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# The perspective for Mediterranean container ports in a new global scenario

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# Mediterranean Area



15% of world traffic flows (2005) •  
19% of world traffic flows (2017) •

+123% of sea traffic freight between 2001 and 2014

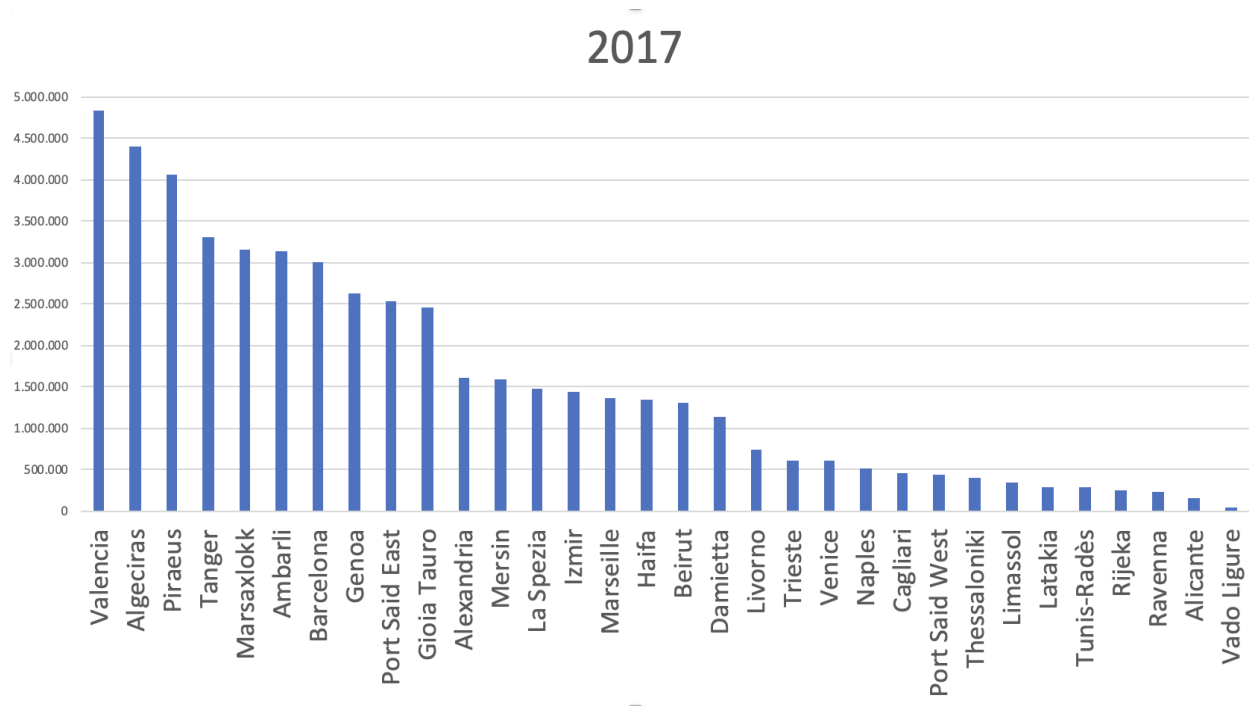
Source: Eurostat

Enclosed sea Basin, as a big lake

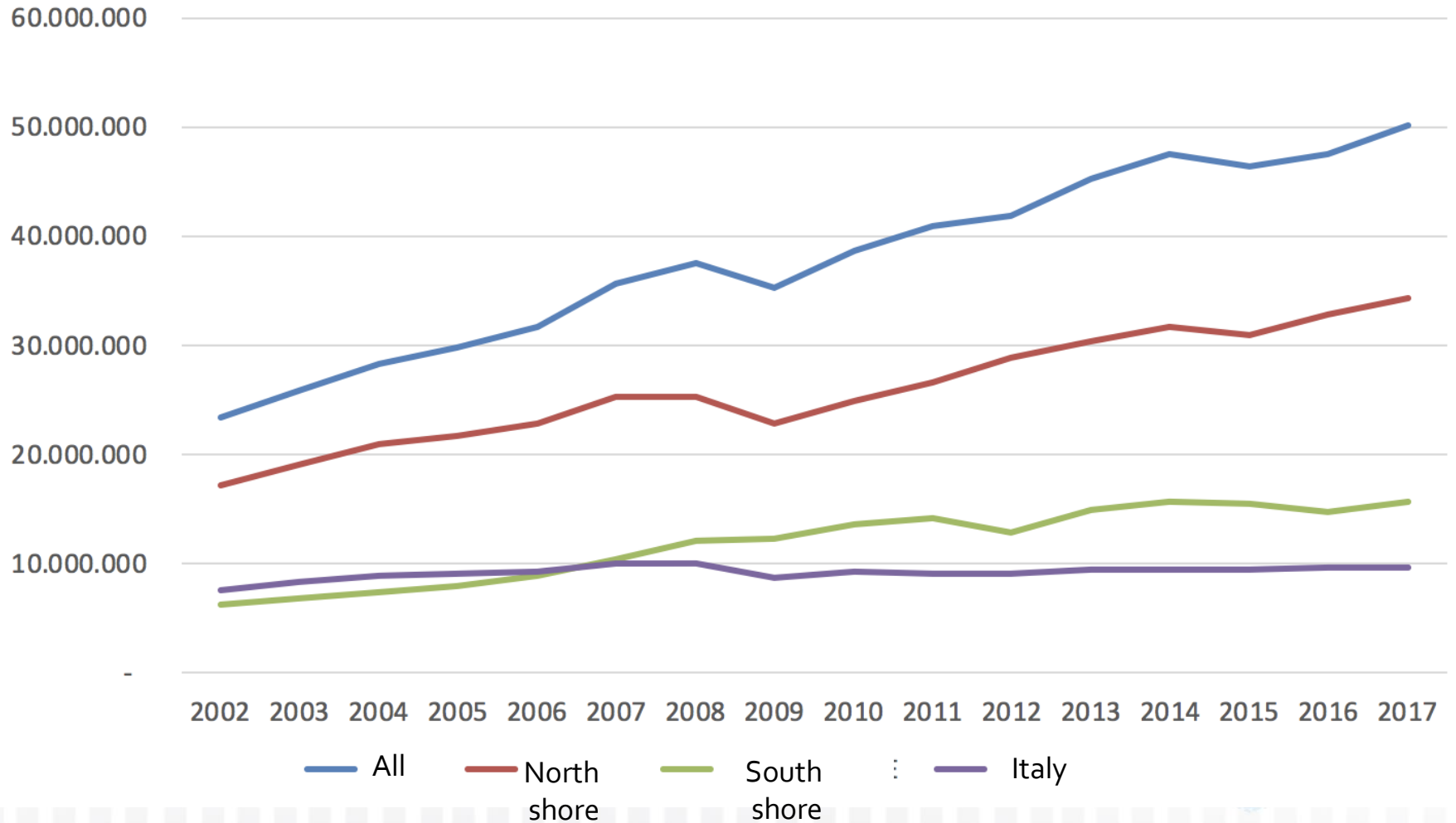
It is perceived from outside, for transshipment, as a whole geographic area

Half billion of people lives around it (one of the most important in the world)

