

The 10 largest ports in Europe

Which one handles the most? – The 10 largest ports in Europe

Ports. Today, they are among the most important hubs in the transport and logistics sector. We have researched the 10 largest ports in Europe for you and created a ranking. Some of them may be surprising, others are predictable, but have a look for yourself.

To give you a better idea of the different sizes, we have chosen the professional unit of measurement TEU. A TEU is an internationally standardised unit for counting ISO containers of various sizes, for describing the loading capacity of ships and the handling of terminals in container transport. Therefore, we based our calculations on the container handling volume.

Apart from the less-known ports, such as the port of Marsaxlokk, or Malta Freeport, on Malta, there are also numerous better-known ports, such as those in Hamburg or Rotterdam. It is astonishing that there is a remarkable difference of 11.2 million containers between the first and last place.

In our photo gallery, you can see which European ports have made it into the ranking and with how much container handling. Have fun clicking through! 😊

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4. Bremerhaven // Germany (5.48 million containers)
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5. Valencia // Spain (5.18 million containers)
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6. Piraeus // Greece (4.88 million containers)
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7. Algeciras // Spain (4.77 million containers)
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8. Felixstowe // Great Britain (3.80 million containers)
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9. Barcelona // Spain (3.47 million containers)
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10. Marsaxlokk // Malta (3.31 million containers)
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Note: Figures in millions of containers in TEU units

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10th place: In tenth place is the port of Marsaxlokk on Malta. With 3.31 million containers, it marks the bottom of our ranking.

9th place: Ninth place is occupied by the third-largest port in Spain, which is the port of Barcelona with 3.47 million containers.

8th place: As the largest container port in Great Britain, Felixstowe has made it to eighth place, just behind Algeciras, with a handling volume of 3.80 million containers.

7th place: Another port from Spain has made it into our ranking, finishing in seventh place. The port of Algeciras not only has a container turnover of 4.77 million, but also serves as an interface between Africa and Europe.

6th place: The sixth place goes to Greece. The port of Piraeus has a container turnover of 4.88 million.

5th place: The port of Valencia with its 5.18 million containers is not only one of the Spanish ports with the highest handling volume but also our fifth place.

4th place: Our fourth place goes to a German port. With 5.48 million containers, the port of Bremerhaven is only slightly ahead of fifth place.

3rd place: The port of Hamburg is an open tidal harbour and at the same time the largest seaport in Germany with a container handling volume of 8.73 million.

2nd place: The port of Antwerp in Belgium is second with 11.10 million containers.

1st place: The first place in our ranking goes without a doubt to the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. It is not only the largest seaport but also the largest deep-water port in Europe and impresses with a handling volume of 14.51 million containers.