

EU Industrial Maritime Strategy

for a competitive, sustainable and
resilient EU maritime sector

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The EU Industrial Maritime Strategy
will strengthen Europe's shipping and shipbuilding industries
in order to safeguard the EU's economic security and strategic autonomy.

The Strategy outlines **three key pillars** to support this ambition:



**Strengthen
the EU's maritime
manufacturing
capabilities**

The Commission will

- Launch an EU Industrial Maritime Value Chain Alliance
- Support the digital & circular transformation of shipyards



**Enhance
competitiveness
& sustainability
of shipping**

The Commission will

- Establish a dialogue with Member States to promote EU flags on vessels
- Streamline administrative formalities



**Boost
naval & dual-use
capabilities**

The Commission will

- Pursue a dual-use ferry construction support mechanism
- Enhance EU-level maritime domain awareness

Improve access to



**Innovation &
technological leadership**



**Finance
& investment**



**Skills
& quality jobs**



EU shipbuilding

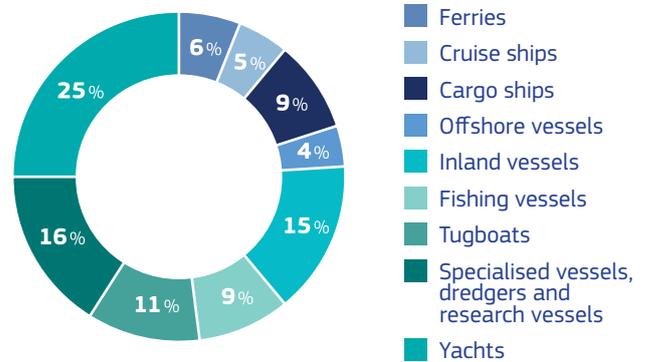
The EU leads globally in **high-end shipbuilding** and **maritime equipment**:

 **97%**
of cruise ships

 **67%**
of icebreakers

*Percentages are EU global market shares

EU commercial ship production*



*Average number of units delivered per year between 2021-2025; e.g., out of all ships delivered 6% were ferries.

EU shipping

 **76%**
of all EU imports are delivered by ship

The value of these imports is close to

€ **1.3** trillion

EU-owned shipping fleet – the world's largest

 **34%**

EU share by ship type*



*Percentage in gross tonnage from EU-owned shipping fleet vs world fleet
** Non-specialised ship designed to carry a wide range of goods