# MEDITERRANEAN SEA CHARACTERISTICS

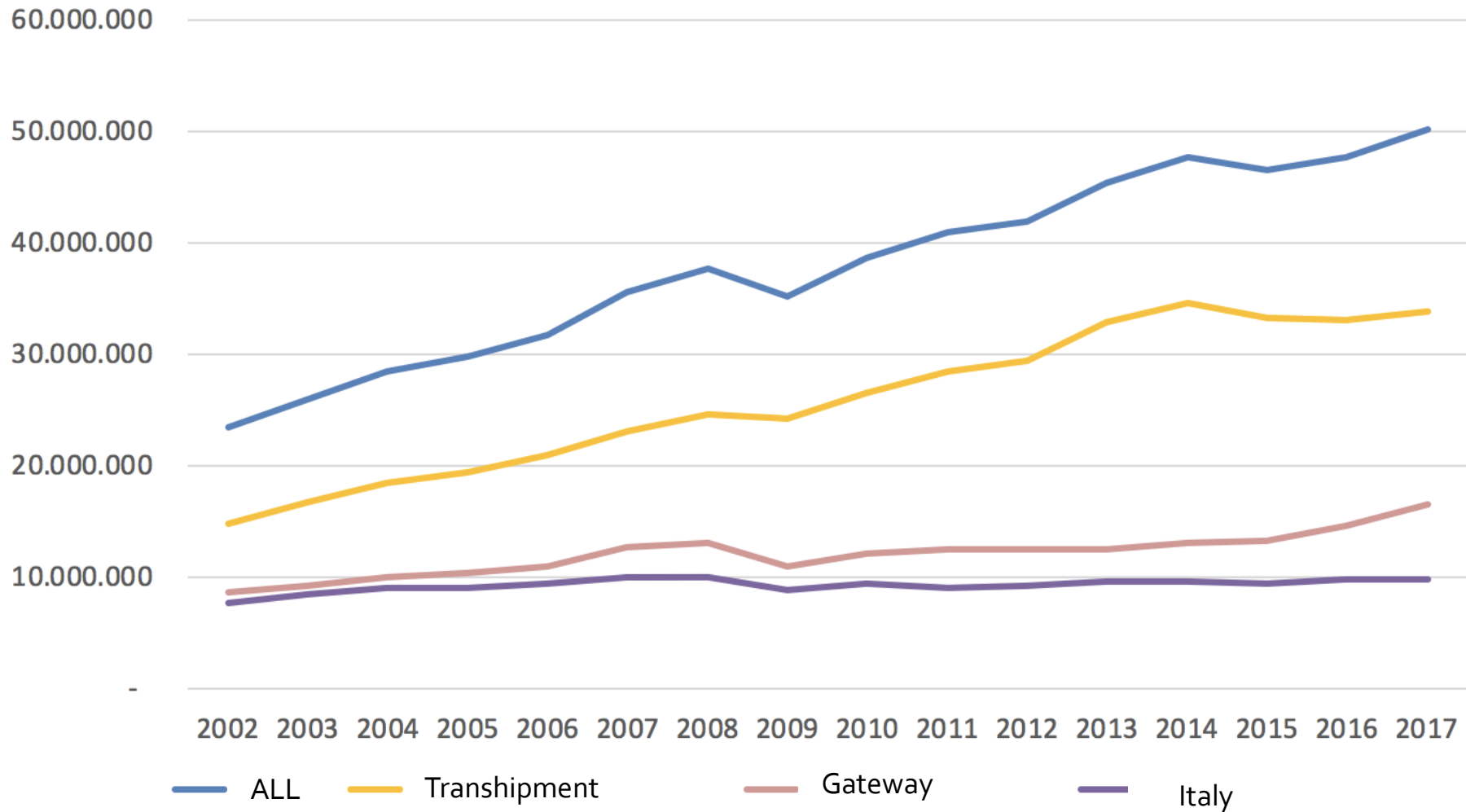


## Trend 2002-2017 (a)





# Trend 2002-2017 (b)



Port	% 2006-2017
Beirut	284.8%
Tanger	259.8%
Ambarli	225.2%
Piraeus	189.3%
Trieste	179.7%
Rijeka	164.8%
Mersin	147.0%
Marsaxlokk	112.1%
Alexandria-El Dekheila	108.9%
Venice	93.1%
Haifa	92.6%
Izmir	86.5%
Valencia	85.0%
Genoa	58.2%
Port Said East	53.5%
Marseille	43.9%
Ravenna	37.7%
Algeciras	34.8%
Damietta	34.5%
Barcelona	29.7%
La Spezia	29.6%
Thessaloniki	16.8%
Naples	14.6%
Livorno	11.5%
Taranto	0.0%
Limassol	-4.4%
Alicante	-5.0%
Tunis-Radès	-6.2%
Gioia Tauro	-16.7%
Cagliari	-32.9%
Latakia	-38.1%
Port Said West	-57.9%
Vado Ligure	-81.0%

Port	% 2011-2017
Piraeus	141.6%
Izmir	114.3%
Alexandria-El Dekheila	108.1%
Rijeka	65.9%
Tanger	58.3%
Trieste	56.7%
Barcelona	47.9%
Mersin	44.5%
Marseille	44.1%
Genoa	42.0%
Thessaloniki	35.7%
Venice	33.7%
Marsaxlokk	33.4%
Beirut	26.2%
Livorno	25.4%
Algeciras	21.9%
Ambarli	16.6%
La Spezia	12.7%
Valencia	11.7%
Haifa	8.3%
Alicante	6.8%
Gioia Tauro	6.2%
Ravenna	3.7%
Taranto	0.0%
Limassol	-0.2%
Naples	-1.9%
Damietta	-6.1%
Port Said East	-21.0%
Tunis-Radès	-23.1%
Cagliari	-24.4%
Latakia	-44.3%
Port Said West	-58.9%
Vado Ligure	-74.1%

A light blue world map is centered on the page, showing the outlines of continents and oceans. The map is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the text. The text "What is happening around?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered over the map. The entire image is framed by a thin blue border at the top and bottom.

What is happening around?



