

# The New Challenges for the Mediterranean Ports: Geopolitics and Sustainability

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## Impact to global trade of disruption of shipping routes in the Red Sea

### Average daily transits in the Suez Canal

1 Jan 2023  
24 May 2023

71

1 Jan 2024  
24 May 2024

38

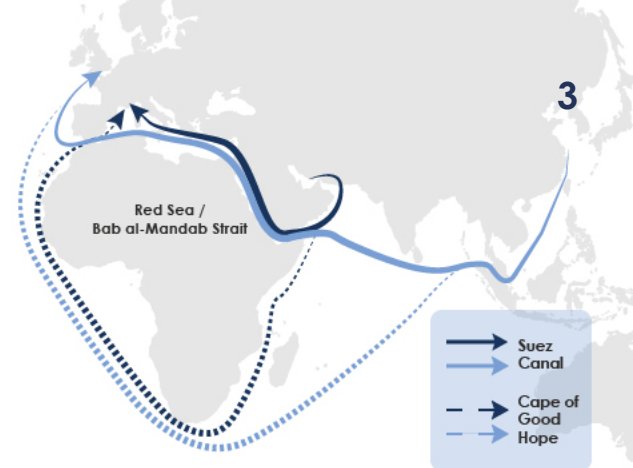


### Impact of rerouting on the Cape of Good Hope

on sailing distance, total sailing time and emissions for a typical weekly Asia-North Europe liner service.

|                                               | Unit        | Red Sea/ Suez | Cape route  | Increase (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total roundvoyage sailing distance            | Nm          | 24.000        | 31.000      | 29,2         |
| Average sailing speed                         | Kn          | 16            | 17          | 6,3          |
| Average total port time per call              | Days        | 1,7           | 1,7         |              |
| Number of Asian port calls                    | No.         | 5             | 5           |              |
| Number of North European port calls           | No.         | 4             | 4           |              |
| <b>Total sailing time</b>                     | <b>Days</b> | <b>62,5</b>   | <b>76,0</b> | <b>21,6</b>  |
| Total port time                               | Days        | 15,3          | 15,3        |              |
| <b>Total roundvoyage time</b>                 | <b>Days</b> | <b>77,8</b>   | <b>91,3</b> | <b>17,3</b>  |
| Required number of vessels for weekly service | No.         | 11            | 13          | 17,3         |

An increase in ship speed from 16 to 17 knots typically results in a 10% increase in **bunker consumption** per day for a mega container ship



### Drewry Container Index: Shanghai - Genoa

April 2023  
\$ 2,236

+61.4%

April 2024  
\$ 3,610

-11.7%

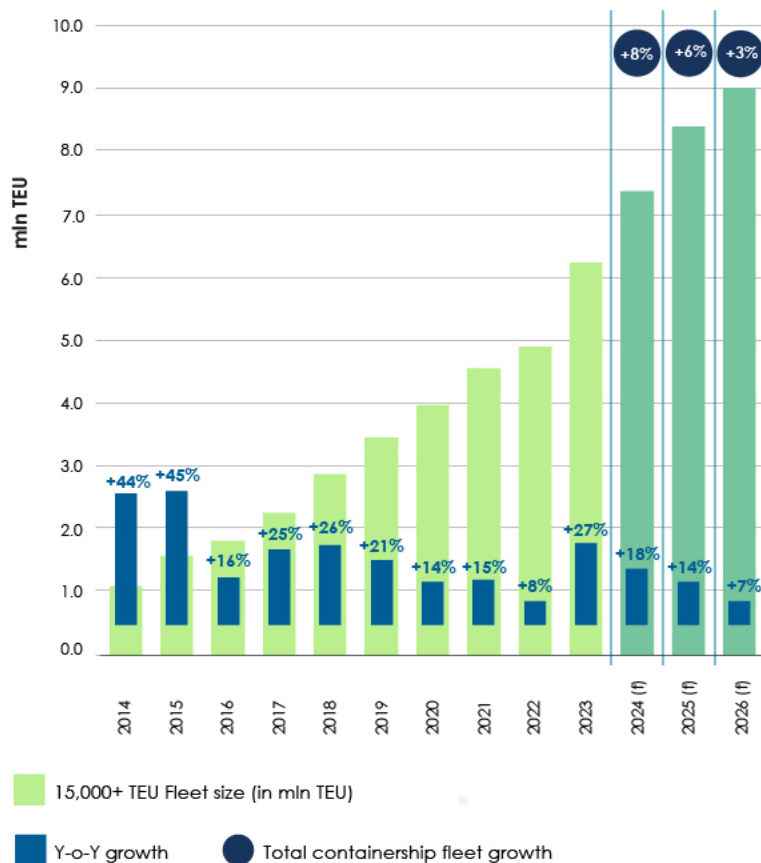
March 2024  
\$ 4,090

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## Shipping strategies: naval gigantism and alternative fuels

