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Towards an EU Industrial Maritime Strategy

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★ EUROPEAN CLUSTER
COLLABORATION PLATFORM

Agenda

1. News from the European Cluster Collaboration Platform

Nina Hoppmann, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform

2. Upcoming EU Maritime Industrial Strategy and consultation

Dario Bazargan, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission

3. Panel debate

Laurence Martin, Secretary General, Federazione del Mare, European Network of Maritime Clusters

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4. Funding opportunities

Nina Hoppmann, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform

Housekeeping rules

Chris Burns, presenter

- We will use **slido** to launch polls. Please scan the QR code to answer.
- Please use the **Zoom Q&A function to ask questions**, and the **chat function** to comment or share links.
- If you want to speak: Please **raise your hand** and we will give you the floor.
- Please note that the session is being **recorded** and that the recording will be **published** on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN CLUSTER COLLABORATION PLATFORM

New EU strategy for secure, prosperous and resilient Black Sea region

Amidst Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the strategy **strengthens the EU's geopolitical role** and deepens cooperation with Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Structured around **three pillars**, it introduces flagship initiatives such as a **Black Sea Maritime Security Hub** and a **regional Connectivity Agenda**. The strategy aligns with EU enlargement and the Global Gateway, aiming to foster stability, development and closer integration with EU values and markets.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Matchmaking in India – 29-31 October 2025

The EU–India Matchmaking Event aims to foster collaboration between **European clusters, SMEs**, and Indian partners in key industries, including renewable/clean energy & storage, smart grid and energy infrastructure, electric mobility, and green finance and investment support.

! For Clusters: Financial support is available for up to 20 EU clusters, covering travel, accommodation, and registration **(reimbursement for 1 representative per cluster)**

! For SMEs: Participation costs are at **their own expense**. However, selected SMEs will benefit from free access to the Renewable Energy India Expo 2025 and will be informed about available discounted rates for accommodation and flights.

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)



Matchmaking in Taiwan – 21-23 October 2025



The [EU – Taiwan Matchmaking Event](#) will take place on-site in Taipei, Taiwan, during the week of 21–23 October 2025, held in the context of European Innovation Week and alongside TAITRONICS & AIoT Taiwan. The event will focus on sectors such as **AI, robotics, sustainable energy, industrial IoT, semiconductors, and the circular economy**.

Matchmaking in Vietnam – 4-6 November 2025



The [EU – Vietnam Matchmaking Event](#) will take place on-site in Bac Ninh, Vietnam, during the week of 4–6 November 2025 in the context of the **Vietnam Industrial & Manufacturing Fair**.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage directly with Vietnamese industry leaders and clusters and explore new collaboration opportunities **in advanced manufacturing and industrial innovation**.



ECCP Events 2025



Online EU Clusters Talks

Biweekly: Wednesdays at 8:30 CET



Rzeszów, Poland

Clusters meet Regions | **3-4 June**



Cairo, Egypt

ECCP Matchmaking | **16-18 June**



Foligno, Italy

Clusters meet Regions | **24-25 June**



Cluj, Romania

Clusters meet Regions | **1-2 July**
& ECCP Matchmaking



Ajdovščina, Slovenia

Clusters meet Regions | **10-11 September**



Vaasa, Finland

Clusters meet Regions | **24-25 September**



Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ECCP Matchmaking | **1-3 October**