# One Belt One Road



## The northeastern Arctic shipping route

One of the world's most important shipping routes passes some of the world's most volatile regions, including the Middle East and the South China Sea. Russia and China are exploring a new route via the Arctic.

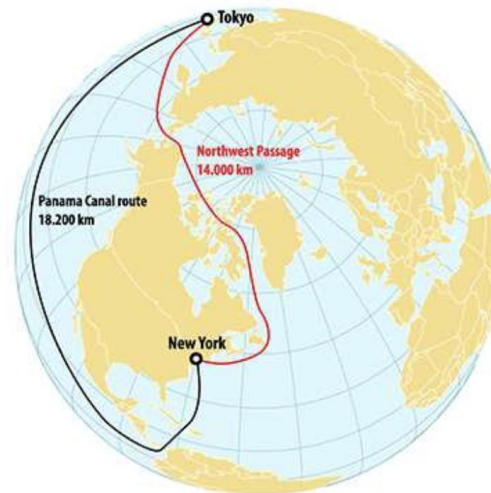


# Shanghai – Helsinki route: 40 days vs 52 days



## New Arctic Shipping Routes

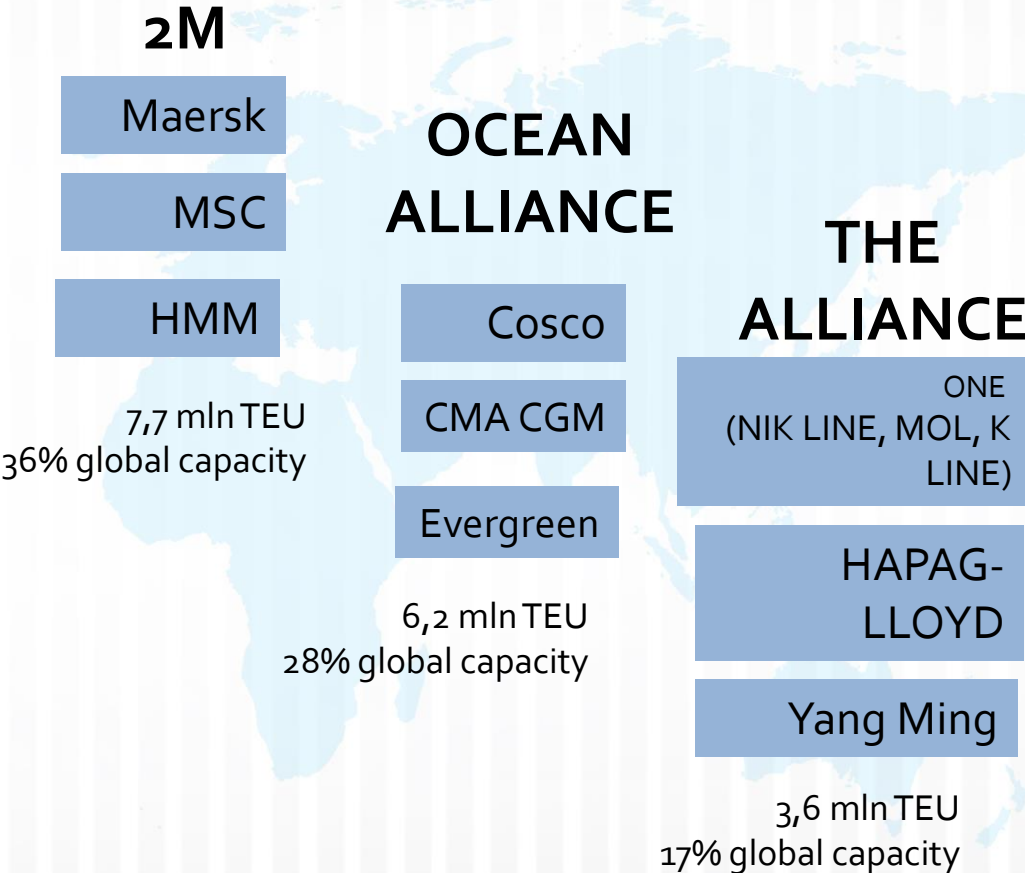
### Northwest Passage



### Northeast Passage



# Shipping Alliances



*The top 20 container shipping companies have, as global TEUs capacity :*

- 2000: less than 50% •
- 2008: about 70% •
- 2018: about 90% (79% at 10 top companies) •