### Projected ultra large containership fleet growth

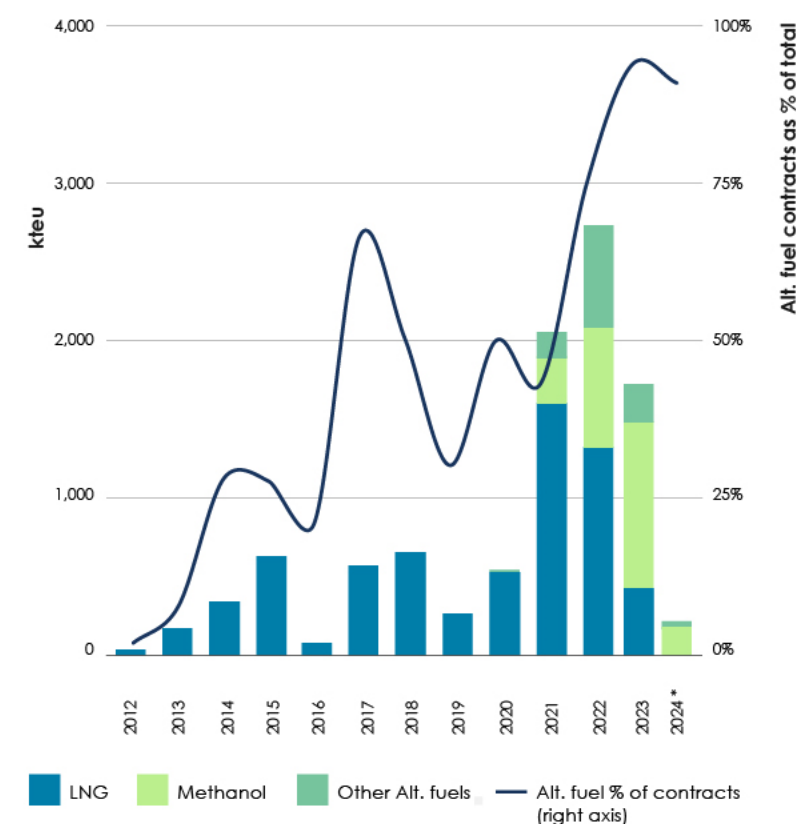
Apr 2024; only units over 15,000 TEU; in mln TEU;  
after assuming slippage and demo



Source: SRM on Banchemo Costa

### Contracting for alternative fuel containerships

Capable and ready



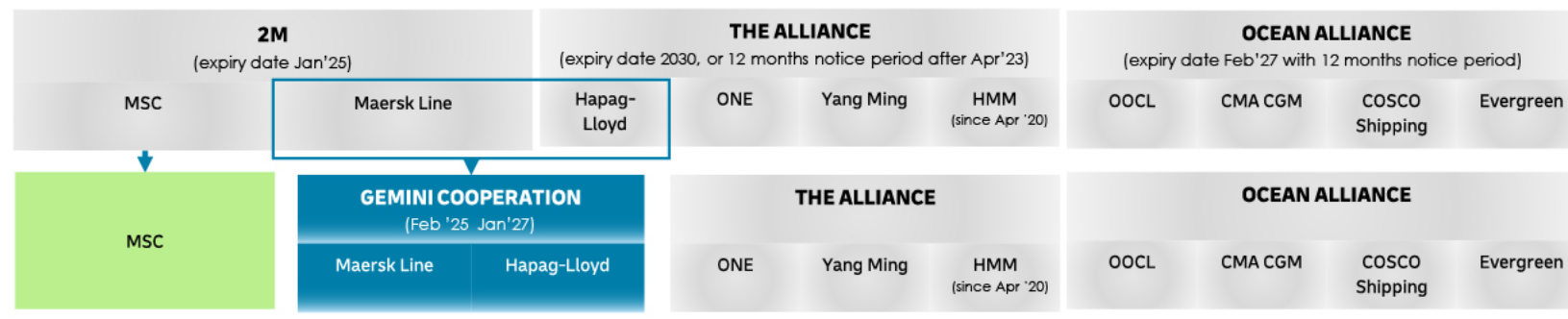
Note: Data is subject to change. Includes both capable and ready ships; some double counting as some units are ready for more than one alternative fuel type; Other Alt. fuels includes ammonia and hydrogen; \*2024 is up to 19 Mar.

