



Space for smart and uncrewed shipping downstream services enabled by 5G and advanced PNT

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AGENDA

- WELCOME- 11:00 CET
 - Rita Rinaldo (ESA)
- LAUNCH EVENT - 11:05 CET
 - Rita Rinaldo (ESA)
 - Emily Gravestock (UK Space Agency)
 - Mohammad Lari (Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS))
 - Jack Harrison (Department for Transport (DfT))
- KEY NOTE SPEAKERS - 11:15 CET
 - Bill Biggs (Maritime Research and Innovation UK)
 - Trevor Anderson (Belfast Port)
 - Mark Simmonds (British Port Association)
- CALL FOR PROPOSALS SCOPE & Q&A - 11:30 CET
 - Rita Rinaldo (ESA - Overview of scope)
- Q&A



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CarbonTrust
Indian Energy Storage Alliance
OneSea Alliance

International Institutional Actors

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National Governments

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MISE (IT)
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Education
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Traficom (FI)

Technology toppers

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Bari

Platforms

Toilet Board
Coalition
The Plastic Bank
Mirpuri Foundation
Genius100
Foundation

Next step...

Space for Smart and Uncrewed Shipping

to foster innovation enabled by space technologies and data



Call for Proposal Objectives

- Promote the development of sustainable integrated downstream services in the domain of smart shipping and/or uncrewed shipping;
- Develop any necessary innovative space-based technologies such as converged 5G networks and advanced PNT (Positioning, Navigation, Timing),
- Advance the safe integration of uncrewed maritime vessels in the maritime traffic
- Provide pre-operational demonstrations to the prospective users and customers of the proposed services show-casing the benefits deriving from the utilization of space

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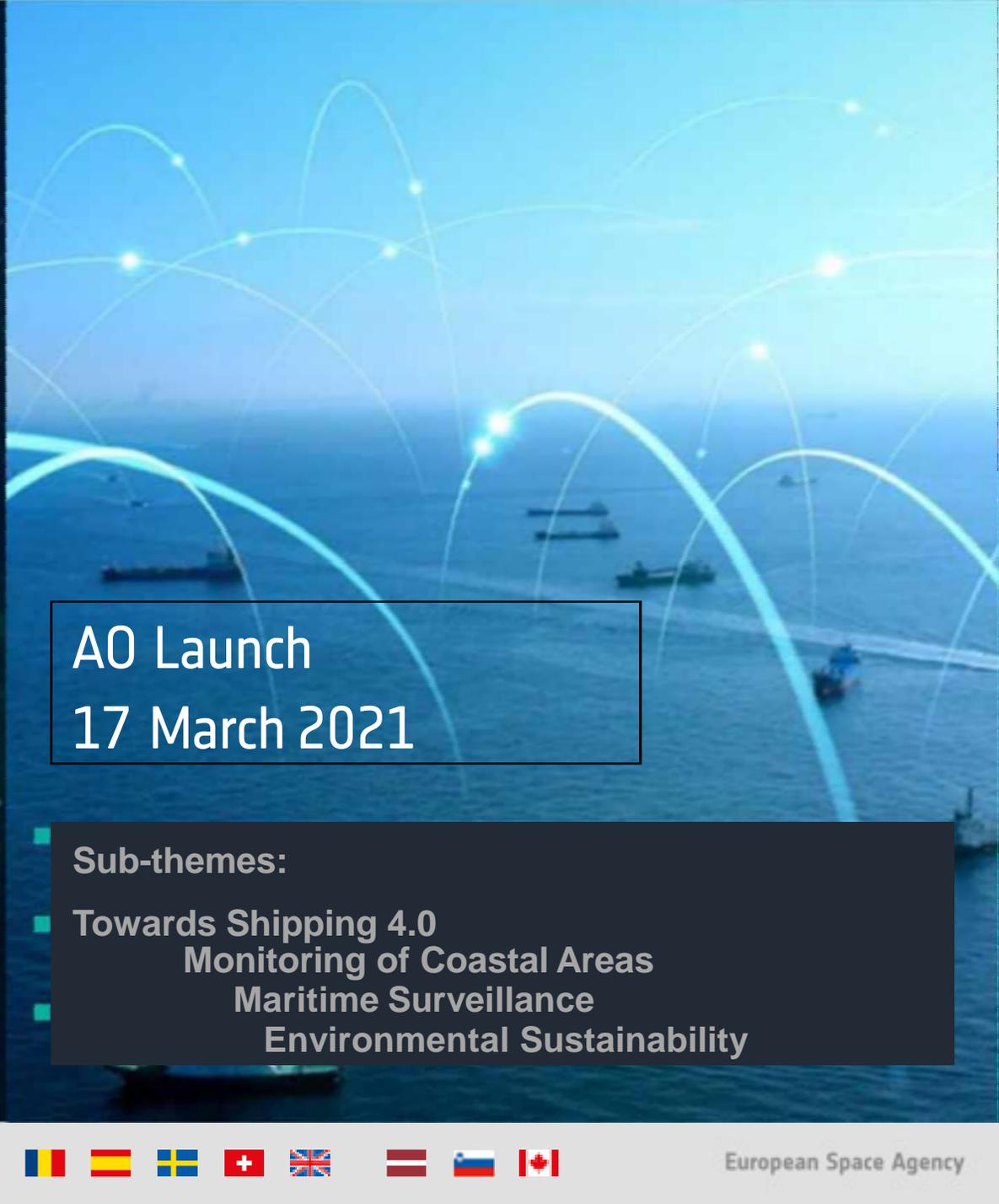
“Space for smart and uncrewed shipping”

Announcement of Opportunity (AO) aims to support the development of space based downstream services and solutions relying on advanced technologies such as 5G and PNT (Positioning, Navigation and Timing) in the smart and uncrewed shipping domain.