Source: Port Indicator 2018 – SRM Assoporti

18.000-23.000 TEU → +24,7%

13.500-18.000 TEU → +7,5%

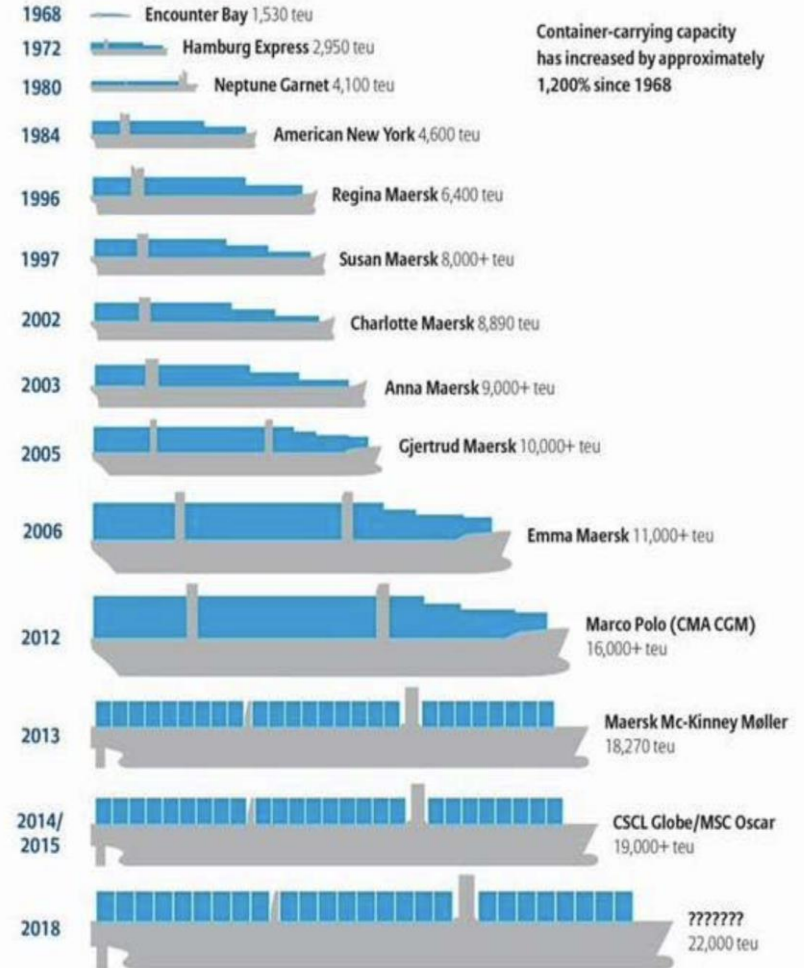
10.000-13.500 TEU → +5,4%

less than 10.000 TEU → +5,8%

New ships orders forecast to 2020

Source: SRM/Alphaliner

### 50 years of Container Ship Growth



Graphic: Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty.  
Approximate ship capacity data: Container-transportation.com

# Critical issues and risks



- Med area may not be so central respect to world traffic flows
- Now the Adriatic corridor seems to be the favored way to Central Europe
- This is a «game» with few players and then few decision makers
- Big Container vessels are increasing
- Transshipment Traffic is stationary from 2014. Is it still competitive?

