

# 1st CSN Greece Maritime Supply Chain and Vessels Performance Forum

The impact of pandemic and geopolitical turmoils on ports

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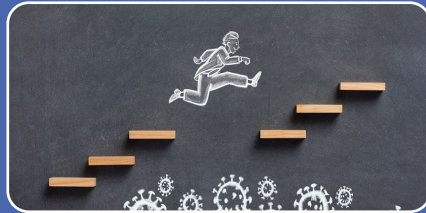
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# Shipping (and ports) in turbulent times



## 2019-2020 – Pandemic

Lockdowns  
Decrease of international trade / transportation  
Ports closure  
Crew issues



## 2021 – Post Covid-19

Restocking of global market  
Inflation pressure



## 2022 – War in Ukraine

- Energy supply shortages / EU Sanctions
- Ton-miles increase / alternative trade routes
- Demand increase



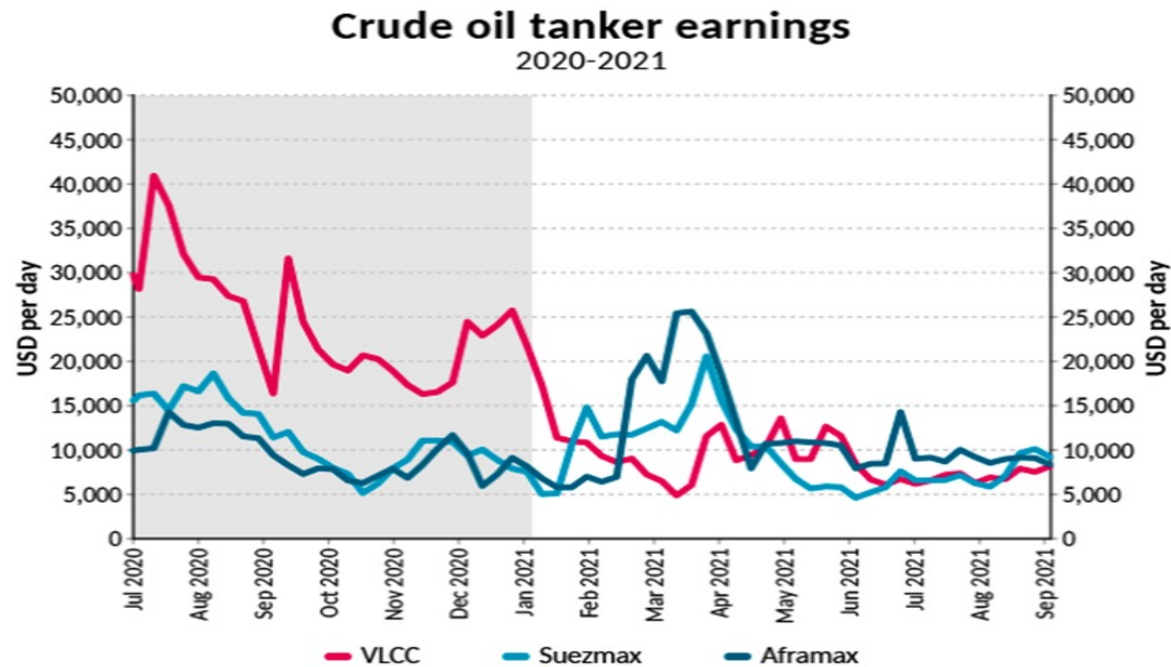
## 2023- The Red Sea Crisis

- Attack on vessels
- Shipping companies are avoiding Suez Canal
- Alternative trade routes / Increase in ton-miles
- Ports bypass

