









EUSAIR INVESTMENT IN SKILLS AND EDUCATION: WHICH ROADMAP FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THEADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION?

Port Labour and Green Digital Agenda

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Research

- 1. Multidisciplinary teams: economists, engineers, statisticians, sociologists, etc.;
- 2. Themes: socio-economic assessment; traffic forecasts; urban plans; etc.

Training

- 1. Isfort training center: Training center for railways drivers and operators (driving license) (clients: individuals & railways companies);
- 2. Management: Training course for transport managers (clients: private company & public bodies)















Port activity and labour in the EU

(The blue economy report 2021)

Along the 70,000 km of coasts of the European Union, there are more than 1,200 commercial seaports within which 384,000 people work (directly employed) to provide assistance and support services to ships in transit. The added value generated by Port activities grew by 15% from 2009 to 2018, reaching €26.5 billion.

The majority of the sector's workforce (61%) is employed in Cargo and warehousing, while Ports and water projects employed the rest (39%). Compared to 2009, the number of jobs in Cargo and warehousing increased by 26% while decreasing 6% in Ports and water projects. The top contributors, in descending order, include Germany (24%) and then Spain (11%), France (10%), and Italy and the Netherlands (9% each). Five countries represent nearly 2/3 of the whole workforce (63%).

















Future trends in port activity

The Changing Face of Ports: the Socio-economic Impact of Market-based & Technological Developments on EU Ports (Dynamar/MTBS – 2019)

Topic	Trend
Policy	Ports form the gateway to world trade; policies are often in conflict between countries or regions
Demography & society	Population growth and economic development affect the growth of ports Population function as important import and export nodes for their Interland Port – City articulation; as land integration of port areas with urban and natural spaces becomes more important
Energy and Environment	Strategic storage of energy resources Emission regulations drive cleaner port operations
Technology	Integrating information technologies optimising transport chain; Terminal automation; more efficient handling of cargo
Economics	Competition between regions to be involved in international trade Transshipment; port focusing to be a node in container trade which is not the end of the chain
Finance	Capital intensive industry Public-Private Partnership to reduce financial responsibility of the public authority (PPP)



















Port labour.....

How it should be

Traditional Activities

Trade

Shipping

Transport

Port services

Tourism

Logistics

Distribution

Storage

Fisheries

Digitalisation
Coastal tourism
Smart ports
Autonomous craft
Marine tech
Maritime commerce

Professional skills & training path available



To be defined

Emerging Activities

Hubs for business

Renewable energy

Aquaculture

Alternative fuels

Manufacturing

How it is (Port of Antwerp)

Port workers general work A+B

Specialised workers A+B

Drivers of special engines

Supervisory staff

Other permanent workers

TOTAL

Logistic workers

Craftsmen

1.916

1.589

1.411

992

269

6.177

1.569

838

Professional skills linked to the emerging activities aren't foreseen yet