Discussions held with several stakeholders:

Germany, UK, Finland and Italy

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AO Launch
17 March 2021

- **Sub-themes:**
- **Towards Shipping 4.0**
- **Monitoring of Coastal Areas**
- **Maritime Surveillance**
- **Environmental Sustainability**

Sub-theme 1: Towards Shipping 4.0

- Digitalization of maritime services and data platforms at sea and ports
- Developing predictive and digital maintenance solutions
- Support to efficient remote operations at sea
- Uncrewed shipping for inland waters and short term shipping
- Safe autonomous navigation and operations of uncrewed vessels

Sub-theme 2: Monitoring of coastal areas

- Detection and monitoring of threatened coastal areas
- Monitoring land and water infrastructure in coastal areas
- Mitigating climate change impact risks along coastlines

Sub-theme 3: Maritime surveillance

- Surveillance of maritime traffic
- Detection of illegal actions related to illegal fisheries
- Detection of oil-spilling and environmental pollution

Sub-theme 4: Environment sustainability

- Impact of weather and current data on navigational footprint
- Reduction of emissions and environmental footprint of maritime transport
- Monitoring of marine-protected areas – preservation of biodiversity



Enablers:

- Secure converged 5G networks
- Precise navigation
- Situational awareness data
- AI/machine learning, Blockchain
- Robotics
- Micro constellations

Possible applications include:

Digitalization of maritime services and data platforms at sea and ports

- Near real-time monitoring of port capacities and capacity-oriented statistical analysis of container ports, with the help of frequently updated high-resolution EO imagery that is interpreted by machine learning, to identify the number of shipping containers in the picture and used as input to statistical algorithms.
- Predictive and digital maintenance solutions
- Support to efficient remote operations at sea
 - Real-time monitoring of cargo in individual containers, using cargo-specific sensors (temperature, humidity, motion, etc.) exploiting as example on blockchain-protected satellite link to transmit their data



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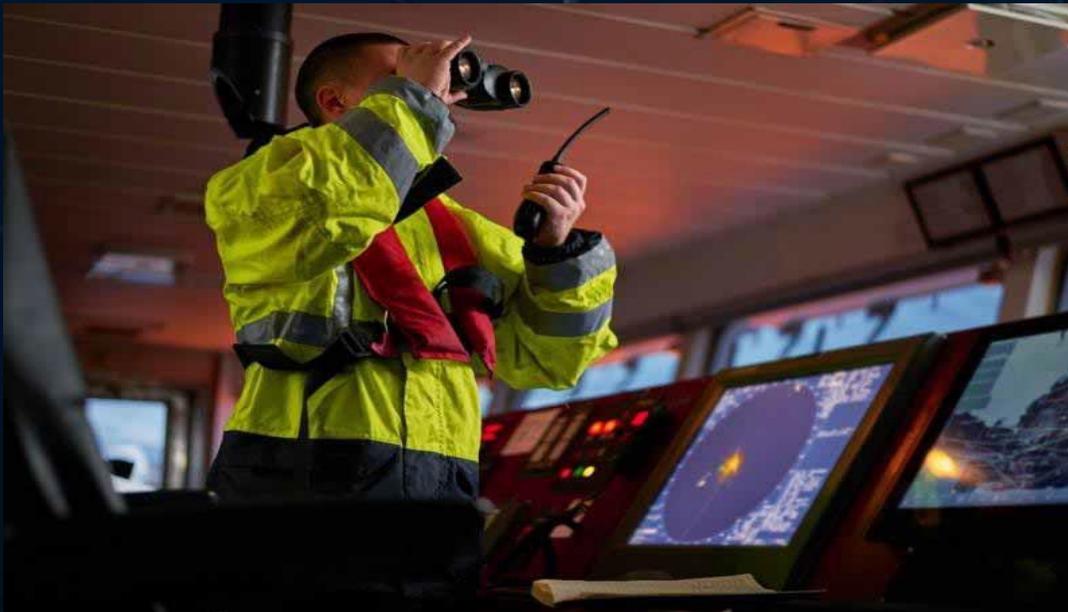


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5G and Space for Smart and uncrewed Shipping

Role of 5G

- Provision of low latency, high reliability data to support autonomous shipping
- Provision of high throughput data for remote piloting through travel corridors requiring it
- Support to port operations/logistics and surveillance through digital twins, massive IoT device (sensors, cameras...) network connectivity
- Support to port operations through robotics, automation and remote control
- Cargo/goods tracking and state monitoring
- High throughput data for AR/Immersive Reality construction support and/or maintenance





Advanced PNT

- Provide positioning, navigation and tracking capabilities to vessels, cargo and relevant machinery utilised at ports.



5G/Satellite Communications

- Provide connectivity to vessels out of range of terrestrial connectivity means.
- provides broadband internet, voice over IP, real-time video and reliable communications.
- Act as a back-up to terrestrial communications.



Earth Observation data

- Detecting and monitoring environmental impact such as coastal erosion, effects of dredging, water quality and pollutant output.
- Surveys of protected areas to ensure the safety of marine animal populations (with respect to shipping operations).
- Mapping, radar and bathymetry data to support navigation, and as input to shipping simulation models.



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5G TESTBEDS
& TRIALS
PROGRAMME