# Shipping Markets being dominated by Covid 19 pandemic

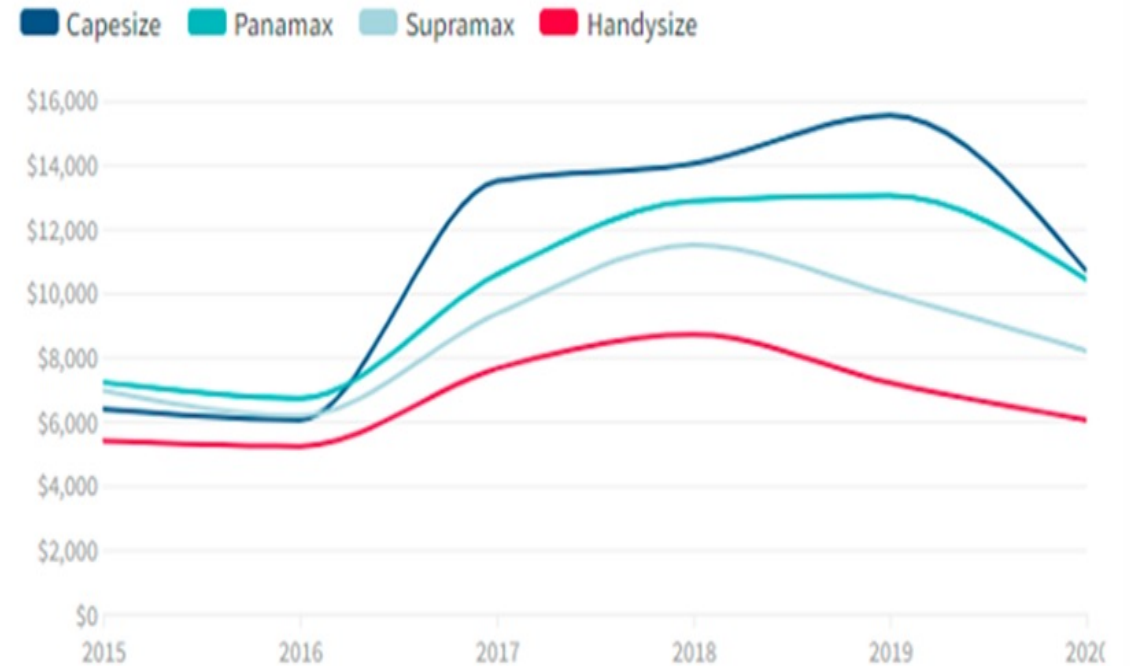
## Freight Market

Tankers earnings/freight rates



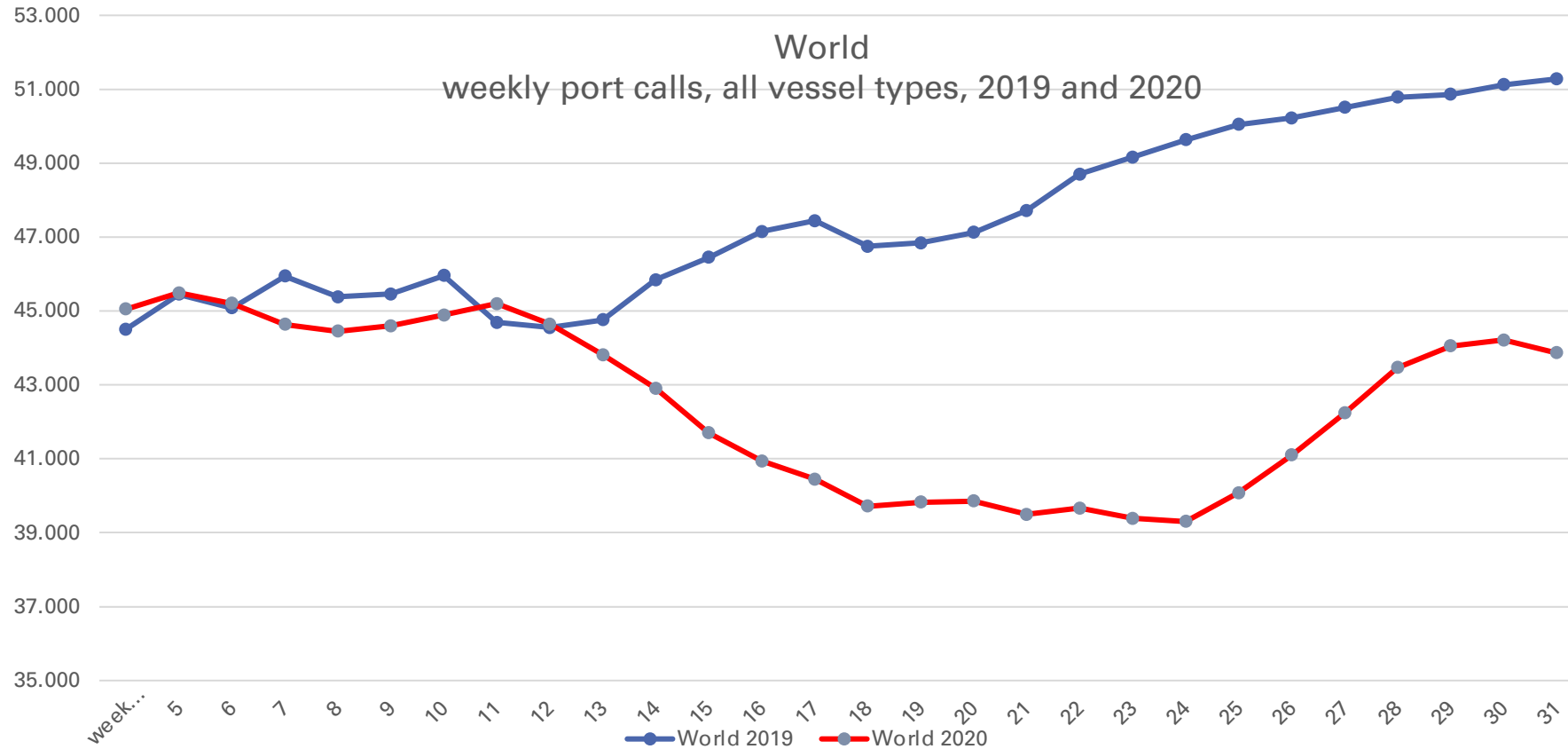
Source: Bimco, Clarksons Research

Dry freight rates



Source: Clarksons Research, Baltic Exchange

