Klaipeda State Seaport (KSS) is a rapidly growing TEN-T A Category port. In terms of cargo handled per year, the port is a leader among the EU ports on the Eastern coast of Baltic Sea and strongly competing with non-EU ports. With an 8% average growth during the last 10 years, throughput already reached 30 million tonnes in 2008. A study in 2004 estimated that the capacity limit of the port is 34 million tonnes. As a result, following the suggestions made in the pre-feasibility study, the construction of an open sea outer port next to the existing port entrance was decided, in order to:

- Solve port capacity bottlenecks
- Build a Liquefied Natural Gas import terminal
- Improve quality of life of Klaipeda citizens since the new outer port will be beyond the city boundaries
- Increase competitiveness of KSS since it will be able to accommodate vessels requiring more than 15 metres depth (current max depth)

In this context the main objectives of the Action are:

- To assess the feasibility of the outer port and to draft design proposals for the preparation of the technical drawings of the outer port infrastructure and interfaces with land transport system
- To carry out an environmental impact assessment (EIS) of the Klaipeda port expansion

On the basis of the results of the Action, if the outer port is feasible and the EIA is positive, the detailed plan of the outer port will be prepared. Later, the technical design for the construction of the outer port will be prepared. Finally, the construction of the outer port will take place. These subsequent activities are not covered by the current decision.

This project has been completed.