

# Process of elaboration of a maritime and port strategy in Germany

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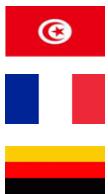
# importance of ports and shipping

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## ➤ double function of ports

- transport function
- economic function

## ➤ economic contribution of shipping



# reasons for a maritime and port strategy

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## strategic guidance

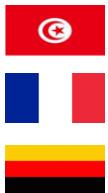
provide all relevant stakeholders with a reliable basis for political and economic action



# structure of the German strategy

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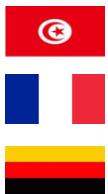
- analytical part
  - what are the present deficits ?
- objectives
  - what should be achieved?
- implementation part
  - what are the measures to reach the objectives?



# success criteria of the German strategy

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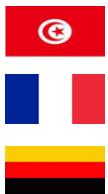
- high-level political/administrative mandate
- participatory approach
- cabinet decision and publication



# working structure of the German strategy

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- governance board
  - task: guidance and decision taking
- maritime working group
  - task: implementation of measures
- Germany: coordination group
  - task: evaluation of measures
- Tunisia: maritime task force
  - task: evaluation and coordination



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identify and concentrate on markets which are profitable in the long run

- liquid bulk
- passenger shipping
- car handling
- container shipping



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## shipping industry

- identified deficits
  - lack of access to finance of ships
  - running costs for ship owners too high
- goals
  - enhance the competitiveness towards the international shipping companies



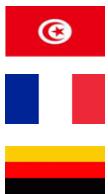
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## shipping industry

### ➤ measures

- establish an international (second) ship register
- provide investors with long term loans on favourable interest rates
- introduce a tonnage tax
- abolish the 6 % surtax



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## ports industry

- identified deficits
  - complex administrative and clearing requirements
  - inefficient and delayed port operations
  - natural limitations of the ports
  - insufficient railway integration
- goals
  - enhance the attractiveness of Tunisia's ports (speed of port operations; quality of services)



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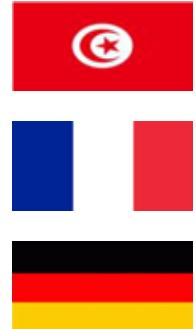
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## ports industry

### ➤ measures

- reduce administrative burden and clearing requirements:  
concept of „one contact point“ or „single window“
- accelerate port operations:  
hardware: port equipment, infrastructure  
software: organisation and deployment of personnel
- attract medium sized ships and search for  
new markets





# Thank you for your attention