

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

Port Esbjerg is an autonomous port under the ownership of the Municipality of Esbjerg.

The port operates in accordance with the Danish Port Act.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

Profit for the year amounted to EUR 6.52 million in 2021, compared with EUR 6.07 million in 2020.

The level of activity and the revenue generated by Port Esbjerg have stabilised with prospects of positive growth over the coming years. As expected, activity relating to the installation of offshore wind turbines shipped from the port of Esbjerg was limited during the year, and the continued turbulence in Denmark's trade with the UK had a negative impact on cargo turnover. In addition, new car imports for the Danish market were impacted by low production volumes resulting from a lack of components and supply chain difficulties in Asia.

At 5,376, the number of port calls in 2021 was largely the same as in 2020.

The year was dominated by infrastructure projects and work to expand quays and ramp facilities in order to increase cargo handling capacity at the port. In addition, Port Esbjerg expanded significantly the infrastructure for supplying shore power power, and the ongoing electrification of the port resulted in a reduction of carbon emissions from the port area of nearly 30 per cent.

Port Esbjerg expects positive developments in the level of activity at the port in 2022.

Group revenue for 2021 amounted to EUR 28.45 million compared with EUR 28.04 million in 2020.

Total earnings increased by EUR 0.45 million year on year, driven by an increase in revenue, extraordinary cost cuts across Port Esbjerg's operations and timing differences in planned projects.

Profit for the year amounted to EUR 6.52 million (EUR 1.67 million over the original budget), which we consider satisfactory.

## **BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Total assets at 31 December 2021 amounted to EUR 206.15 million, compared with EUR 206.43 million at 31 December 2020.

Port Esbjerg had a net cash outflow of EUR 0.91 million, compared with an outflow of EUR 0.64 million in 2020.

Port Esbjerg made investments amounting to EUR 4.92 million in 2021 and repaid non-current debt of EUR 4.20 million.

Most of the capital expenditure was spent on establishing shore power power connections, completing a new customs

and Border Inspection Post, the so-called BIP Centre, on continuing the expansion of the East Harbour and on renovating quays and streets.

#### **OUTLOOK**

#### **Budget for 2022**

Port Esbjerg is budgeting for an increase in business activity in 2022, based on renewed plans by the wind turbine industry for projects to be shipped out of the port of Esbjerg, steps to restore the Tyra field to normal operations and on the sale of shore power power to vessels at the port, including to the Fanø ferries. In addition, activity at the rail freight terminal and the new bulk terminal increased in 2021, and the trend is expected to continue in 2022. Operating profit is expected to be in the EUR 7–8 million range.

#### **Environmental factors**

Through targeted and responsible efforts, Port Esbjerg works to implement energy-efficient solutions, stimulate demand for renewable energy and contribute to sustainable development.

In 2021, Port Esbjerg updated its sustainability strategy, which is available from the website. The strategy is based on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and Port Esbjerg has launched initiatives relating to a number of these goals.

Port Esbjerg collaborates with technology company Honeywell on measuring and reducing the overall CO2 emissions at the port and has implemented technology tools and programs for optimising energy consumption across Port Esbjerg's operations.

Port Esbjerg has teamed up with global IT business ATOS on a technology innovation project to develop a web-based platform for optimising cargo routes based on minimising CO2 emissions.