New Delhi & Greater Noida, India

ECCP Matchmaking | **29-31 October**



Taipei, Taiwan

ECCP Matchmaking | **21-23 October (tbc)**



Hanoi, Vietnam

ECCP Matchmaking | **4-6 November (tbc)**



Regensburg, Germany

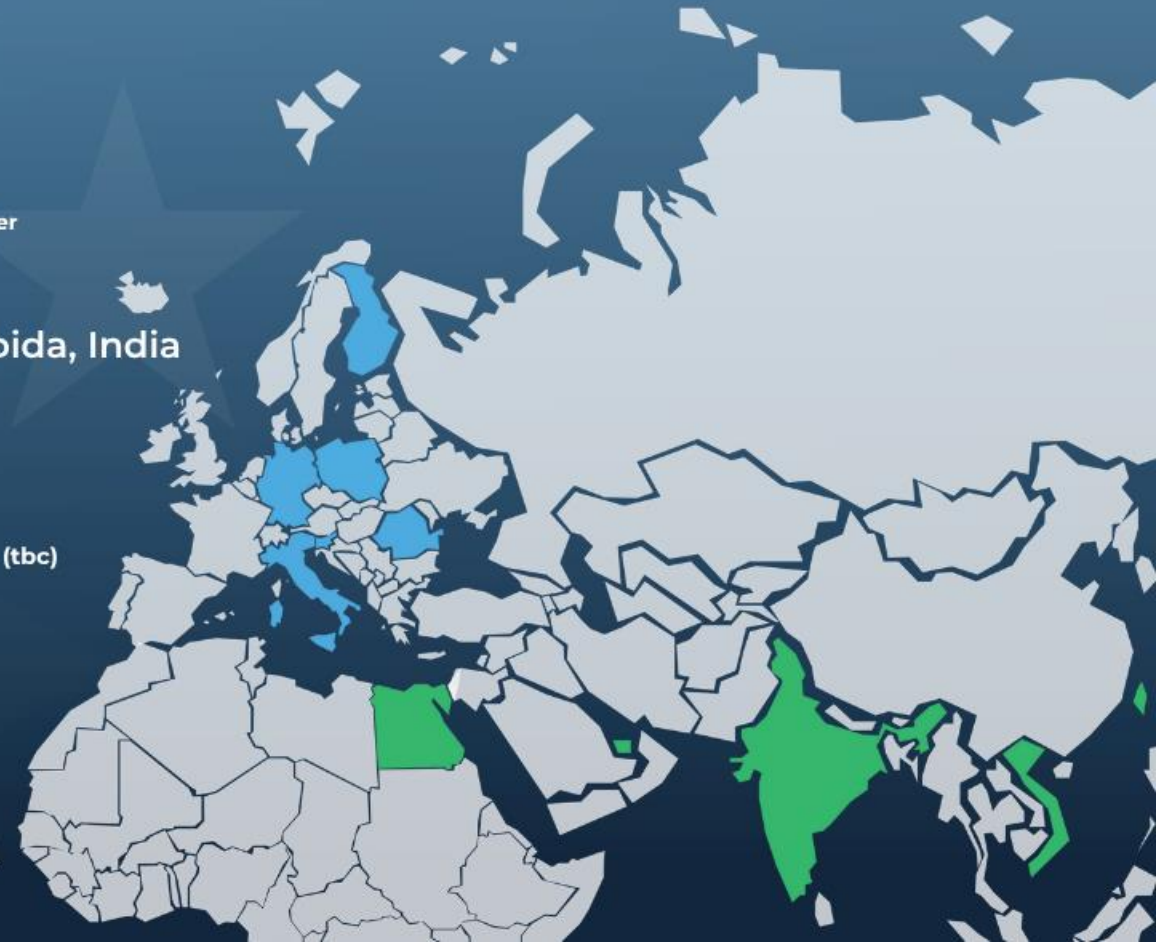
Clusters meet Regions | **26-27 November**



