

EG3-1 “Overview and state-of-the-art”

- Review of current port pricing strategies and financing of infrastructures
- State of the Art in terms of methodologies for valuing actual costs (per user category). What does social marginal costs mean in the maritime sector, which are important categories?

EG3-2 “Costs measurement and accounting practices”

- Current practices in EU ports with respect to infrastructure cost calculation, accounting and cost allocation?
- Which externalities should be charged and who will receive the revenues?
- Latest developments in research on identification and measurement of the main cost categories?
- Need for European guidelines on costs calculation or monitoring of expenditures;

EG3-3 “Impacts”

- What are the possible impacts for the sector (on traffic, on costs and revenues, on the broader economy, on equity, etc.)?
- What are the socio-economic impacts?

EG3-4 “Implementation issues (enabling factors and barriers)”

- Which externalities should be charged and who will receive the revenues?
- Choice of technology
- What are the barriers for implementing social marginal cost based pricing reforms: institutional, legal and acceptability?
- How to overcome these barriers, given international character of maritime transport?
- Review of previous seminars and agreement on overall conclusions

Time planning

Meeting 1	February 2006
Meeting 2	September 2006
Meeting 3	March 2007
Meeting 4	September 2007