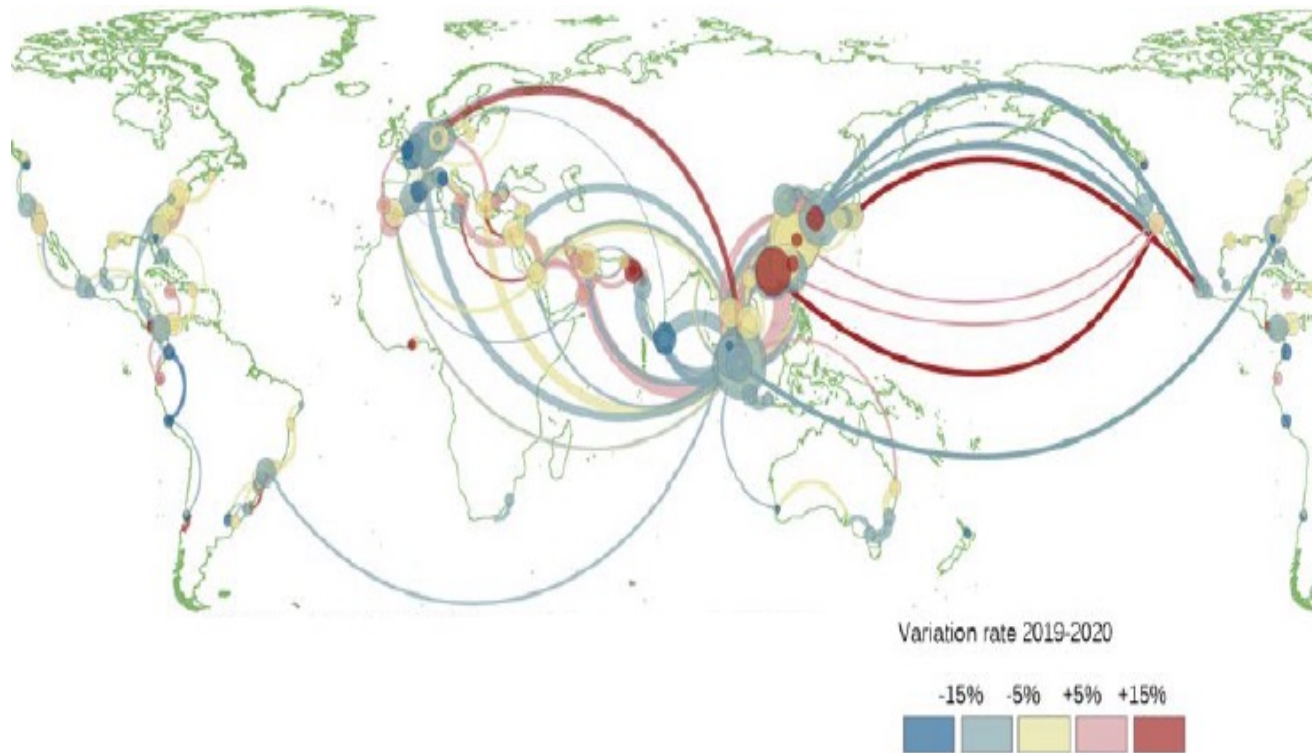
# Covid – 19 and ports



- Ports lost a significant volume of vessel traffic
- Biggest losses in Ferries, Cruise vessels and bulk

Source: International Association of Ports and Harbors, 2021

# What about container ports



- Few ports saw an increase in throughput, mostly in Asia – specifically in China
- Many of the world top ports lost traffic, especially those located in the Malacca Strait (Singapore, Tanjung, Kelang)
- Middle East and North American ports experiences less dramatic changes