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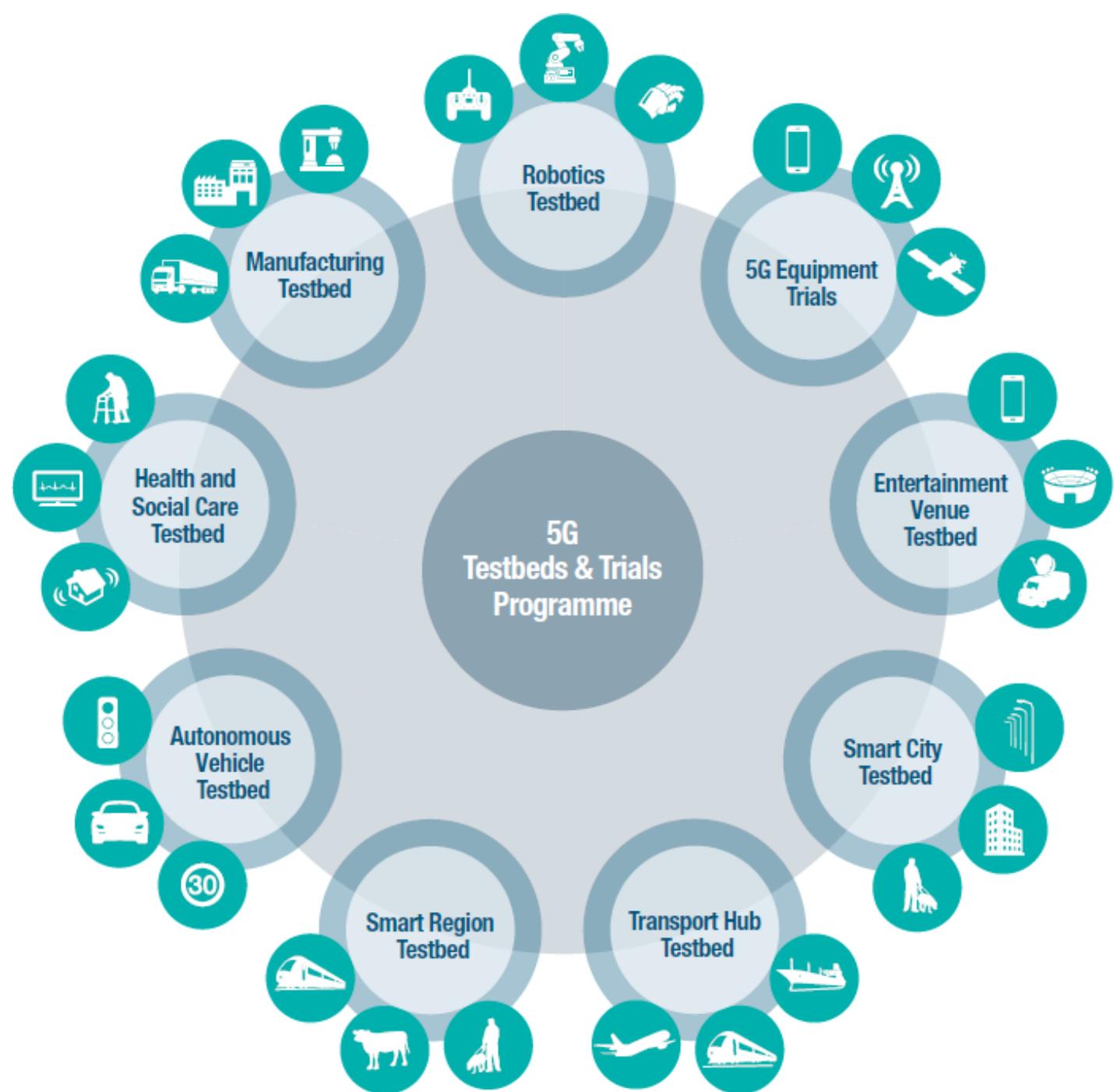
Business cases

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5G Ecosystem

Lead

Research & Development

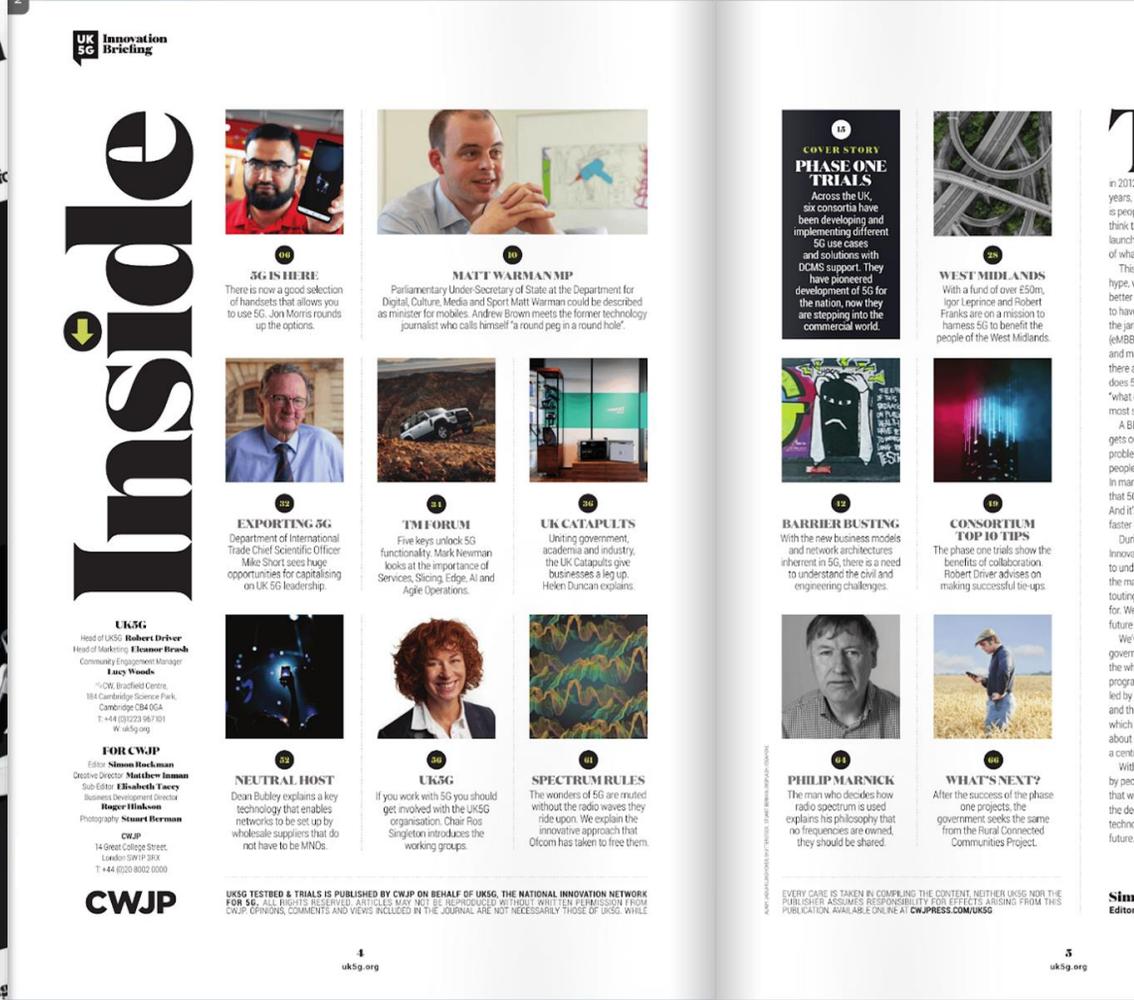


UK 5G Innovation Network

4000+
Users

1600+
Organizations

UK5G is a 'network of networks' to facilitate, encourage and coordinate 5G activities across the UK.



