

The 21th edition of the Annual Conference of the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) will take place on 8-9 May, hosted in the city of Thessaloniki, known for its rich culture, history, and gastronomy, and home to the most important port in Northern Greece.

The ESPO Conference is the annual highlight for Europe's port community and a unique opportunity to network, bringing together members, port professionals, and high-level policymakers for engaging panel discussions, as well as more technical debates and exchanges of best practices within the port and maritime sectors.

With the participation of Apostolos Tzitzikostas, the new European Commissioner for Transport and Tourism, this year's edition will provide a unique platform to debate the forthcoming EU Port Strategy in the context of Europe's economic, energy, competitiveness and resilience agenda.

In the current international context, the need to act and progress on the ambitions and concrete policies that Europe has implemented in the last years, appears evident. For this reason, the European port community (ports, port stakeholders and policy makers) is invited in to take place in the event, to share knowledge, try to take stock and pave together the way towards a sustainable, resilient, smart and more competitive Europe, in which ports are playing more than ever a critical and strategic role.

The work programme and final organisational details are available on the official ESPO conference website:

<https://www.espo-conference.com/>

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