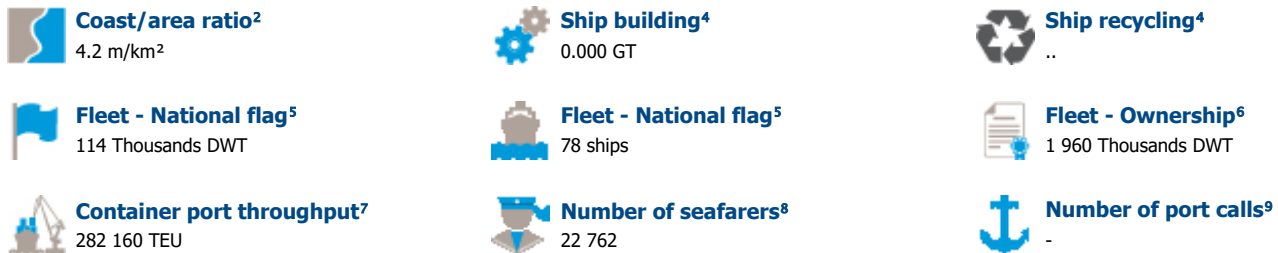


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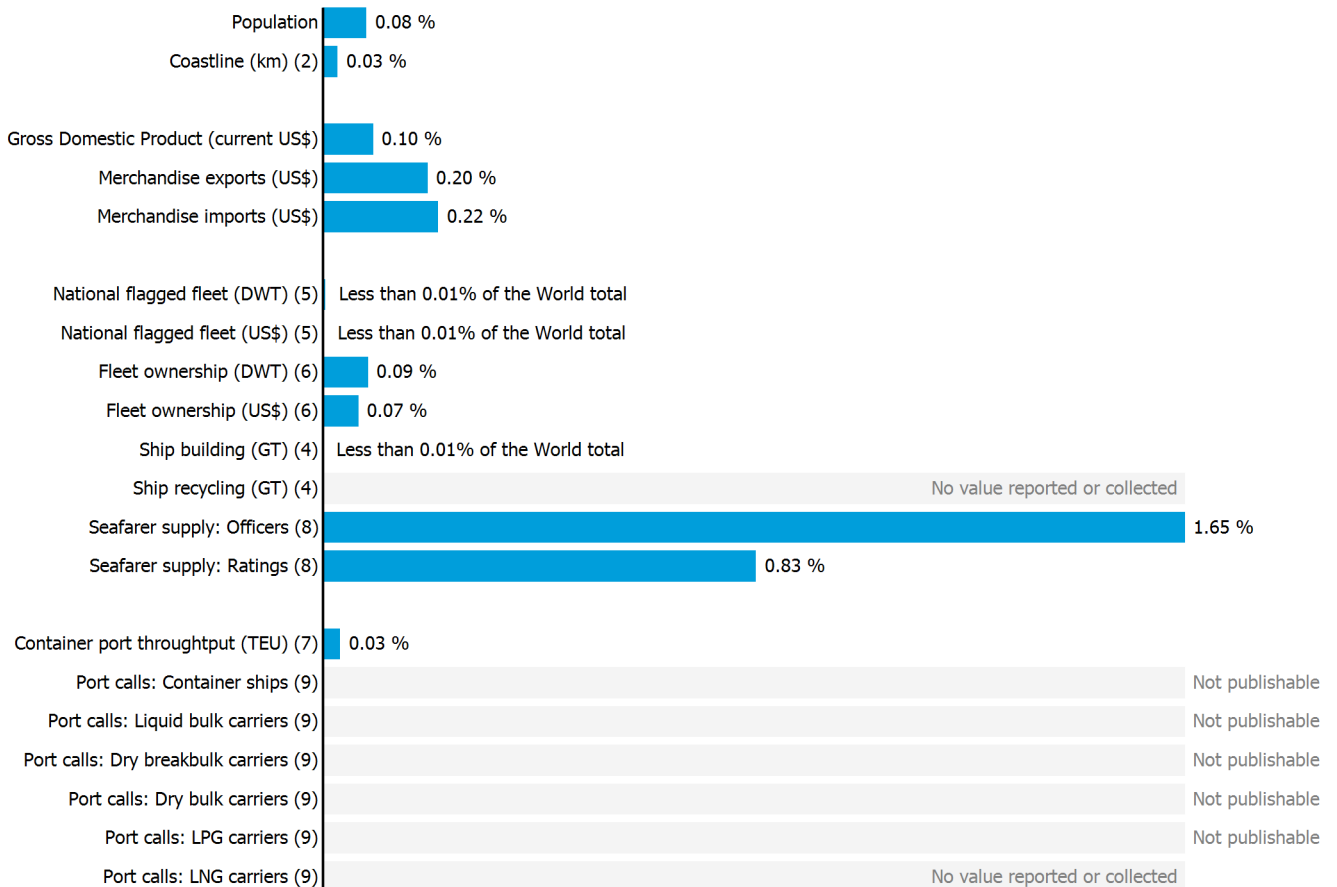
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## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	11 739	20 630	25 371	47 980
Merchandise imports	18 163	25 513	29 205	53 634
Merchandise trade balance	-6 424	-4 883	-3 834	-5 653