(Electronic copies available UK5G.org)





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Thank you

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<https://uk5g.org/>

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Background to MarRI-UK

- As an island nation with a long seafaring tradition, the UK has an enviable heritage in technology and innovation in the Maritime Sector.
- Maritime research and innovation is fragmented and incoherent
- Other sectors have created centres or hubs to coordinate research that attract significant levels funding
- The Maritime 2050 strategy provides the UK with a real opportunity to regain a position as a leading innovator in maritime science and technology.
- MarRI-UK was initiated some years ago to address these challenges and provide a focus for R&I in the sector bridging academia, industry and government

Who we are

- MarRI-UK is a collaborative partnership between industry, academia and government formally established in July 2019
- Created to tackle innovation and technology challenges in the Maritime Sector.
- MarRI-UK is an open consortium, it is aimed at attracting Government investment into the maritime sector for innovation by demonstrating industry/academic willingness to cooperate and co-invest.
- Core team hosted at the University of Strathclyde

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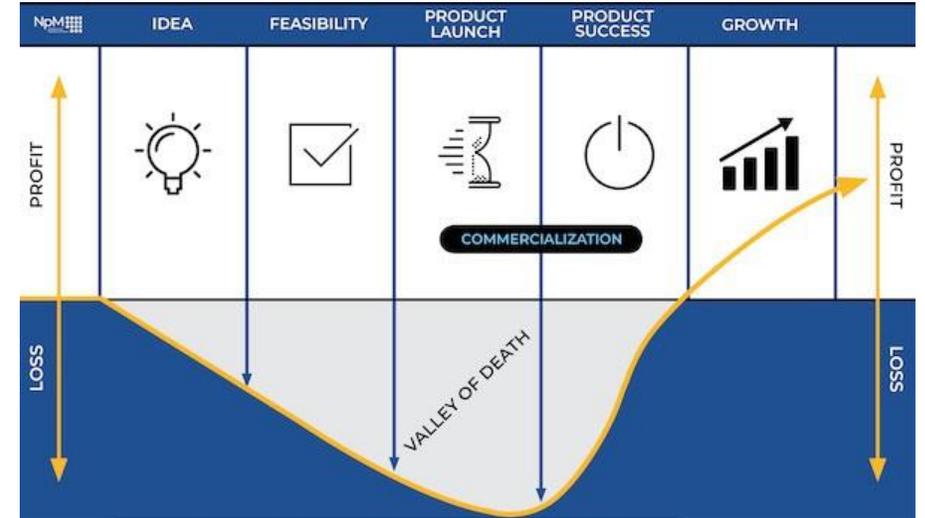
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Our Aims

Provide a focus for Research and Innovation collaboration across the UK Maritime Sector:

1. Embed a culture of coherence and collaboration across the UK's Maritime Research & Innovation ecosystem
2. To drive the strong integration between industry, representative organisations and academia.
3. To amplify and develop rather than duplicate existing organisations.
4. Engage in multi-disciplinary research to achieve effective solutions
5. Focus on delivering demonstratable innovations that address the 'valley of death' between 'discovery and research' and 'commercialisation';
6. To accelerate technological innovation, optimising impact across the sector and in adjacent sectors;
7. To develop innovation leadership across the sector



Research and Innovation Priorities



Maritime Autonomy



Clean Maritime



Design and Build (Including Integration)



Support Cost Reduction



Data and Decision Support



Socio-technical interaction

Discussion



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- 10th largest UK port by cargo
- Large Estate
- 8km of quays, 30km roads
- 700 businesses, 27,000 people
- 5 million tourist and leisure visitors

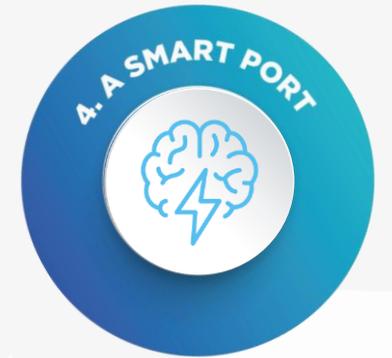


Smart Port within Our Strategy



Supporting our journey to be the World's Best Regional Port unlocking, new levels of agility, productivity and value generation for the Harbour and its Stakeholders through partnership, innovation, processes & technology

- Key enabler of our strategic ambitions
- Opportunity to partner with Belfast City
- Leverage the Harbour Estate as a testbed
- Stimulate the local knowledge



