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### **DOCKSHEFTOURF NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE** Towards the Port of Tomorrow

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#### The Network: goals and core topics



The DocksTheFuture Network of Excellence is a tool **supporting ports to develop innovative projects to achieve their sustainable targets, based on the opportunities deriving from funding programmes** such as the ones promoted by the Green Deal.

- It shall promote ideas for the Port of the Future, inspired by other ongoing initiatives and proposals and have a leading and proactive role in the process of overcoming the industry challenges of today and tomorrow, also in order to implement cofunded projects and support policy changes;
- It shall speed up the distribution of practical innovative ideas, hasten the spread of best practices, promoting new technologies to innovate the business and the whole port industry;
- Let shall enrich the dialogue with and among other organisations such as the European Technology Platforms, international associations and maritime clusters without any kind of competition character.

The setup of the Network is based on **ports** participation while **other maritime and logistics actors** will be invited to join and contribute to the activities based on their willingness to cooperate.





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The core topics on which the Network focus on, are essential parts of the **EU Green Deal** elements clearly relates to port industry:

- □ Supplying clean, affordable and secure energy to any port related transport means
- D Mobilising the community and the industry for a clean and circular economy

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- Building and renovating port infrastructures in an energy and resource efficient way
- □ Supporting smart digital seamless solutions for the entire port community
- Accelerating the shift to sustainable & smart mobility to achieve a 90% reduction in transport emissions by 2050

City-Port relation		Alternative fuels		Cyber security		Innovative financing tools	
	Circular economy		ultimodal ansport		ation & lisation	Energy efficiency	
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## What the network OFFERS to its members



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- News on best practices and industry insights via a set of digital channels such as a web portal (<u>www.docksthefuture.eu</u>)
- **Bimonthly webinar** on selected topics with the participation of top-tier experts
- Biyearly DocksTheFuture events (in synergies with other sector events)
- **Business to Business facilitation**
- **Find an expert service** (i.e. among the <u>expert</u> involved in the DTF project activities)

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Members are invited to participate in the Network's digital and physical gatherings. Each month, depending on the evolution of the sector, cutting edge topics will be assessed to boost port innovations and creation of new projects.



# What the network ASKS to its members



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- **Appoint contact persons** in its organisation for each area of interest (among "core topics") and an overall coordinator to be in touch with the Network organization
- Exchange information and best practices related to the shared main themes through the tools provided by the Network
- Take part on regular basis in the activities organised by the Network and promote them via its channels
- **Propose and promote relevant activities** and events within the Network framework
- Commit its organisation, when possible and relevant, to develop collaborative projects with other Members
- Promote its membership by putting the **Network of Excellence banner** on its website and the logo on its promotional materials
- Send out a press release announcing the membership and send it to be published on dockthefuture.eu

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### Activities and ideas for the future



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In July 2020, DockstheFuture launched the Network of Excellence to the Maritime e Port Community: since then we have received continuous requests for memberships and we have start to work together to pursue common goals taking advantage of new business opportunities. Among the activities already launched:

- Monthly "Think Factory" specific insights which aim to inform on opportunities linked to EU funding, reflecting on them and discussing on possible new projects and initiatives
- Exclusive event dedicated to NoE within <u>Connecting Eu Insights</u>, a week-long event composed by virtual meetings designed to gain an accurate and deep understanding of pivotal topics for the development of the maritime industry and its green transition

The upcoming NOE Think Factory - the first one that will be held in person due to the pandemics - will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October 11:00 a.m. during the Maritime Business Convention SeaFuture

> If you are interested in taking part as online audience in this special occasion to discover the NOE, let us know!

PIXEL will be invited in a specific session to present its results to the NOE



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