Source: SRM on Drewry Maritime Research

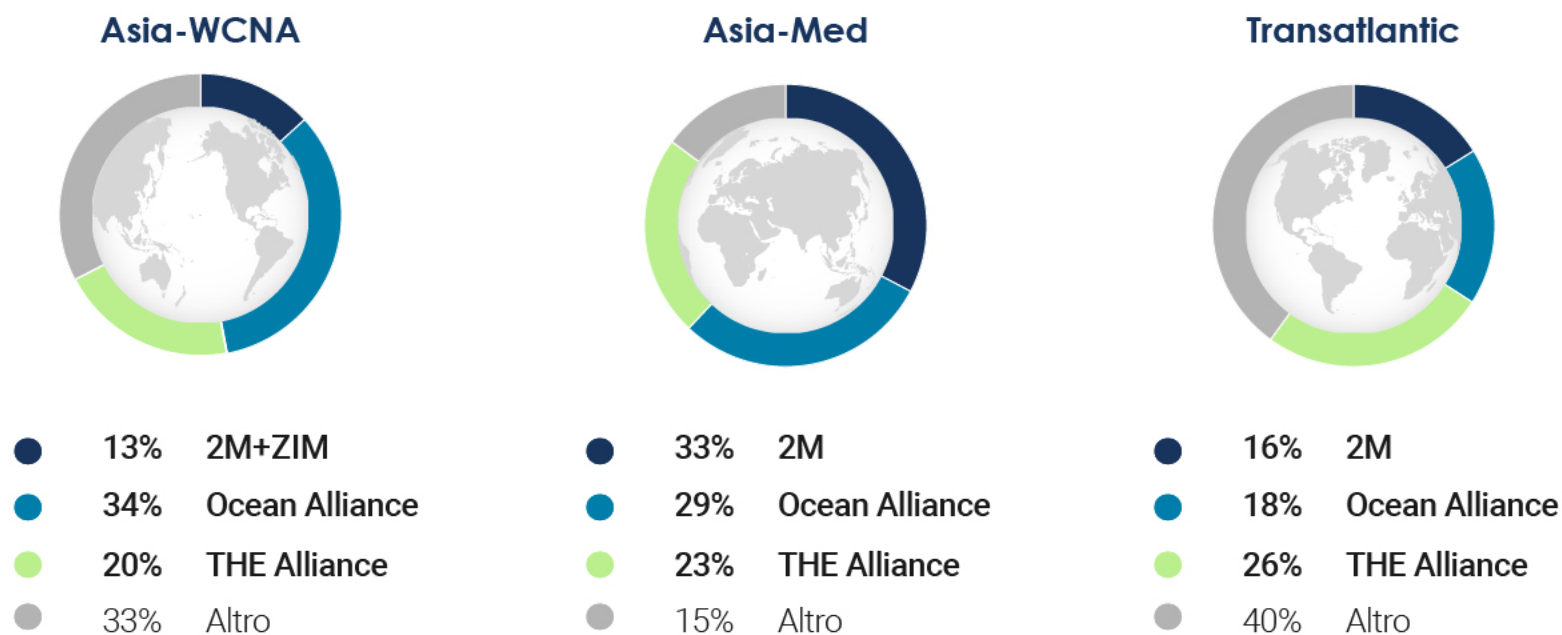
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## Shipping strategies: new alliances

