

What we talk about

when we talk about shipping

Bulk Carrier

Bulk carriers transport staples like grain, agricultural goods, energy products, and iron ore in massive quantities. They are crucial to global trade, industry, and food supply chains.



30% EU share of world fleet



A large bulk carrier holds enough grain to feed **500,000 people** for a year



37% of EU fleet's total deadweight tonnage

Container Ship

Container ships carry most of the goods we all use on a daily basis in large metal containers, making it easy to move products efficiently.



44% EU share of world fleet



55 fridges can fit in a standard 20-foot container (TEU)



A large container ship can carry up to **825,000 fridges**

Tanker

Tankers transport crude oil and refined petroleum products. They are crucial for powering economies, industries, and transportation systems.



35% EU share of world fleet



Longest ship ever built: **458.45 x 68.6 meters**



Tankers deliver **88%** of EU oil needs

Gas Carrier

Gas carriers transport liquefied gases (LNG and LPG), crucial for supply chains. They play a key role in energy security, delivering gas from production sites to consumers.



33% EU share of world LNG fleet



EU LNG demand rose **71%** following Ukraine war



Gas carrier ships deliver **87%** of EU gas needs

Vehicle Carriers

Vehicle Carriers carry cars and other wheeled cargo. Their unique design features multiple decks stacked on top of each other and connected by ramps, similar to a multi-storey car park.



29% EU share of world fleet



25M cars shipped globally in 2024



Largest vessels: **9,000+** car capacity

Offshore

Offshore vessels build and service wind farms (among other things) so are key to the energy transition. They are among the world's most technically sophisticated vessels.



25% EU share of world fleet



Heaviest lift at sea: **17,000 tonnes**



>3 500 offshore wind mills in EU

Ferries

Ferries keep our coastal communities connected. They are crucial for regional connectivity, supporting tourism, local economies and daily commuting.



53% EU share of world fleet



>1,200 ferry routes in Europe



400M passengers yearly in EU

Cruise Vessels

Cruise ships offer holiday experiences at sea with entertainment, dining, and more. They also boost coastal economies by supporting local businesses around the ports they visit.



20% EU share of world fleet



The longest cruise ever lasted **245 days** and visited **111 destinations**



Large cruise ships serve over **30,000 meals** daily

Specialised vessels

Specialised vessels such as icebreakers, cable layers, research ships and dredgers perform essential tasks for industry, infrastructure, and transportation.



18.7% EU share of world fleet



World's largest dredger can move **100,000 m³** sediment per day



Ice breakers can break **3 meter thick ice**

This infographic highlights many ship types, but the fleet represented by European Shipowners is even more diverse. European Shipowners proudly represents a range of vessels— find out more at ecsa.eu





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