# Beyond changes in throughput



**Extra restrictions on vessels**



**Extra delays due changes in port call procedures**



**Hinterland transport in port**



**Capacity utilisation, including warehousing and distribution activities in the port**



**Procedures**



**Workforce**

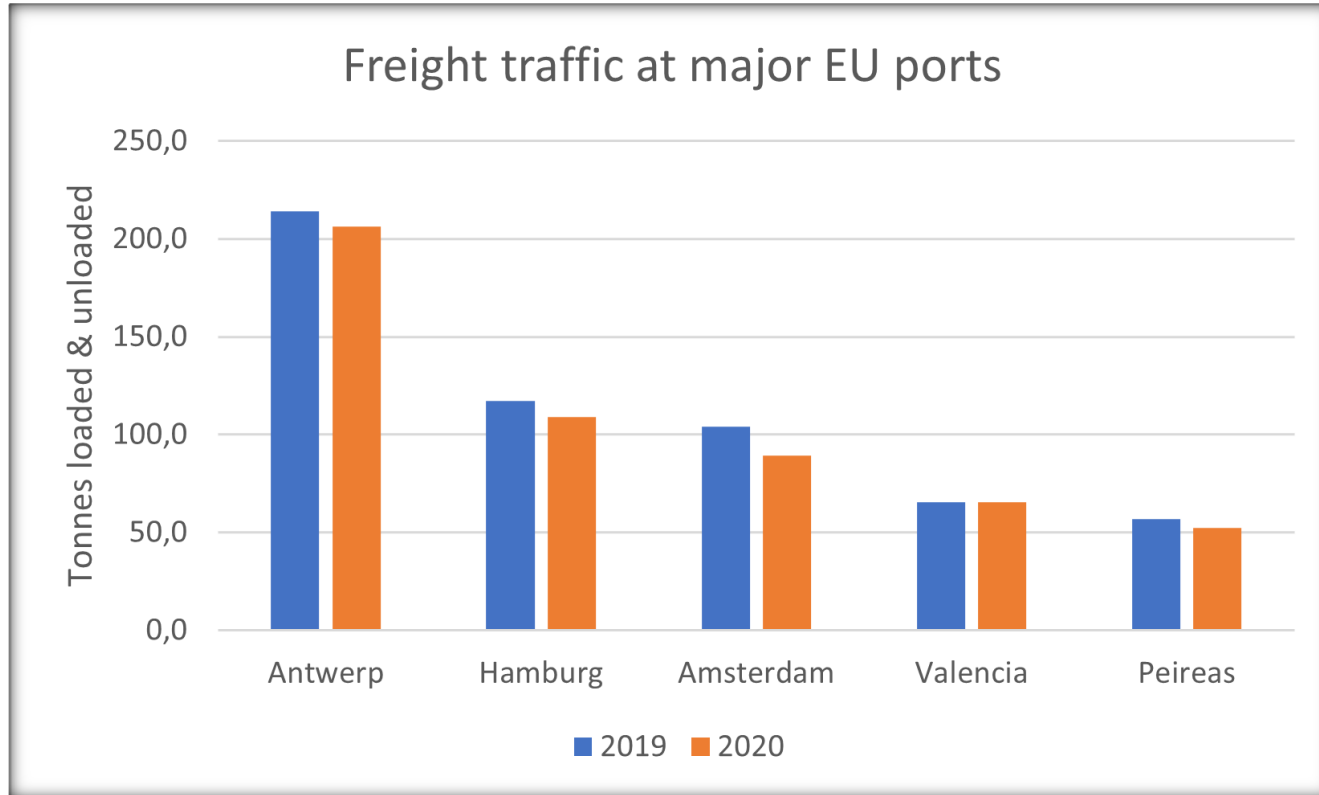




## **Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics – General initiatives**

1. Crisis Protocol and Communication Strategy
2. Staff Well-Being and Resilience
3. Technology Preparedness
4. Cargo Flow Continuity

# PORT RESILIENCE DURING THE COVID-19 – Processes change



Source: European Commission, 2022

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Determination & Prioritization of essential activities

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Fast Track lanes

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Longer shift changeover time

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Rotation system

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Telecommuting – work from home

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Secondary office

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Optimization of the use of the existing anchorage areas and the use of temporary areas



