2024) calling for a comprehensive EU Ports Strategy.
- European Commission Call for Evidence (July 2025).
- Commission Communication (30 June 2025) outlining competitiveness, decarbonisation, resilience, and digitalisation priorities.

Strategic Aims:

- Strengthen European ports' global competitiveness.
- Position ports as drivers of the green and digital transition.
- Enhance resilience and security, including cyber and foreign investment screening.
- Improve governance, funding frameworks, and stakeholder coordination.

Key Policy Domains:

- Alternative fuels and green infrastructure.
- Digital interoperability and innovation.
- Strategic autonomy and security.
- Skills development and fair working conditions.

SWOT Analysis & Forward Path



STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong policy momentum and institutional support.• Established port and logistics infrastructure.• Leadership in maritime sustainability and green technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fragmented governance across Member States.• Uneven digital maturity and funding capabilities.• Complex regulatory and administrative landscape.
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding investment in the green and digital transition.• Potential for strategic international partnerships.• Innovation and decarbonisation as competitiveness drivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geopolitical instability and supply chain disruptions.• Resistance to regulatory harmonisation.• Underfunding or delayed implementation.

ROAD AHEAD

- 2025: Public consultations and sectoral dialogues.
- **2026**: Adoption and implementation of the EU Ports Strategy.
- Continuous: Monitoring, reporting, and stakeholder coordination.