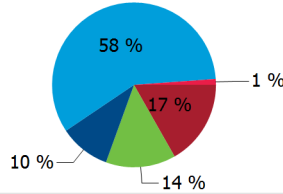
**-3.9 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

### Export structure by product group in 2023

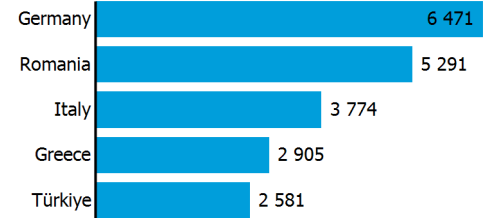
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



### Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

### Services exports by main category<sup>10</sup>

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	(e) 27.5	19.7	21.1	17.6
Travel	(e) 55.2	51.4	38.7	26.4
Other services	(e) 17.3	(e) 19.4	35.3	52.0

**+11.2 %**

Transport services exports growth rate in 2023

### Total trade in transport services<sup>10</sup>

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport services exports	(e) 1 218	1 308	1 711	2 685
Transport services imports	(e) 1 100	932	1 236	2 439
Transport services trade balance	(e) 118	376	475	246

## NATIONAL FLEET

### Carrying capacity by type of ship<sup>5</sup>

(Thousands DWT)

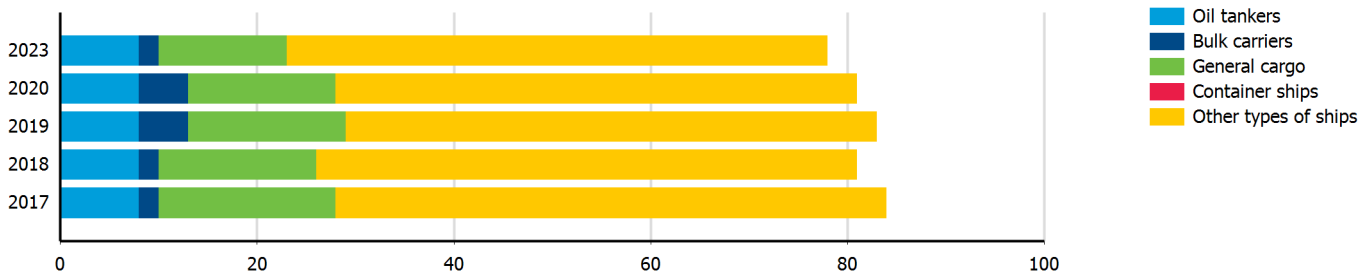
	2005	2010	2015	2023
Total fleet	1 151.0	696.8	152.1	114.4
Oil tankers	30.0	25.8	7.2	7.5
Bulk carriers	914.0	463.7	69.7	38.4
General cargo	112.0	116.8	50.8	37.5
Container ships	78.0	64.2	0.0	0.0
Other types of ships	17.0	26.2	24.3	31.0

**-14.2 %**

Fleet growth rate in 2023

### Fleet by type of ship<sup>5</sup>

(Number of ships)

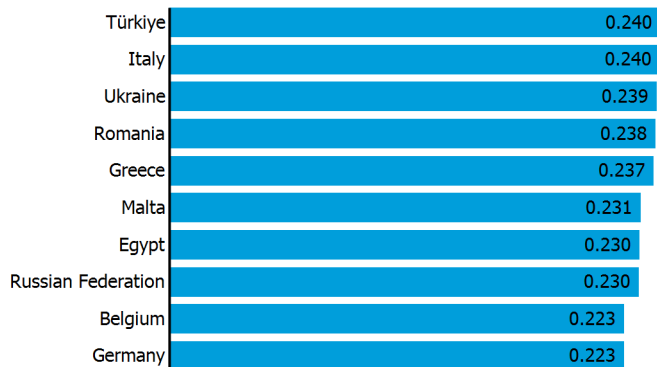


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## LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY

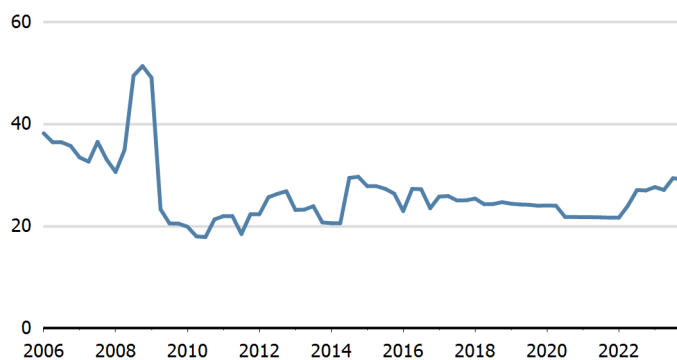
### Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2006<sup>11</sup>

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### Liner shipping connectivity index<sup>11</sup>

Average Q1 2023=100



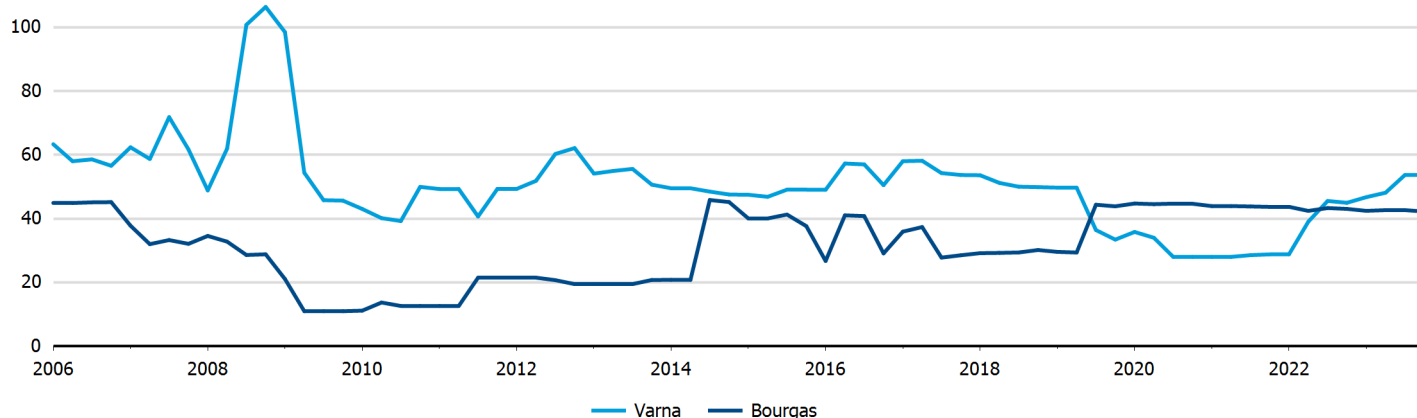
## PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

### Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2023<sup>9</sup>

	Number of arrivals	Median time in port (days)	Avg age of vessels	Avg size (GT) of vessels	Avg cargo carrying capacity (DWT) per vessel	Avg container carrying capacity (TEU) per container ship	Maximum size (GT) of vessels
All ships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Liquefied petroleum gas carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Liquefied natural gas carriers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dry bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Dry breakbulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Roll-on/ roll-off ships	-	..	-	-	-	..	-
Container ships	-	-	-	-	..	-	-
Passenger ships	-	..	-	-	..	..	-

### Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2023<sup>11</sup>

Average Q1 2023=100



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## Notes:

- 1 Sum of exports and imports.
  - 2 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.  
Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
  - 3 Sum of exports and imports. Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
  - 4 Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. Source: Clarksons Research (<https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/>).
  - 5 Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above, on 1 January. Source: Clarksons Research (<https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/>).
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  - 7 UNCTAD Secretariat, derived from various sources including Dynamar B.V. Publications, terminal operators and port authorities.
  - 8 Refers to year 2021. Source: BIMCO-ICS Manpower Report 2015 and BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report, 2021 edition.
  - 9 UNCTAD Secretariat, based on data provided by MarineTraffic (<http://marinetraffic.com>). Ships of 1000 GT and above.
  - 10 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
  - 11 UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (<https://www.mdst.co.uk>).
- e Estimated.  
p Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

## Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible  
.. No value reported or collected  
– Not applicable  
... Not available, including no quotation  
# Non-relevant calculation  
- Not publishable  
\*\*\* Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

## Abbreviations & acronyms:

- DWT: Dead weight tons  
LNG: Liquefied natural gas  
LPG: Liquefied petroleum gas  
GDP: Gross domestic product  
GT: Gross tons  
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit

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