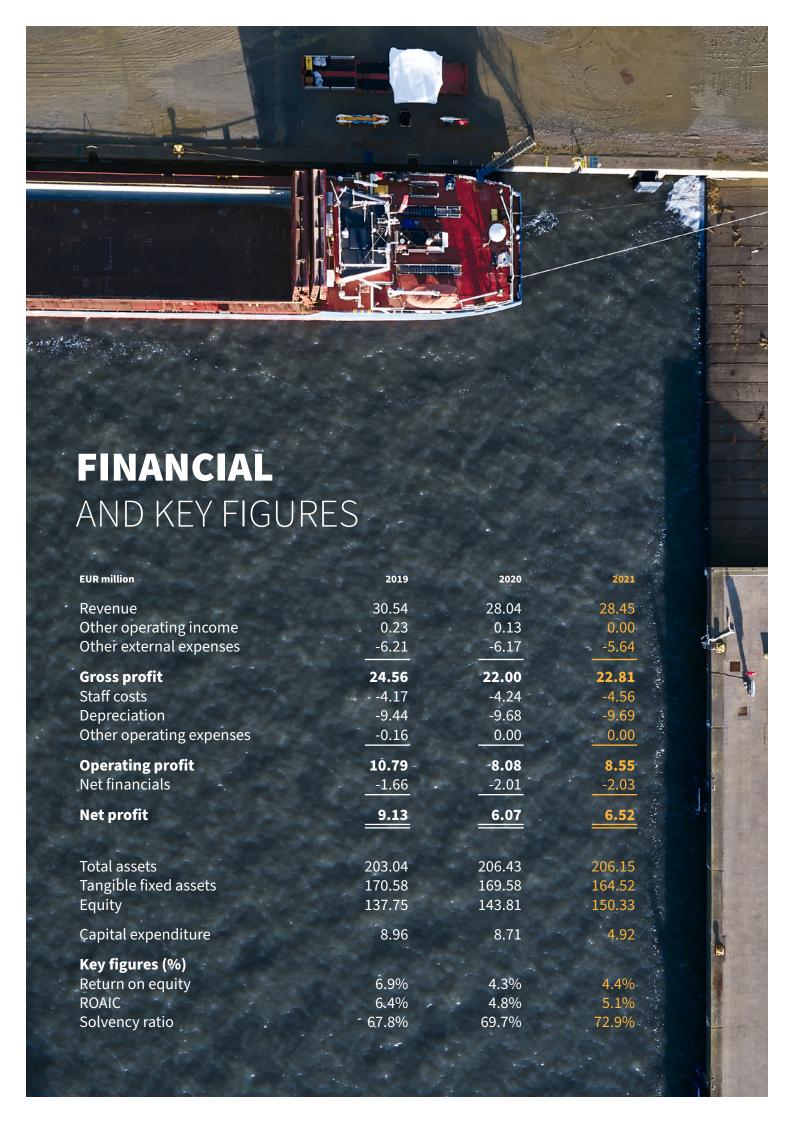
Also, Port Esbjerg was certified to three ISO standards in 2021: ISO 9001 – Quality Management, ISO 14001 – Environmental Management and ISO 45001 – Occupational Health & Safety. Going forward, all three certifications will be updated and audited in accordance with applicable legislation.

#### **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

An environmental impact assessment (EIA) for a future port expansion, which was launched in 2017, was completed during the year and the final EIA approval was issued in September 2021. The actual port expansion (stage 5) is scheduled to commence during the first half of 2022 and is slated for completion at the end of 2026.

#### **EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

No events have occurred since the balance sheet date which change the evaluation of the annual report.



# **FACTS AND KEY FIGURES 2021**

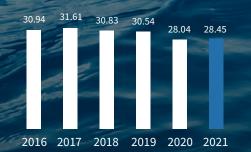
**NET PROFIT** 

6.52 million EUR



REVENUE





## **TURNOVER**





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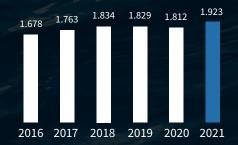
## **INVESTMENTS**

