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Motorways of the Sea

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The Motorways of the Sea (MoS)

- Almost 300 maritime ports on the TEN-T.
- Ca 80% of all goods transported by sea.
- Ca 65% of all cargo in the EU ports transported via short sea shipping.
- Ca 4 billion tonnes of cargo by gross weight handled by European ports/year.
- Ca 3 billion tonnes of cargo handled via hinterland traffic.
- More than 400 million passengers embarked/disembarked pre-pandemic.
- Main MoS objectives:
 - Boosting short sea shipping in Europe.
 - Reinforce hinterland connectivity of ports.

Current status

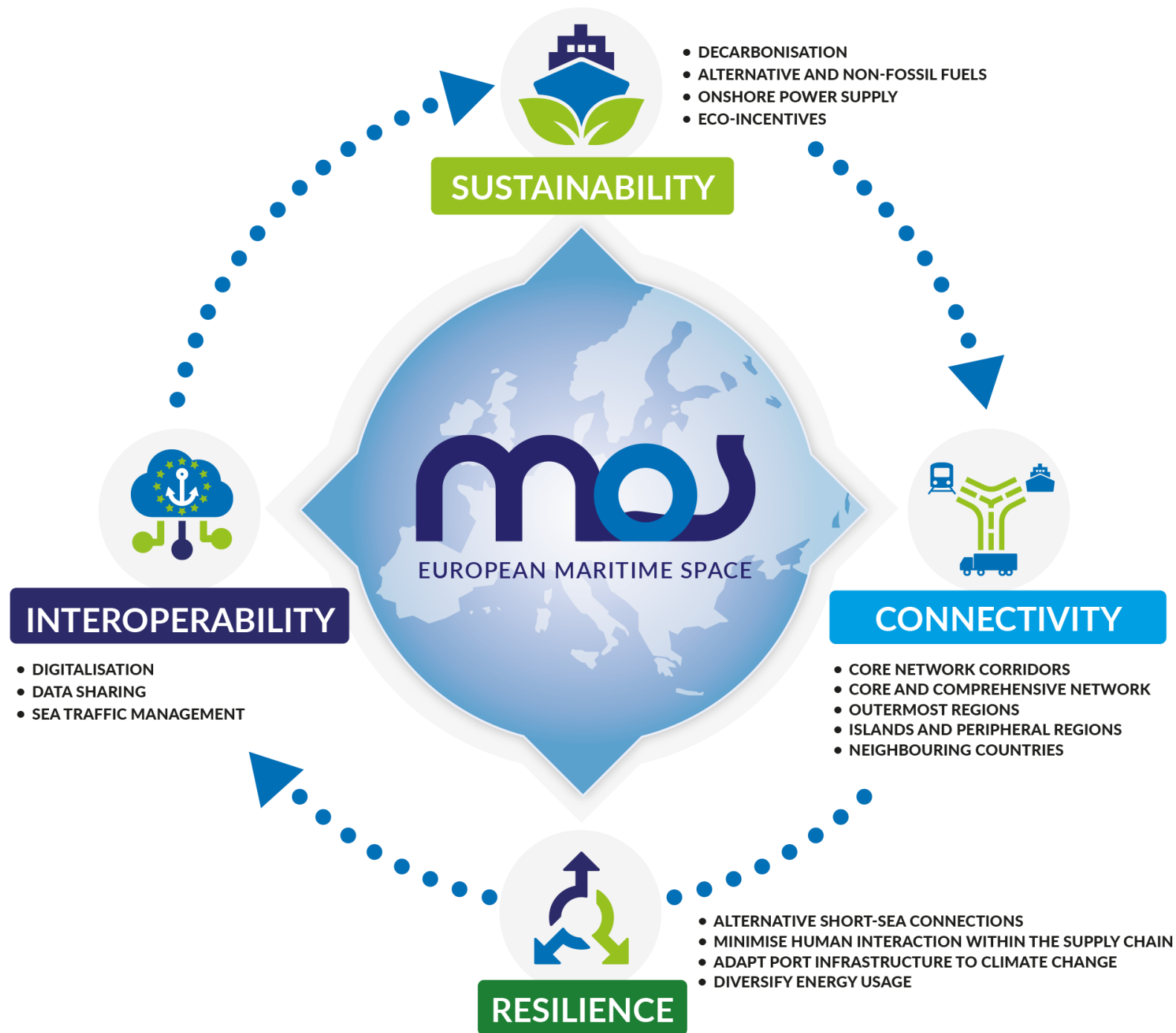
- Major challenges ahead of us – de-carbonization of transport sector crucial.
 - The Green deal (-90% CO₂ emissions & climate neutral EU by 2050).
 - The Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (+25% of SSS by 2030, +50% by 2050).
- TEN-T revision ongoing.
- New DIP: Publication by the end of the year.
- New concept: **The European Maritime Space**.

The European Maritime Space

- Main issue: the MoS concept too complex & technical.
- The guiding principle: to simplify and expand.
- Objective: a more sustainable & better integrated maritime sector.
- Why?: Contributing to TEN-T- & other political objectives.
- How?: Support for infrastructure, vessels, alternative fuels & hinterland connectivity.

The European Maritime Space

- Better connectivity between ports & to the hinterland needed.
- Intermodal connectivity to the core network corridors = vital.
- Untapped de-carbonization potential intra-national & third country links.
- Low hanging fruits in the maritime sector (compared to the e.g. the aviation sector).



CEF Support to German Ports

- Germany is located on both the Baltic & the North Sea basin
- 13 Actions, 25 million CEF contribution, co-funding interventions in 4 ports:
 - Lübeck
 - Rostock
 - Bremerhaven
 - Kiel
- 8 Actions financed through the MoS priority, upgrading maritime links & the environmental performance of the link.
- Investments in alternative fuels in Lübeck & Kiel.



Thank you



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