Clusters Meet Regions



ECCP Matchmaking International



Upcoming EU Maritime Industrial Strategy and consultation

Dario Bazargan

Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission

Mission Letter – 17 September 2024



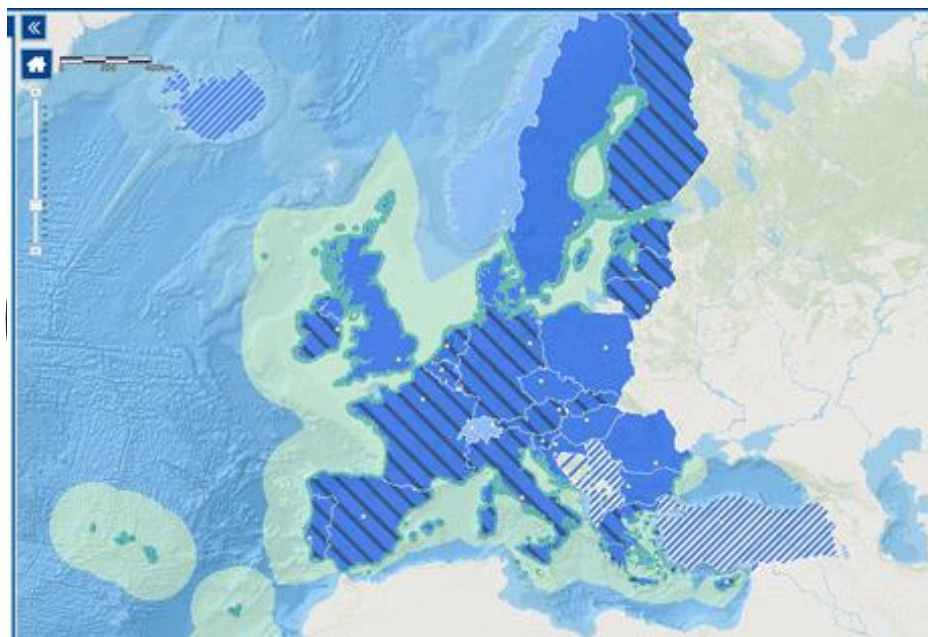
*“You will also propose a new **Industrial Maritime Strategy** to enhance the competitiveness, sustainability and resilience of Europe’s maritime manufacturing sector”*

A strategic cluster for Europe

**SECURITY OF SUPPLIES: ECONOMIC,
FOOD, & ENERGY SECURITY**



**PROTECTION OF CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**



**GREEN AND DIGITAL
TRANSITION**



DEFENCE & MILITARY MOBILITY

Draghi and Niinistö Reports

The future of European competitiveness

Part A | A competitiveness strategy for Europe

SEPTEMBER 2024

Safer Together Strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness

Report by **Sauli Niinistö**, former President of the Republic of Finland,
In his capacity as Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission

The future — — of European competitiveness



Strengthening Europe's Civilian and Military Preparedness and Readiness



Draghi Report on EU competitiveness: *Shipbuilding*

- EU is not on a level playing field with production in other world regions (...) In shipbuilding, the distortive impact has been particularly acute. **Asian competitors can offer prices up to 30%-40% lower than the EU.**
- **EU has become fully dependent on Asia for merchant shipbuilding**, 94% of which is now supplied by Asia (...) Beyond commercial shipbuilding, this situation could also **impact naval shipbuilding** given the high interlinkages
- **Industrial Objectives for Shipbuilding:**
 - ✓ **Maintain the current industrial base** (more complex and value added).
 - ✓ **Regain leadership** in ferries, energy transport and research vessels.
 - ✓ **Gain global leadership** in production of floating technologies and supply of offshore wind vessels.

Draghi Report on EU competitiveness: *Shipping*

- **EU's ownership share of global maritime fleet is declining.** A number of third countries offer a generous business environment, e.g. China offers attractive leasing for shipowners, while EU banks have slowed their support due to strict prudential requirements.
- **Investment needs to decarbonize global shipping : approx. EUR 39 billion each year from 2031 to 2050.**
- **Sustainable renewable and low-carbon fuels are essential for the decarbonization of maritime transport: several challenges need to be overcome to ramp up today's marginal production capacity**

Niinistö Report on Strengthening Europe's civilian and military preparedness and readiness

Strengthen dual-use & civil-military cooperation at EU level based on a whole-of-government approach:

To maximise industrial capacity and R&D output, the EU needs to strengthen links between the defence industry and other strategic industrial sectors, not only in aerospace, but also **in shipbuilding, for example (where major external dependencies have emerged, with China dominating the global market).**

Subsea Preparedness - promoting security under water:

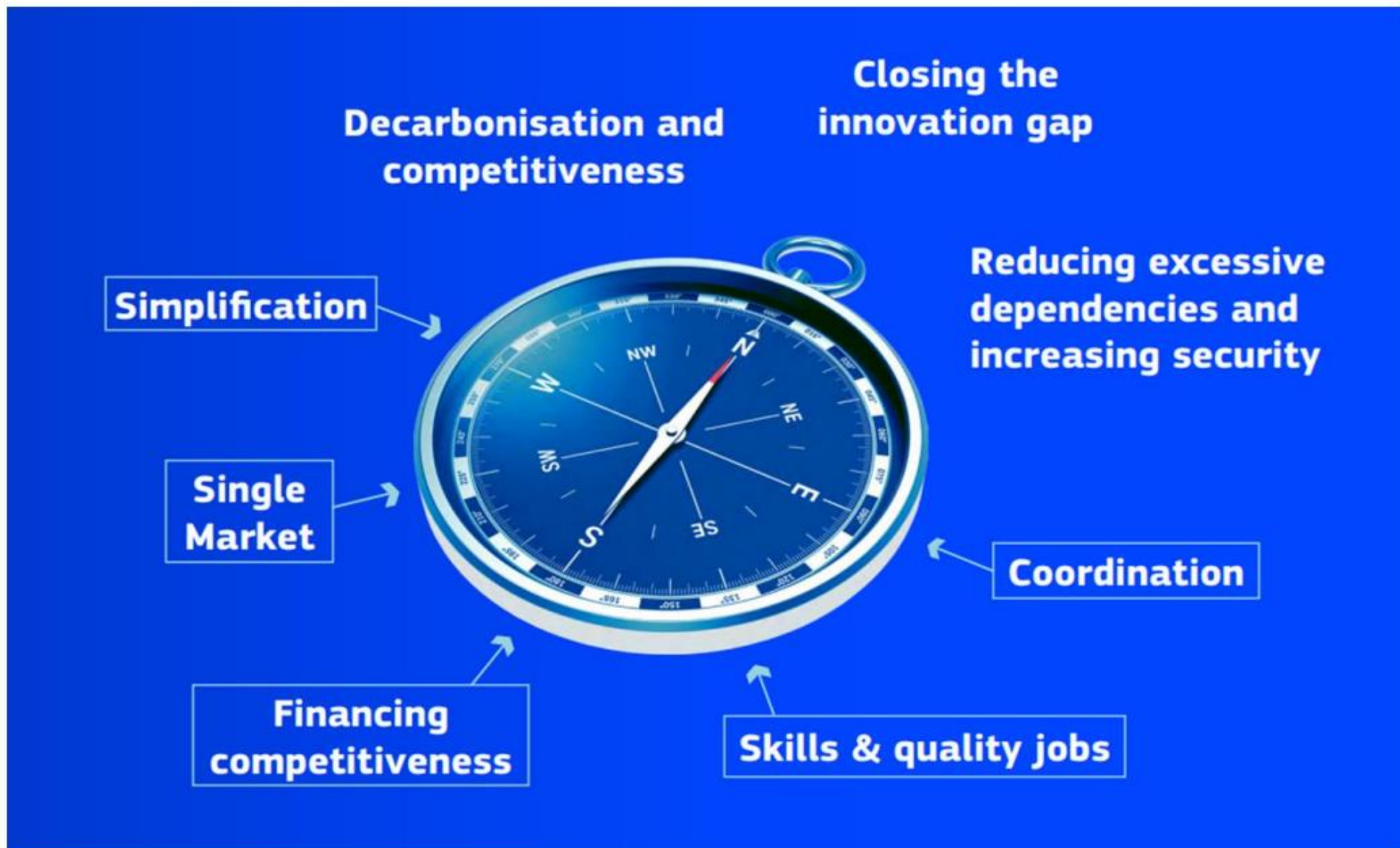
More than 95% of global internet traffic between continents is carried by undersea cables. The security and resilience of the EU's network and computing infrastructure is an essential element of our digital autonomy.

