

Extension of European Ports Alliance Planned



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On 21 July 2025, D EU Commissioner for Home Affairs *Magnus Brunner* and Danish Minister for Justice, *Peter Hummelgaard*, who represented the Danish Council Presidency, **took stock of the first year of the European Ports Alliance** Public-Private Partnership. The initiative was launched in January 2024 and strengthens cooperation between European ports in the fight against organised crime and drug trafficking (→[euclid 1/2024, 30](#)). Bolstering security and resilience of EU ports against crime is also one of the priorities of the EU Internal Security Strategy "ProtectEU" (→[euclid 1/2025, 3-4](#)).

Sixteen major ports, including Hamburg, Rotterdam and Marseille, are currently participating in the alliance. In view of the shift of criminal activities to smaller ports, the Danish Presidency and the Commission want to expand the alliance. They called for targeted investment in control technology and better networking between authorities. The Commission also emphasised the need to protect maritime infrastructure against hybrid and cyber threats. Another objective is to provide police authorities with legally secure access to data in order to combat organised crime more effectively.

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