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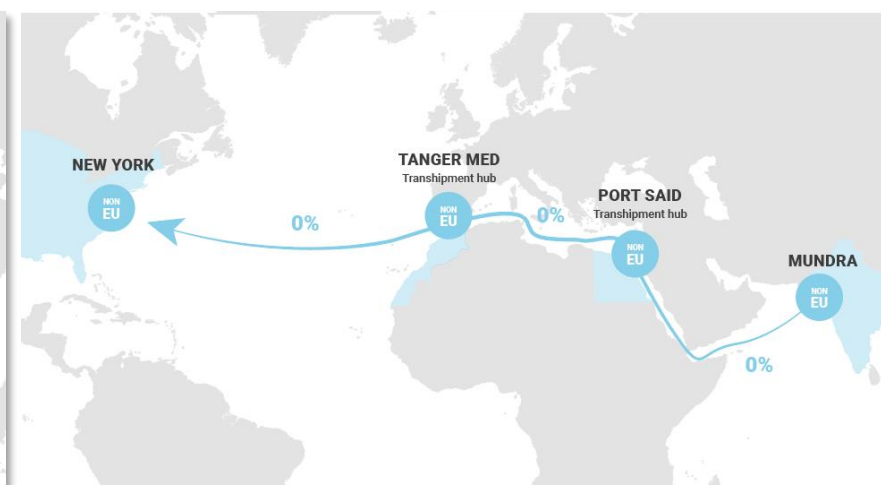
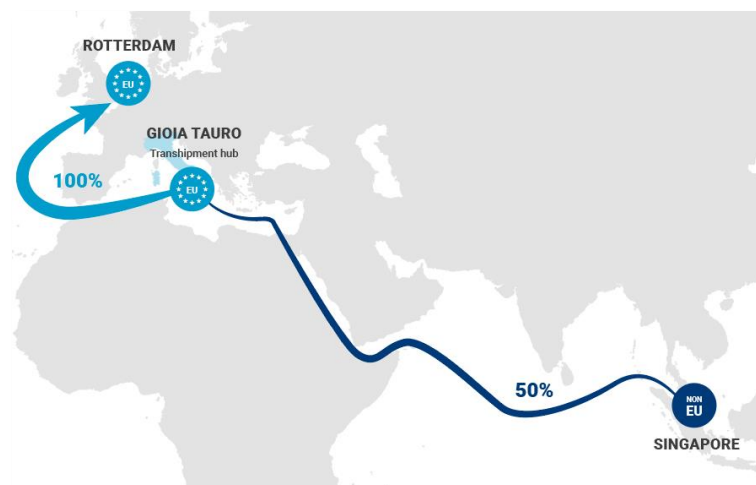
### Capacity market shares, Jan 24



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## ETS: The EU path towards sustainability. Port competitiveness at issue

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Source: SRM. Italian Maritime Economy Report, 2024

