

Subsidiarity check of the Commission's proposal for a regulation establishing a framework on market access to port services and financial transparency of ports

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Reasoned opinion of the Riksdag

The majority of seaborne trading carried out in TEN-T ports is the result of trade between member states or at the international level. Measures undertaken by any individual member state cannot guarantee equal terms as regards competition in the EU's internal market. The Riksdag understands the motives behind the proposal and considers it important to develop the trans-European transport network and make it more efficient. The Riksdag further considers it positive to increase transparency into the financing of ports in order to avoid distorted competition and to ensure that the distribution of public funds is reported in a transparent fashion. In the view of the Riksdag, the proposal in its current wording is not compatible with the principle of subsidiarity. The Riksdag does not share the Commission's view that common charging principles for port infrastructure charges should be introduced. Furthermore, the Committee considers that there is a lack of clarity regarding matters including what is meant by delegating the power to adopt acts in respect of common classifications of vessels, fuels and similar operations. The Riksdag takes a cautious view to whether this type of regulation should be used to obtain improved efficiency in the European system of ports and questions the suitability of introducing a regulation at all. In the cases where regulation should nonetheless be introduced, it is the opinion of the Riksdag that such regulation would be more appropriately implemented in the form of a directive rather than a regulation.