**旬→4.92** million EUR



## **PASSENGERS**

iii 1.923 million persons



## **CONTRACTED AREAS**



by type



Long-term lease: 49%

Quay side areas: 7%

Roads, parking, etc.: 23%

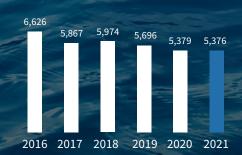
Under development: 4%

Short-term lease/for lease: 18%

Total area: **4,500,182 m<sup>2</sup>** 

## SHIP CALLS



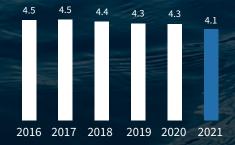


## **CARGO VOLUME**



4.1

million tonnes



**CARGO BY TYPE** 





RoRo: 36%

Bulk: 30%

Liquid bulk: 4%

Coal: 7%

Wind component: 12%

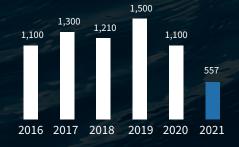
Containers: 7%

Project cargo: 4%

## **OFFSHORE WIND SHIPPED**

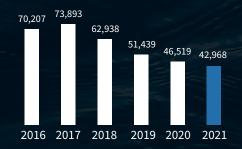


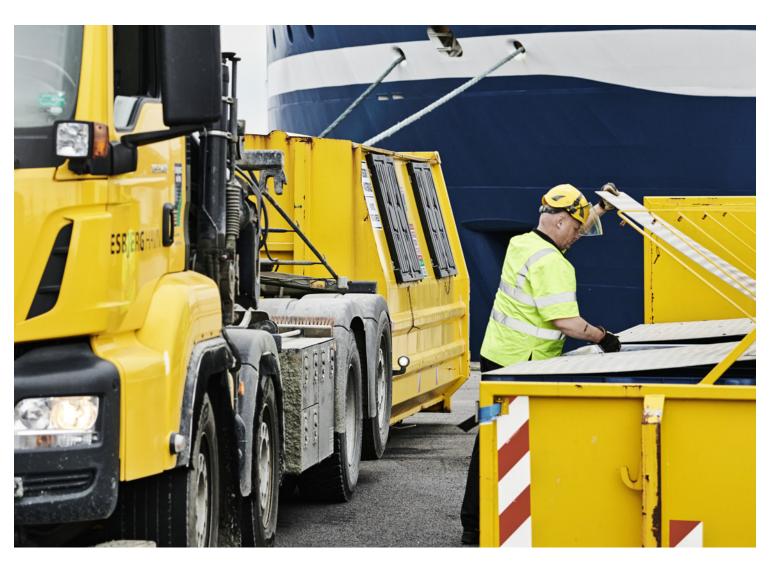
557 MW



CARS

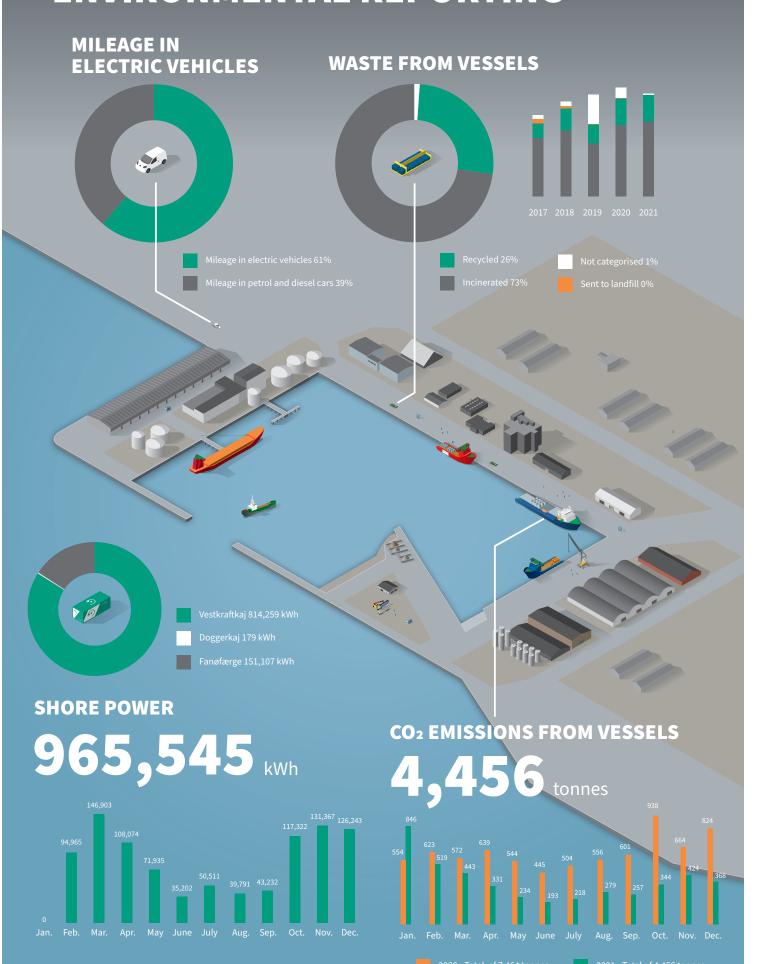








# **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING**









### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

Søren Gade, Member of the European Parliament

### **VICE CHAIRMAN**

Jesper Frost Rasmussen, Mayor of Esbjerg

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Diana Mose Olsen, Councillor

Helle Vingolf, CEO

John Sørensen, Managing Director

Mads Kirkegaard, CEO

Johnny Thomsen

Freddy Hansen, Service Assistant (employee representative)

Jane Behrens von Qualen, HSEQ Manager (employee representative)

### **MANAGEMENT**

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