CABLE SECURITY ACTION PLAN (21.02.2025):

4.2 Recovery: towards an EU Cable Vessels Reserve Fleet:

*“Given the EU's highly advanced industrial capabilities in building specialised vessels to maintain and repair submarine cables, this could additionally contribute to the **upcoming Industrial Maritime Strategy**”*

EU's Competitiveness Compass



COMPETITIVENESS COMPASS
PILLAR 2 “Joint decarbonisation and competitiveness agenda”

CLEAN INDUSTRIAL DEAL

EU OCEAN PACT

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PLAN (STIP)

**EU INDUSTRIAL
MARITIME STRATEGY**

**EU PORT
STRATEGY**

EU DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY (2024)

CABLE SECURITY ACTION PLAN (2025)

**WIND POWER
PACKAGE (2023)**

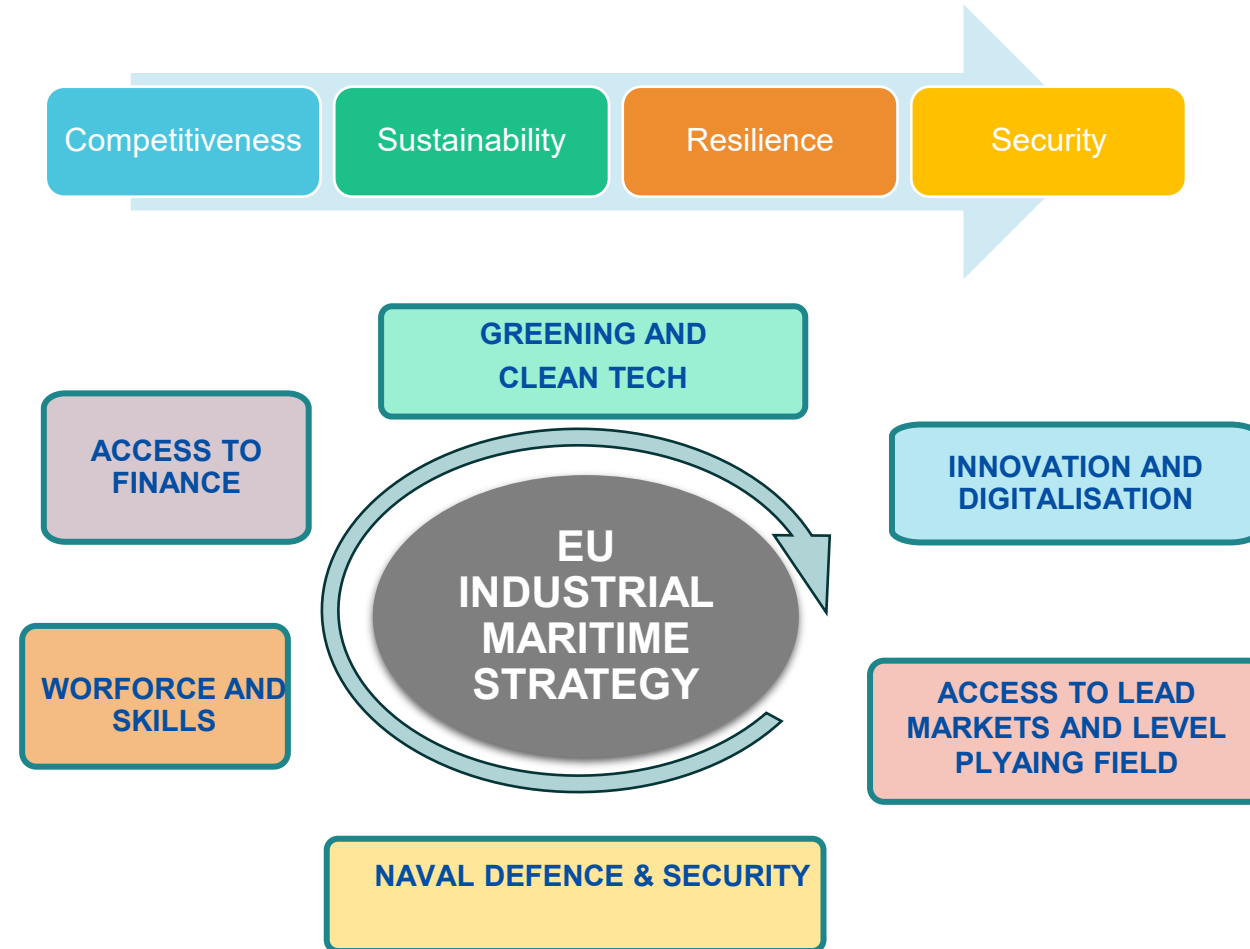
**EU MARITIME SECURITY
STRATEGY (2023)**

