

# ECOPORTS

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.

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EcoPorts 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](http://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!**

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  
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# ECOPORTS TOOLS

The 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.