Technologies in current scope

Cyber



Digital Twin



Mobility



Cloud Computing



Big Data



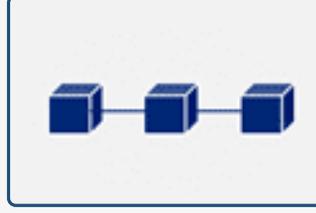
Artificial Intelligence



Internet of Things



Port Community System



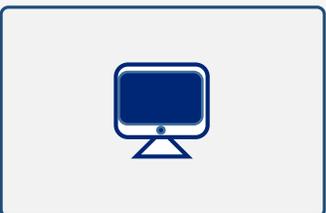
Connectivity



Automation



Enterprise Applications



CCTV



VR / AR



Drones

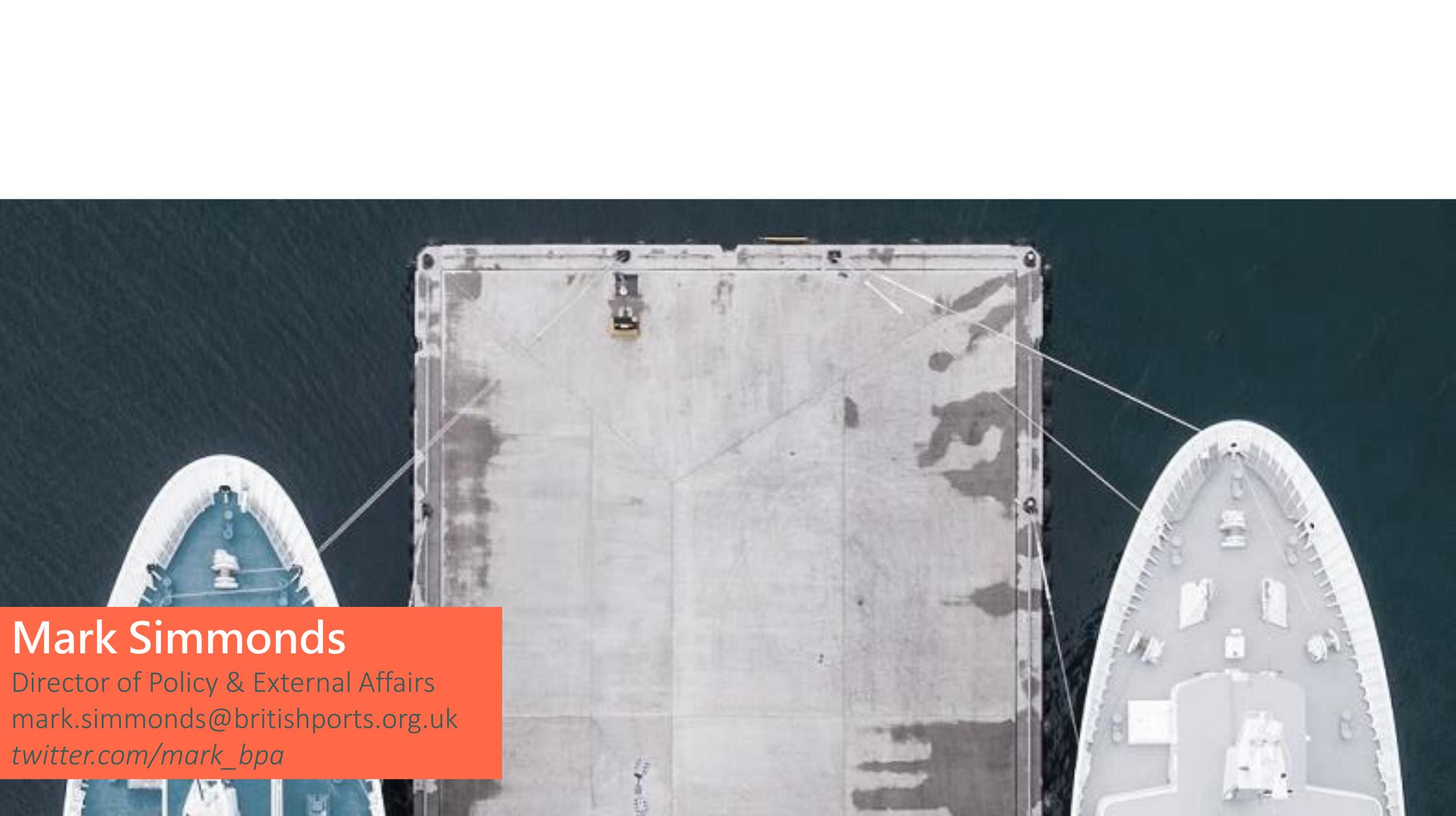


Design



Digital Priorities

- Wireless Connectivity
- Mobility solutions
- Internet of Things and Environmental Sensors
- Digital Twin and GIS modelling and visualisation
- Automation and Autonomous equipment
- Information sharing across the wider Port Community

An aerial photograph showing a large, rectangular white container being hoisted by two smaller white boats. The container is suspended in the air, with ropes connecting it to the boats. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a pale, clear blue. The container has some dark, irregular markings on its surface. The boats are positioned on either side of the container, and their bows are pointed towards it.

