



# European seaports need efficient customs

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# European seaports strive for balance

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**Inspections &  
formalities**

**Efficiency &  
predictability**



Safe &  
secure ports

Logistic gateways  
to Europe

**MAXIMISING SAFETY & SECURITY WHILE MINIMISING THE IMPACT ON TRADE**

# European seaports are in favour of:

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1. **Harmonize interpretations of the UCC** among Member States to create a level-playing field in order to stimulate legitimate trade and to prevent anti-competitive behaviour.
2. **Strengthen collaboration between customs authorities** of the Member States to act as one customs authority in order to strengthen the internal market and to provide a uniform and powerful framework for the logistic chain.
3. **Avoid optional elements** (f. e. optional data elements in customs declarations) to harmonize customs procedures and thus avoid additional costs for the logistics chain.
4. **Ensure sufficient funding** to develop and deploy IT infrastructure and related applications on both European and national levels.