

**Question for written answer E-000642/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU investment in port infrastructure

European port activities represent an essential industrial tool for our economies, which cannot be reduced to the simple moving of goods.

In its 2013 Communication entitled 'Ports: an engine for growth', the Commission already stressed that 'investments are needed to adapt port infrastructure and facilities to suit new transport and logistics requirements and absorb the expected growth of cargo'.

In its 'Integrated Maritime Policy', the European Union has set itself the following objectives: 'to enable the growth of maritime regions and coastal regions as regards shipping, seaports, shipbuilding, maritime jobs'.

1. What has been the situation since then with regard to investment in European ports?
2. What measures have been taken to secure and develop jobs in ports, as announced in the Integrated Maritime Policy and other Commission communications?

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