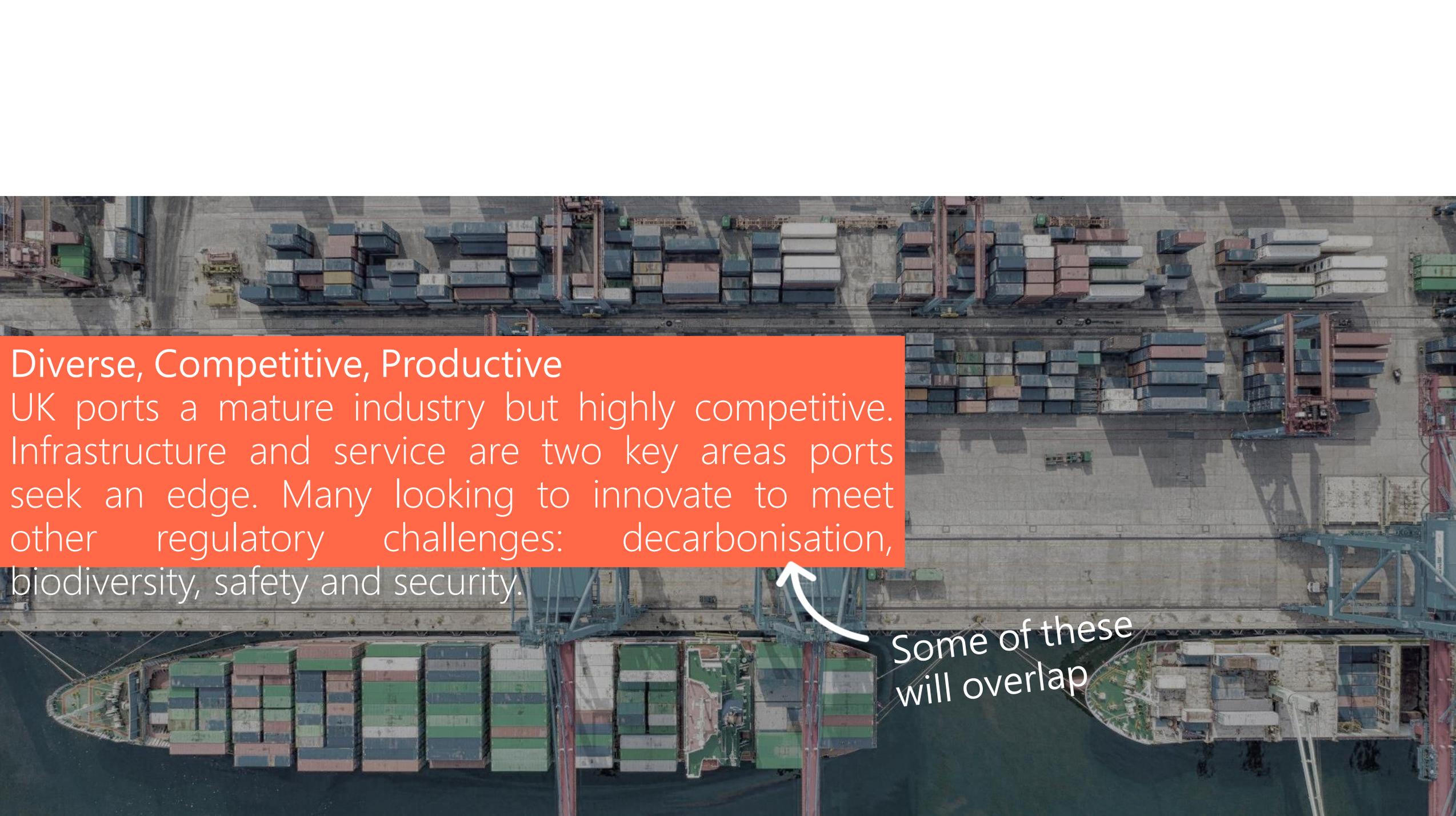
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A large cargo ship with a white upper hull and a dark red lower hull is docked at a port. The ship is viewed from a low angle, showing its massive scale. In the background, other ships and port infrastructure are visible under a clear sky. A blue text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Ports handle 95% of UK trade

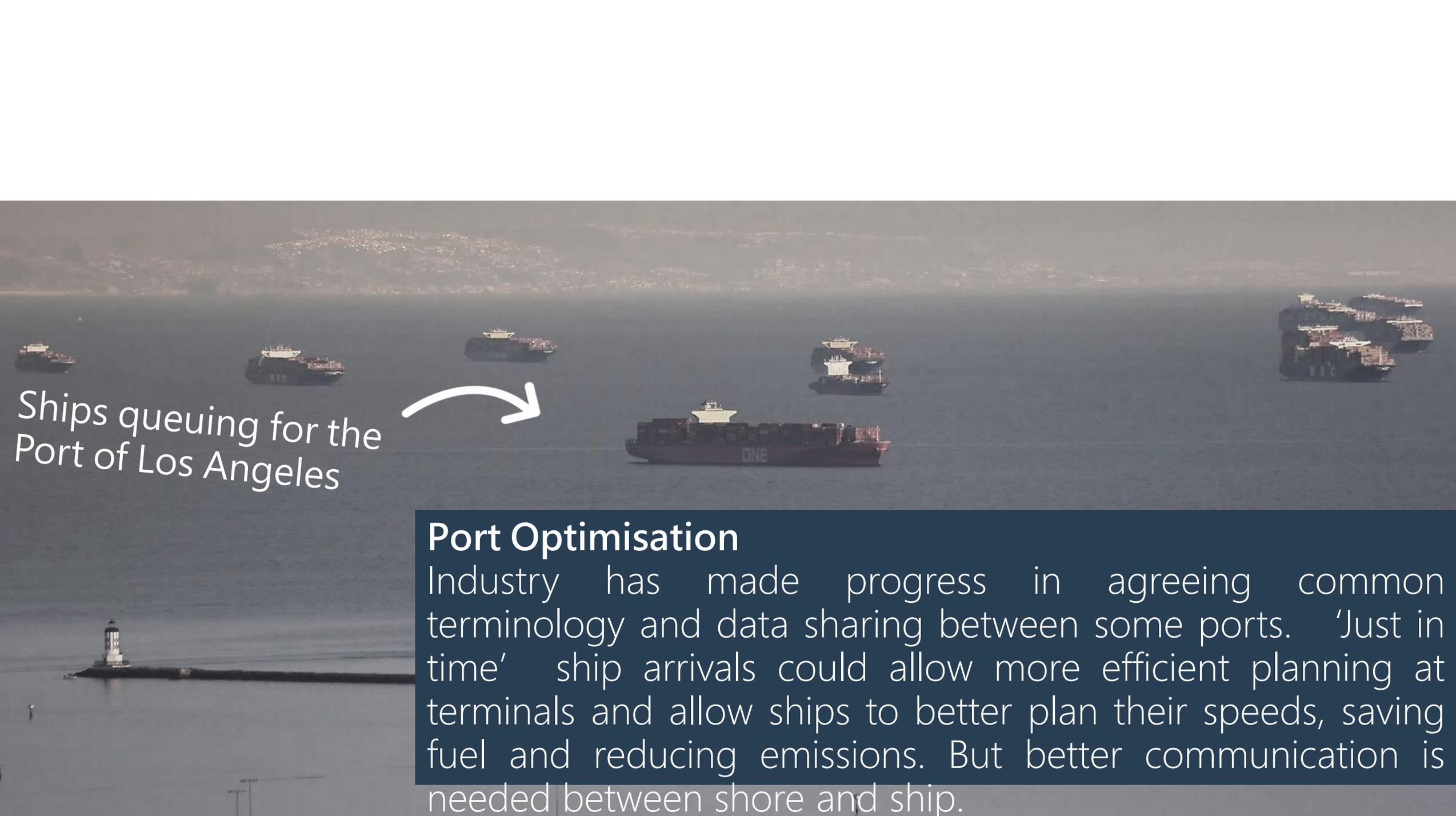
Ports play a critical role in keeping the country supplied and facilitating world trade. As globalisation and international trade increases ports will need to facilitate more trade whilst reducing their impact on the environment.