### Very different ETS surcharges among carriers

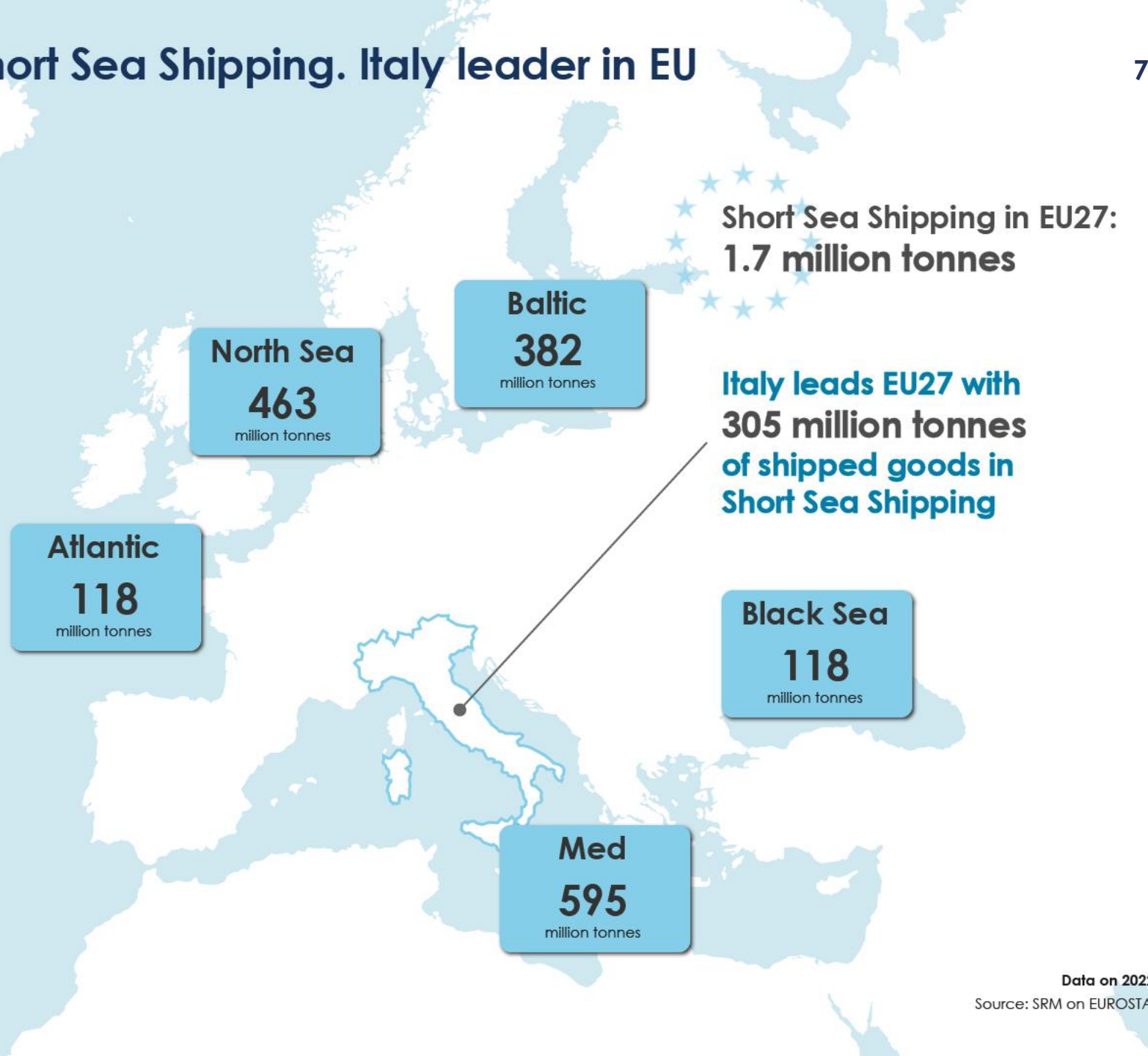
| CARRIER                                         | CMA CGM                 |                            | MAERSK                  |                            | MSC                     |                            | COSCO                   |                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Trade Bound                                     | Dry (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Reefer (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Dry (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Reefer (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Dry (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Reefer (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Dry (in EUR)<br>per TEU | Reefer (in EUR)<br>per TEU |
| North Europe to Far East                        | -                       | -                          | 46                      | 69                         | 12                      | 19                         | 19                      | 29                         |
| Far East to North Europe                        | 25                      | 38                         | 70                      | 105                        | 21                      | 31                         | 28                      | 42                         |
| Intra Mediterranean<br>Black Sea & North Africa | 25                      | 38                         | 45                      | 68                         | 16                      | 24                         | 13                      | 20                         |

Source: SRM on companies's websites



## Short Sea Shipping. Italy leader in EU

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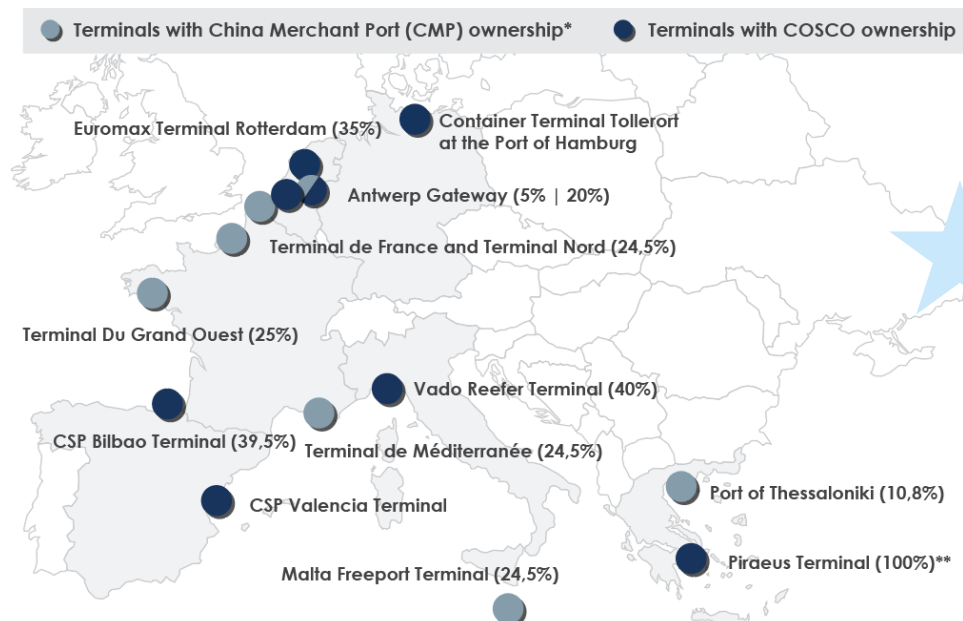
## EU: “de-coupling” from China?

