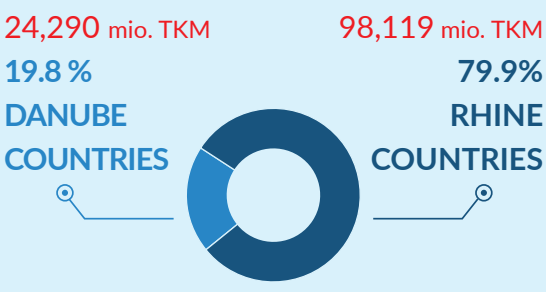
INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT (IWT)
IN EUROPE

TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE 2025

122,771 mio. TKM ↓ - 3.3 % vs. 2024

EU-27 + SWITZERLAND, SERBIA, THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, AND UKRAINE

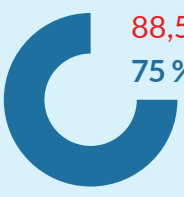




117,967 mio. TKM ↓ - 3.0 % vs. 2024

458.4 MIO. T ↓ - 3.2 % vs. 2024

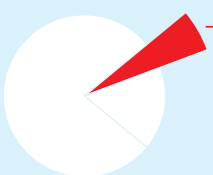
CARGO EU-27



88,558 mio. TKM

75 % INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT

MODAL SPLIT SHARE OF IWT



5.2 % ↑ + 0.2 percentage points vs. 2023

COMPARED TO TOTAL INLAND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY RAIL, ROAD, IWT

↓ - 2 percentage points vs. 2014

TOP 3 COUNTRIES WITH HIGHEST IWT MODAL SHARE :

1. *THE NETHERLANDS : 40.4%*
2. *ROMANIA : 23.4 %*
3. *BULGARIA : 21.9 %*

11,086 mio. TKM ↓ - 1.9 % vs. 2024

46.4 mio. t ↓ - 1.1 % vs. 2024

CONTAINER EU-27

1.49 million ↑ + 8.0 % vs. 2024

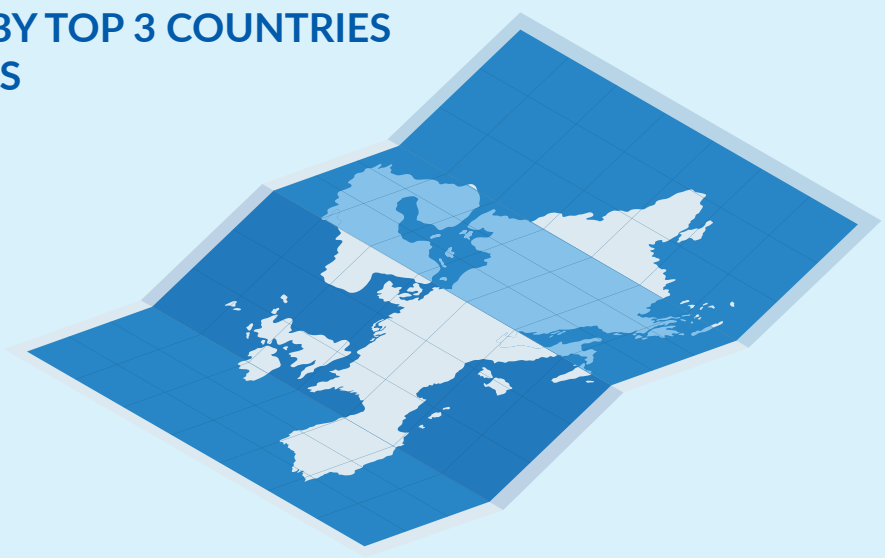
PASSENGERS IN RIVER CRUISE

COMPANY FIGURES 2024

	10,580 COMPANIES	52,238 PERSONS EMPLOYED	11.7 bn.€ TURNOVER
Passenger transport	5,103 COMPANIES	29,055 PERSONS EMPLOYED	4.2 bn.€ TURNOVER
Cargo transport	5,477 COMPANIES	23,183 PERSONS EMPLOYED	7.5 bn.€ TURNOVER

IWT PERFORMANCE IN 2025 BY TOP 3 COUNTRIES AND TOP 3 GOODS SEGMENTS

1. **GERMANY** 42,659 mio. TKM
2. **THE NETHERLANDS** 42,188 mio. TKM
3. **ROMANIA** 10,937 mio. TKM



Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products
26,225 mio. TKM

Coke and refined petroleum products
19,124 mio. TKM

Chemicals, chemical products, rubber and plastics
16,899 mio. TKM

TOP 3 MARITIME AND INLAND PORTS BY IWT CARGO HANDLING IN 2025

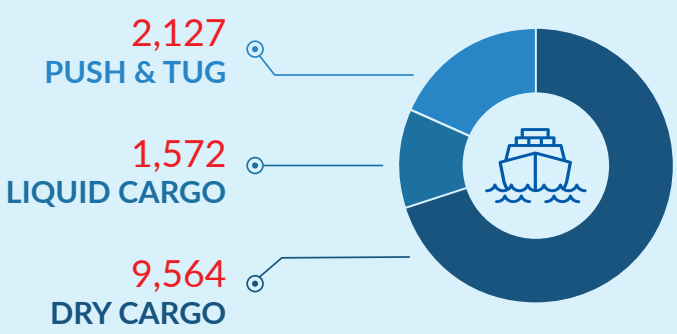
Maritime ports

	141.6 mio. t ROTTERDAM	98.7 mio. t ANTWERP-BRUGES	61.5 mio. t NORTH SEA PORT
	NL 1	BE 2	BE/NL 3

Inland ports

	38.4 mio. t DUISBURG	18.2 mio. t PARIS	12.5 mio. t LIÈGE
	DE 1	FR 2	BE 3

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CARGO VESSELS IN 2025



13,263 TOTAL



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