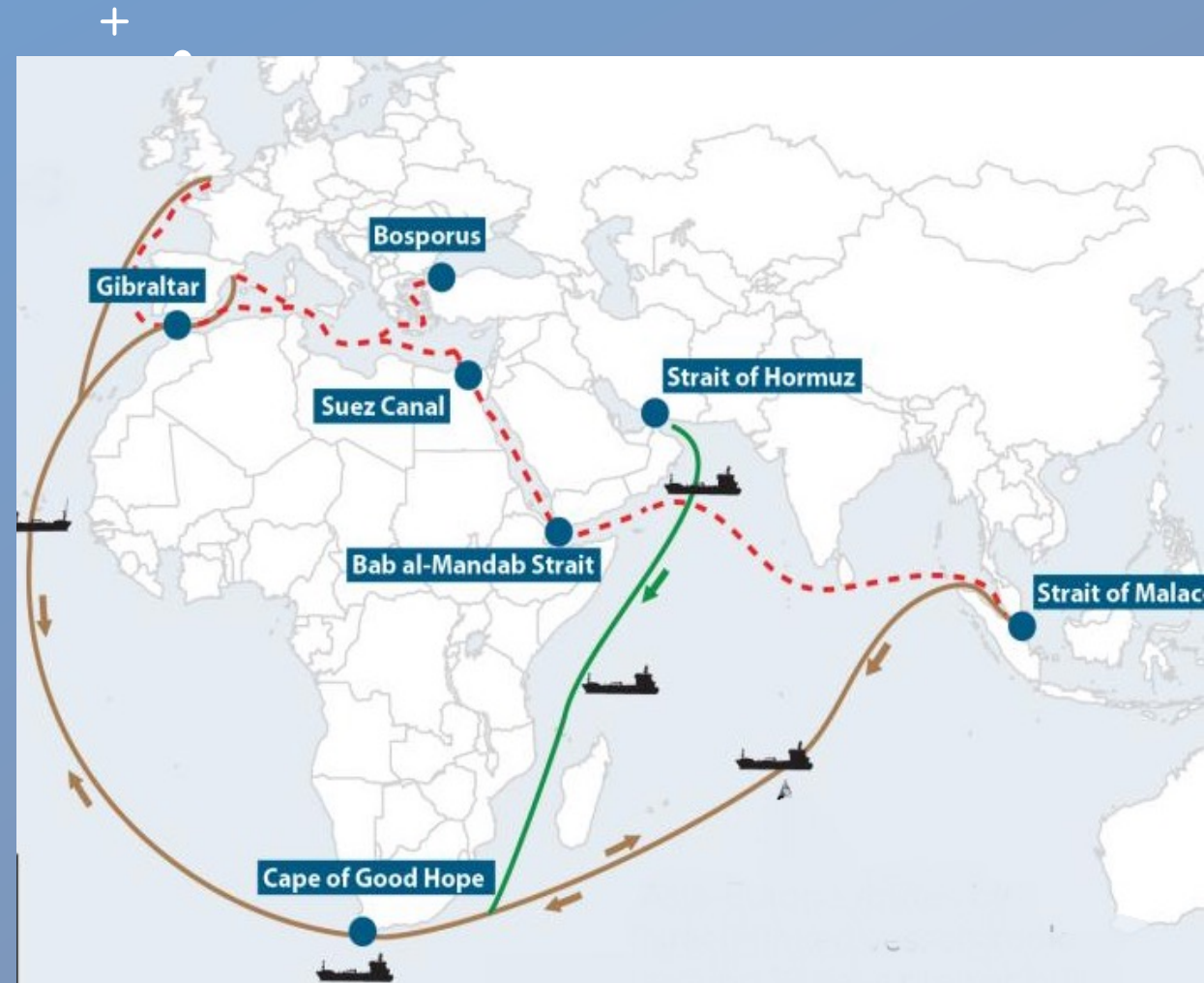
# THE RED SEA CRISIS

ZIM Re-Routes Ships to Avoid Yemeni Coast

**Shipping giant Maersk says Red Sea vessel diversions could extend into second half of 2024**

**MSC and CMA CGM Suspend Red Sea Transits, Joining Hapag and Maersk**

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# The major impacts so far

10%-12% of the global trade passes through Red Sea

Estimated trade value \$1 trillion

Detour around Cape 3.500-4.000 nautical miles, 12-15 additional days

Additional fuel cost \$250.000 – \$300.000

Skyrocketing the insurance premiums

China – US East Coast: +174% since October

China – North Europe: +495% since October at around 5.500 per FEU

# The impact on Med ports

- The Med ports are facing the biggest losses
- Calls from vessels above 10.000 TEUs more than halved in recent weeks – end of February update.
- Significant increase in feeder vessel calls
- Piraeus down 13% on January.
- Hub ports in the Med are loosing in significance.
- West African ports and North European ports are on the rise.

# LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE – TOWARDS MORE RESILIENT PORTS

## **Anticipation Capabilities**

### Observe – Identify – Prepare

International Information Network  
Future needs of port users  
Long-term plan concerning their strategic port capacity planning.  
Information Management – Resource Allocation  
Business Continuity Management  
Strategic Framework  
Reduce port vulnerabilities

## **Cope Capabilities**

### Acceptance – Development – Implementation

Strong cooperation between all stakeholders  
Flow of information  
Crucial role for the Port Authority

## **Adaptive Capabilities**

### Lessons learned – Implementation

Formal & Informal Incident Management Processes  
Discussions  
Presentations