Diverse, Competitive, Productive

UK ports a mature industry but highly competitive. Infrastructure and service are two key areas ports seek an edge. Many looking to innovate to meet other regulatory challenges: decarbonisation, biodiversity, safety and security.

Some of these
will overlap



Ships queuing for the
Port of Los Angeles

Port Optimisation

Industry has made progress in agreeing common terminology and data sharing between some ports. 'Just in time' ship arrivals could allow more efficient planning at terminals and allow ships to better plan their speeds, saving fuel and reducing emissions. But better communication is needed between shore and ship.



MV Wakashio

Ran aground and broke up off the coast of Mauritius. The vessel reportedly came too close to the coast searching for a better wifi signal



Navigational Safety

Most port authorities primary function is to conserve navigational channels. Ever-larger vessels and ever-tightening regulations mean every metre of depth counts.

Could space-derived bathymetry complement ports' efforts to monitor water depth and shifting sediments?



Improving Sustainability

Ports have big ambitions for reducing their environmental footprint and have a clear role in supporting the transition to greener shipping, but there are huge challenges.

Shipping already by far the most carbon efficient way to move freight

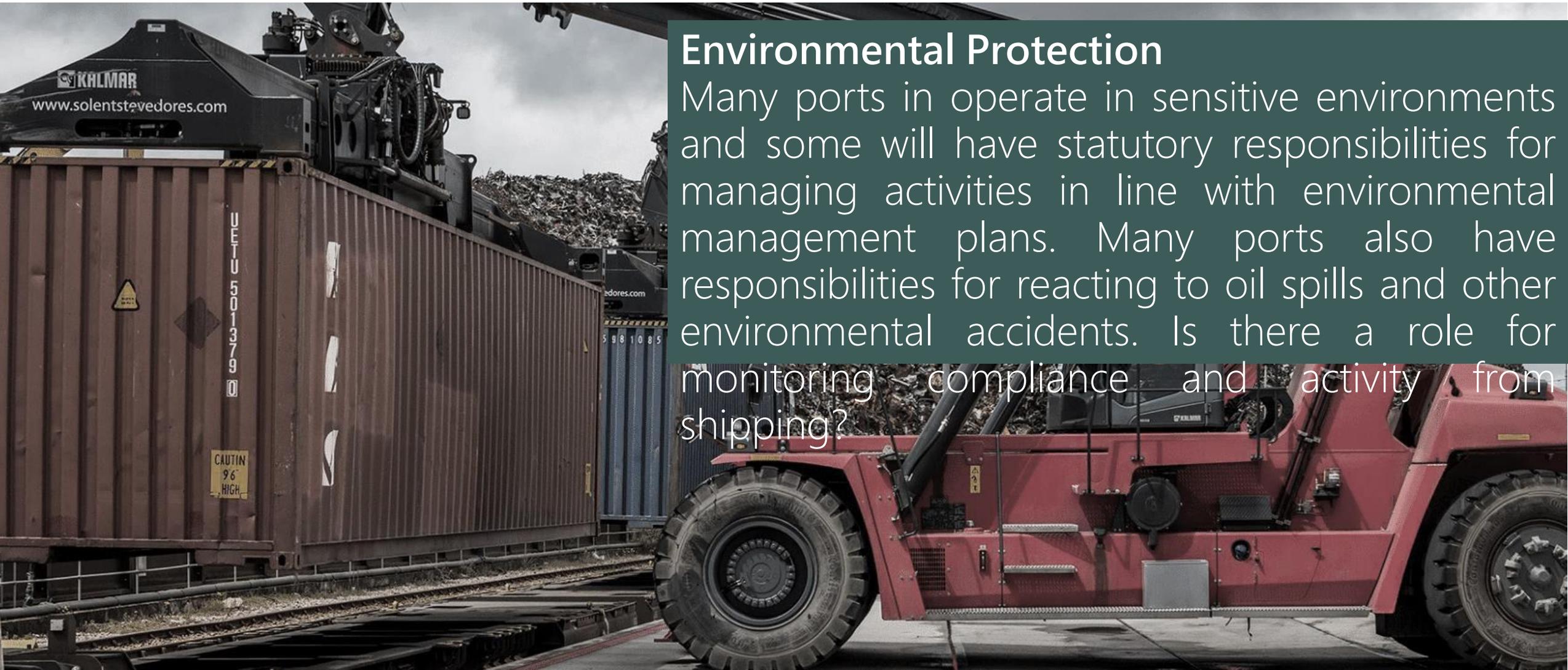
One trillion dollar challenge

Recent estimates say it will cost \$1tn to decarbonise shipping



Emissions

Ports across Europe under significant pressure to do more to lower emissions from ships – both greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental pollutants such as sulphur and particulates. Remote monitoring of air and sea emissions from ships could help.