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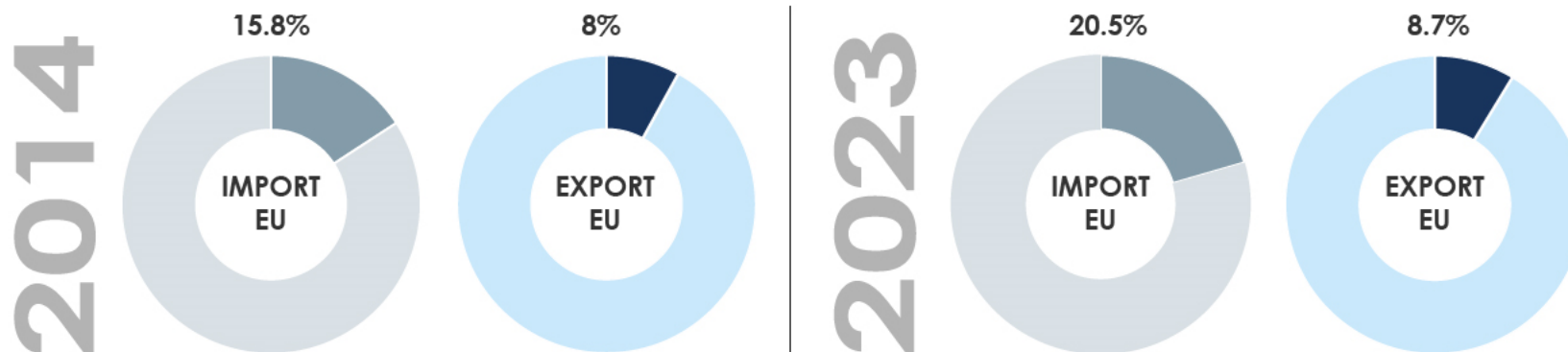
### Chinese ownership of container terminal in EU

\*CMP owns shares in European ports through its 49% stake in Terminal Link.

\*\*Additionally, to full ownership PCT, COSCO owns a 67% stake in Piraeus Port Authority.



### China's weight for EU import-export





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## Intermodal transport: key driver for port competitiveness

### Road-Rail mix



### TOP 5 ports by rail traffic (2023)



### Intermodal driving factors



### 20 ports linked to the National Railway Infrastructure



Port linked to the NRI



Port to be connected

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# Logistic efficiency: key driver for port competitiveness