**EU OFFSHORE RENEWABLE
STRATEGY (2020)**

EU industrial Maritime Strategy: potential Objectives, drivers & building blocks

We aim to bolster the competitive position of Europe's waterborne cluster through:

- Strengthening Europe's **waterborne industrial and technological base**
- Fostering Europe's **global high-tech leadership and know-how**
- Contributing to a **strong European maritime and inland waterway transport**, preserving EU's global leadership in shipping
- Driving the **twin clean and digital transformation**
- Increasing **naval industrial and technological capabilities**, leveraging **dual-use cross-fertilization** and supporting Military Mobility
- Protecting **critical maritime & underwater infrastructure** (e.g. offshore wind farms & subsea cables).



State of play and next Steps

1. Call for Evidence (June 2025)
2. Stakeholder Roundtable/ Meetings (June-Sept)
3. External studies (ongoing)
4. Presentation/Discussions in relevant Expert Groups/Committees/Fora (e.g. ESSF, EPF)
5. Adoption: end 2025 /January 2026

Your input and contribution will be key!

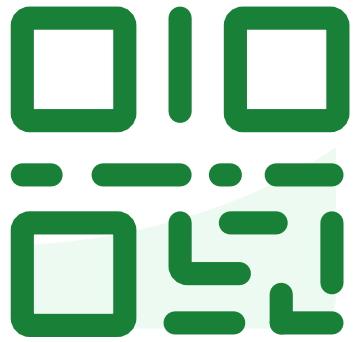
Thank you



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#Maritime_Industrial_Strategy



How are you connected to the maritime industry?



What's the biggest challenge for the maritime industry?



Which of the following should be the top priority for a European Maritime Industrial Strategy?

Panel debate

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Open topic on efficient border surveillance and maritime security

- This call aims to innovative, modular and scalable solutions to improve **border surveillance and maritime security** across the EU.
- Projects should:
 - Strengthen EU external border security and maritime safety against threats (e.g. trafficking, irregular migration, piracy, cyber threats).
 - Enhance real-time surveillance and situational awareness.
 - Improve decision-making and response in critical sea and land situations.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-CL3-2025-01-BM-01
- Planned opening date: 12 June 2025
- Deadline: 12 November 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

WATER

- The aim of the call is to establish **a long-term, impact-driven partnership that fosters innovation**, education, and business creation across Europe to address critical societal and environmental challenges related to water systems.
- Expected impacts:
 - **Technological and economic impact** by fostering new companies, scaling innovative solutions, creating jobs, and attracting investment.
 - **Educational impact** by enhancing innovation and entrepreneurship skills, and promoting open knowledge sharing.
 - **Societal impact** by addressing EU water-related priorities through innovation, citizen engagement, and uptake of solutions within and beyond the EIT Community.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-EIT-2025
- Deadline: 17 June 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Additional activities for the European Partnership Water Security for the Planet (Water4All)

- The objective of the call is to support the continuation and expansion of the **Water4All European Partnership** under Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025.
- Fund additional activities and partners to enhance research, innovation uptake, international cooperation, and alignment with EU and global water-related goals.
- Project results are expected to contribute to all of the following impact:
 - Boost implementation of the **Water4All Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda**.
 - Contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on **water security**.
 - Strengthen coordination across EU, national, and regional programmes
- Topic ID: HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-05
- Deadline: 16 September 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Register for the next Talks

18 June

Security, Innovation and the Green Transition:
Recap of the EU Industry Days

Continue the discussion



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