# What prospective?

## Four options (not alternative):

Port Cluster Policy .1

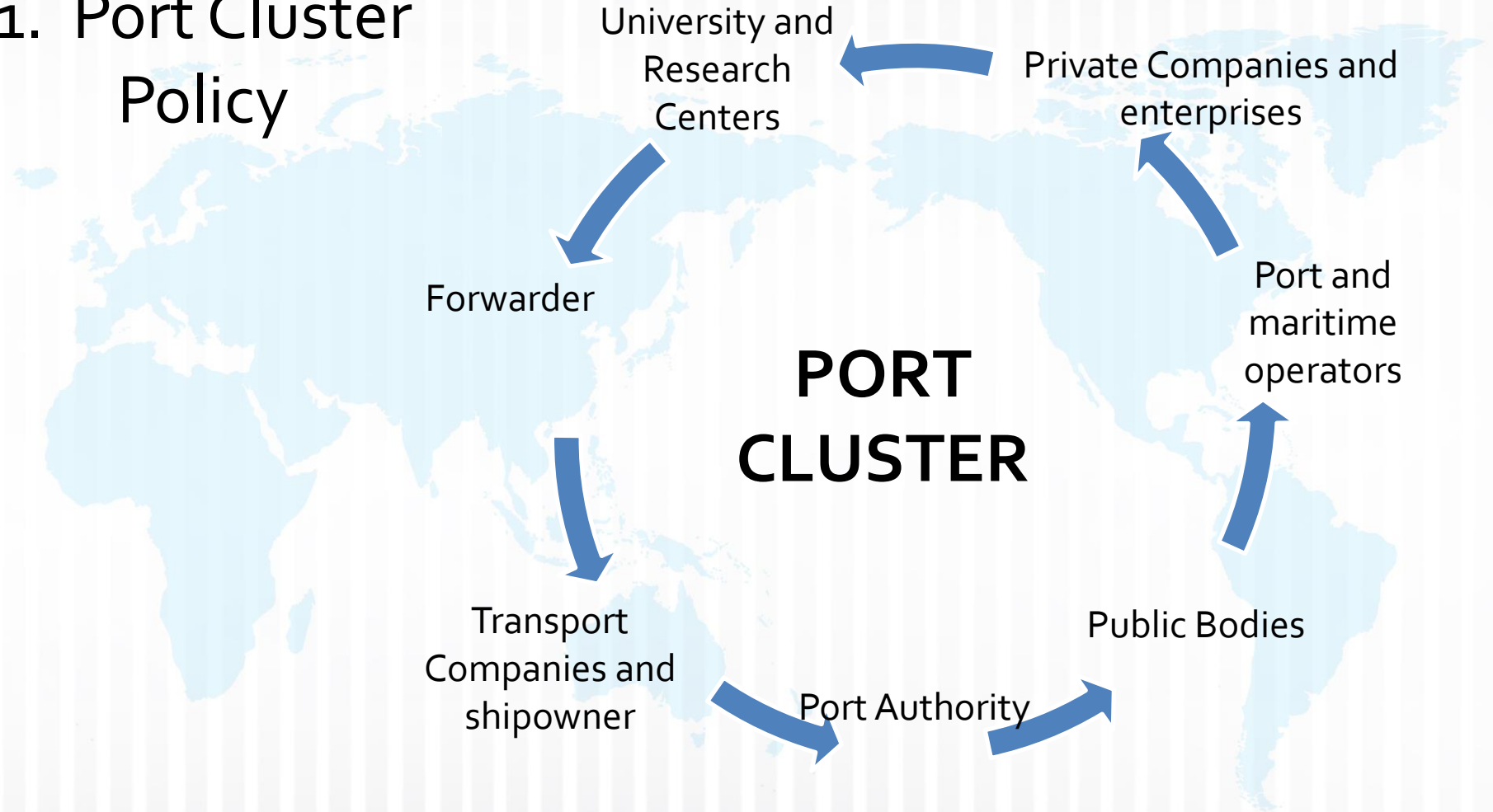
Create more production opportunities near port .2

Efficiency transport connections to final destination .3

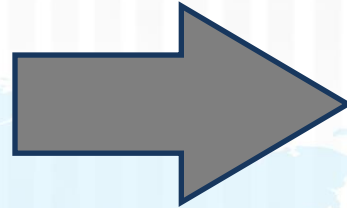
New high added value services to whole supply chain. .4



# 1. Port Cluster Policy



from local or  
regional  
vision



to large  
(mediterranean) view

**Clustering** is the result of cooperation between political, economic and social institutions in the **area** – in terms of, for example, policy, legislation, labour supply , innovation technology and training.

# Type of Clusters

Horizontal:  
between  
ports



Vertical:  
Between issues  
(one for each port)



Circular:  
between  
regions

## Some of Cluster Issues

Management and  
manteinance

Training

Marketing

Environmental  
standards

Safety and  
Security

Energy

# Cluster : The Key Factors

**Four** Key Factors needed to create a cluster:

Common interests .1

High Level of trust between actors .2

Integration between competition and cooperation .3

Real actions to be implemented .4

## 2. Create more production opportunities near port

Reduce the distances between ports and industrial areas •

Free Zone area •

ZES – Special Economic Zones •

Integrated Logistic Areas •

Logistics Districts •



### 3. Fast and efficiency transport connections to final destination

- Less Yard and Berth bottlenecks (training policies finalised to create high qualificated operators)
- ITS and ICT networks to optimize exchanging documents procedures
- Road and Rail «Last mile» optimisation
- More and more Innovation (es. IoT)
- More intermodal transport systems

## 4. New high value added services to supply chain

Warehousing services (es. Fresh food logistic) •

Production Services (es. automotive supply chain) •

Container services (es. box reparation ) •

Logistic Management services (es. empty boxes cycle) •

Ship services (es. bunker service or waste management) •

Logistic integrated services (es. pallet management) •



# Thanks a lot for your attention

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