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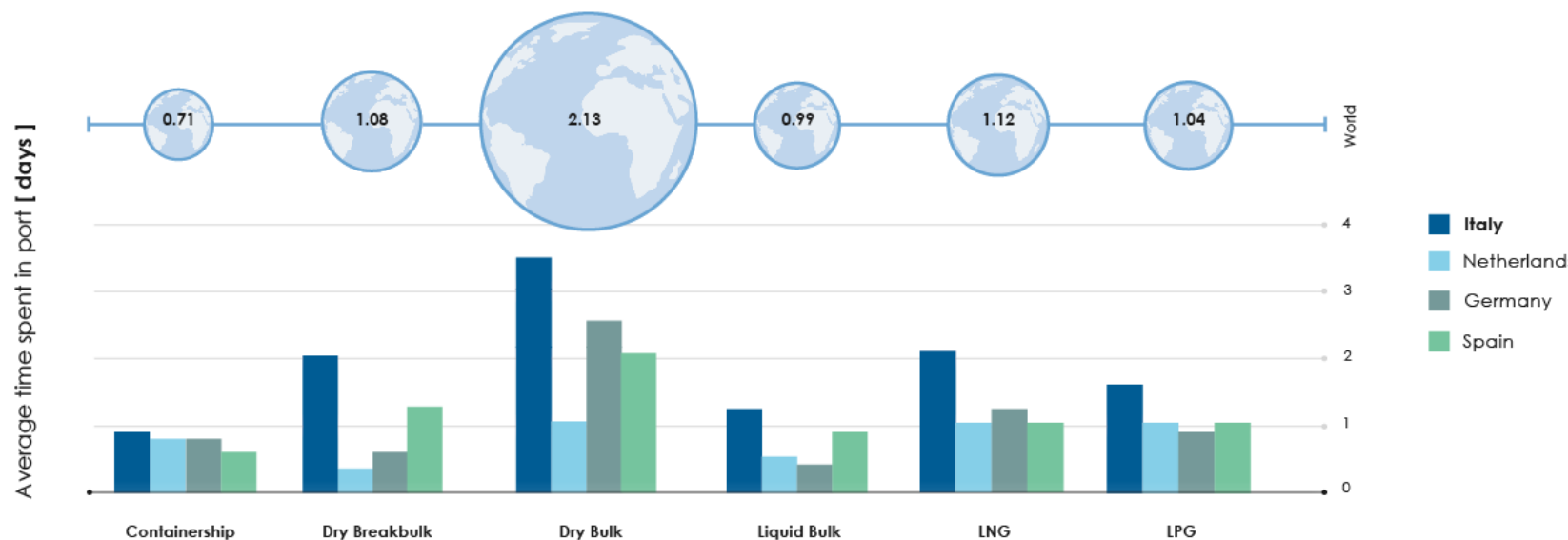
## Logistics Performance Index (LPI)



|                         |   | RANK |   |
|-------------------------|---|------|---|
| Customs                 | → | 24   | ▼ |
| Infrastructure          | → | 19   | ▼ |
| International Shipments | → | 26   | ▲ |
| Logistics competence    | → | 20   | ▼ |
| Tracking & Tracing      | → | 21   | ▼ |
| Timeliness              | → | 20   | ▼ |

