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<p>Sotiris joined ESPO last year as senior policy advisor for environment and safety. He is also the coordinator of the EcoPorts network at ESPO. Previously, Sotiris worked for 2.5 years as shipping and aviation officer at the NGO Transport & Environment being responsible for the clean shipping campaign at IMO and EU level and spent 6 years at the European Parliament as MEP policy advisor on environment, transport and legal affairs. A qualified lawyer, Sotiris speaks Greek and English. He studied at the University of Thessaloniki, the University of Athens and the King's College London Centre of European Law. Sotiris was awarded European Citizens' Prize 2008 of the European Parliament as member of "G700" blog for promoting intergenerational justice.</p>	
<p>SUSTAINABLE POLICIES OF EUROPEAN PORTS</p>	
<p>EcoPorts has become the main environmental initiative of the European port sector to address these environmental challenges. It has provided a system developed by ports, for ports, specifically designed to put ESPO's policies into practice by encouraging the free exchange of experience on environmental issues among its members. The overarching aim of EcoPorts is to increase awareness about environmental challenges, deliver compliance with legislation and to demonstrate a high standard of environmental management. EcoPorts helps European ports be at the frontline taking initiatives to protect the environment, improve public health and address the challenges of climate change.</p>	