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ABSTRACT DELLA TESI :

The significance of port infrastructures was not initially acknowledged by the EEC, which only integrated them into the common transport policy in the 1970s. Over the following decades, jurisprudence from the Court established a distinction between port spaces and services, enhancing European influence on port management.

Today European ports need to adopt a multi-scale model to create an integrated European port system and to contribute to the environmental sustainability of the urban context in which they are located.

At the European level, these challenges have been transformed into objectives and standards. To enhance port competitiveness, the Trans-European Transport Networks were established under Regulation 2013/1315, while Regulation 352/2017 implemented the first comprehensive reform of port services. Regarding environmental sustainability, the new European Green Deal introduced the goal of making the transport sector climate neutral. Additionally, the EU Climate Law of 2021

mandated a 55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, laying the groundwork for the "Fit for 55" package, with various legislative acts aimed at port sustainability and decarbonization.

The object of the paper will be to assess the effectiveness of European port competitiveness and sustainability legislation. Also, managerial choices to meet environmental standards made by the Port of Naples, case study of this paper, will be analyzed. Special attention will be given to the Green Ports Project, which is part of Italy's Recovery and Resilience Plan and in which the Port of Naples participates. Specifically, the effectiveness of this project in decarbonizing port operations will be evaluated.