LPI comparison 2023-2018

## Time spent in ports by vessel (2023)



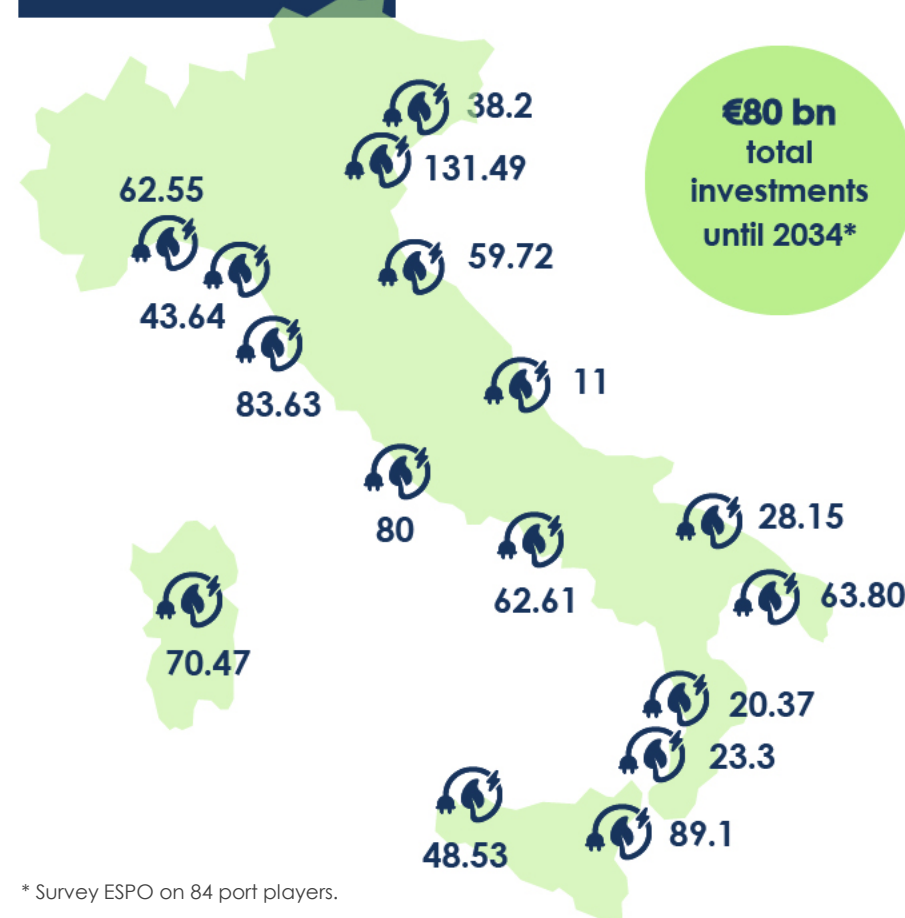
Source: SRM on WorldBank and UNCTAD



## The Green Port model as part of the new strategic role of ports

Allocated funds (NRRP and national) for «Energy and environmental efficiency – Cold Ironing»

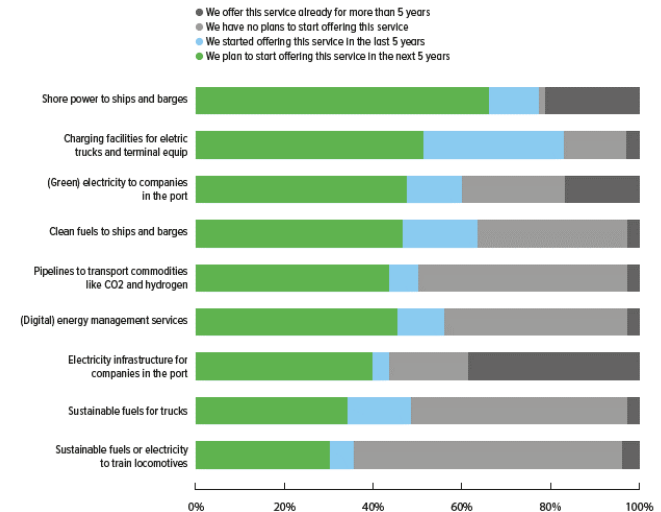
**€916.15 million**



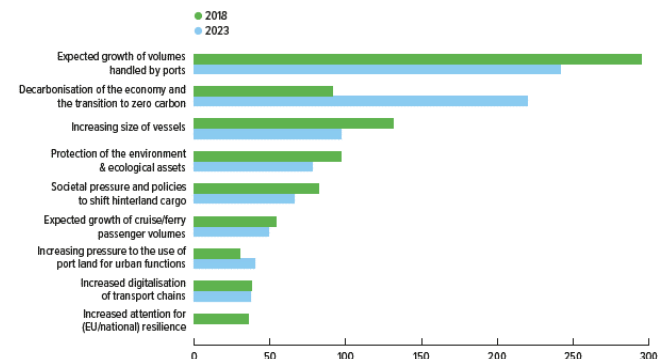
\* Survey ESPO on 84 port players.

Data in €million | Source: SRM on MIT and ESPO

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RELEVANCE OF DRIVERS OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN 2023 AND 2018



Source: ESPO, Port Investments Study 2024



## ITALIAN PRIORITY PROGRAMMES: **PORTS**

Projects: **233**

Allocated funds (NRRP and national): **€8,592.95 million**



**Most of these funds are activated through calls for tenders**

 million

1. **Maintenance** of public state property: **298.31**

3. **Last**/second-to-last **mile rail** and port network connections: **587.6**

5. Maritime **accessibility**: **2,146.61**

7. Energy and environmental efficiency – **Cold Ironing**: **916.15**

9. **Industrial** activities in ports: **1,078.21**

2. **Digitization** of logistics and ICT: **32.18**

4. **Last road mile**: **718.3**

6. **Resilience** of infrastructure to climate change: **586.4**

8. **Waterfront** and cruise and **passenger services**: **239.4**

10. Selective increase in **port capacity**: **1,989.79**



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for ports in the  
Euro-Mediterranean  
region: the Red Sea  
crisis and the  
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