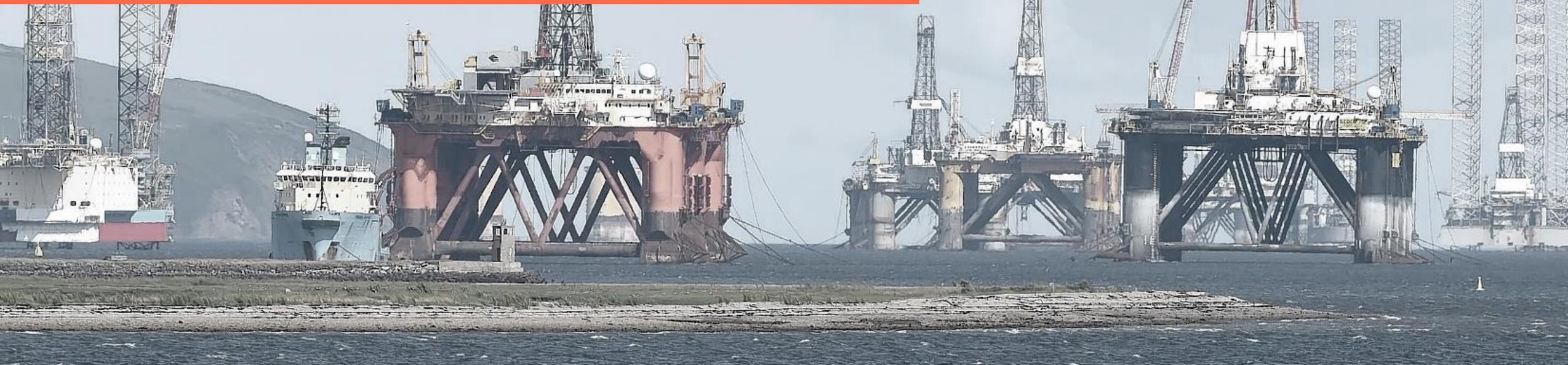


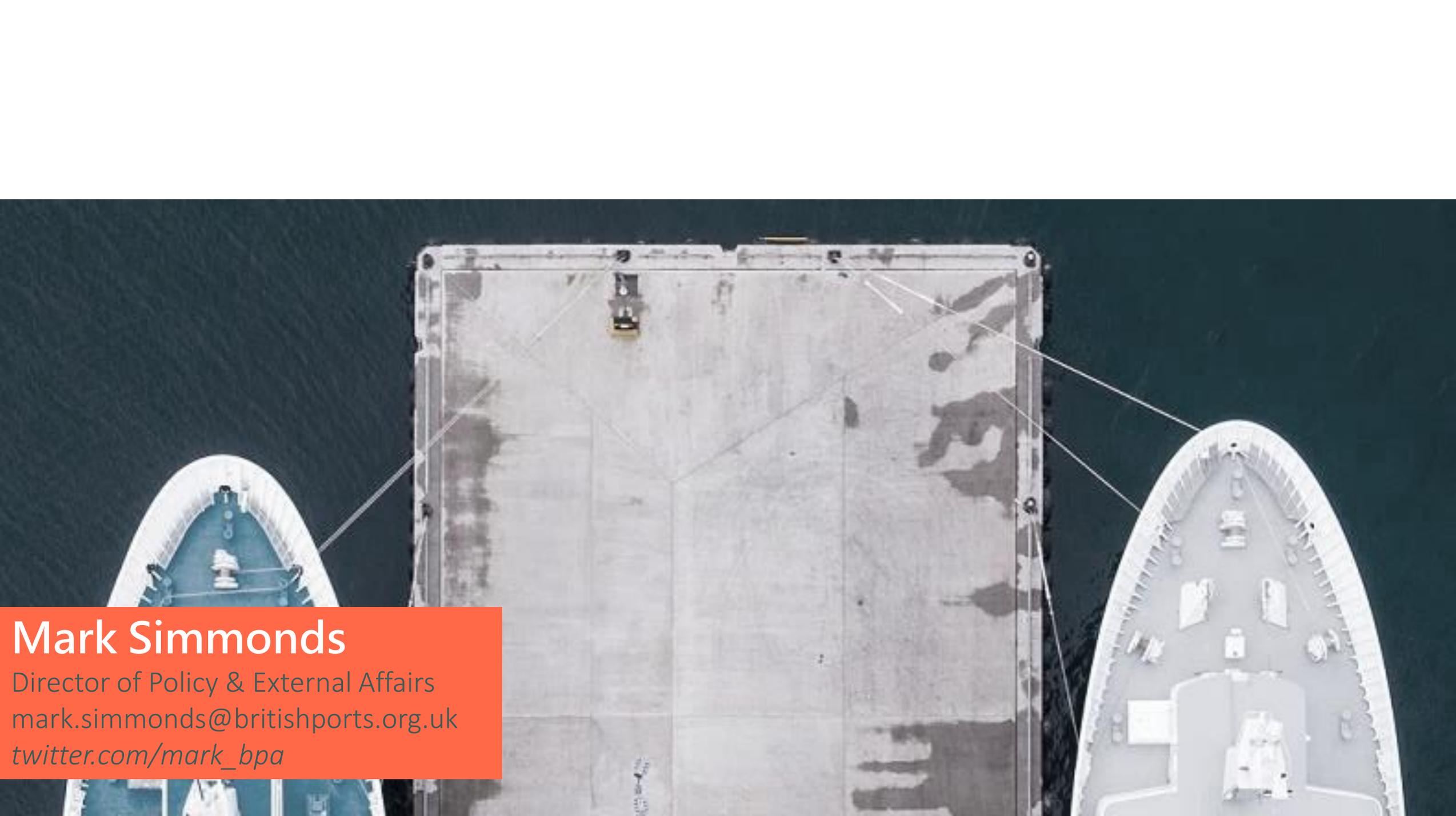
Environmental Protection

Many ports in operate in sensitive environments and some will have statutory responsibilities for managing activities in line with environmental management plans. Many ports also have responsibilities for reacting to oil spills and other environmental accidents. Is there a role for monitoring compliance and activity from shipping?

Energy Infrastructure

Ports are increasingly hubs for renewable energy generation and bases for offshore development and maintenance. Is there a role in supporting remote operations?



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How to apply:
Funding and Tender Information



ESA AO INFORMATION

- **Funded participation** is open to any company and/or organisation, be it as group of users, public body or non-governmental organisation, that have subscribed to BASS GPL or to the 5G SPL.



Smart and Uncrewed Shipping : first wave timeline

ACTIVITY	ESA PROJECT %	FUNDING (UP to of ELIGIBLE COST)
Demonstration Project	50%** (BASS)	





BASIC PRINCIPLES - ESA-STAR

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- For more information, please visit :

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