

Balance 2024

„We are making the port fit for the future“: duisport Group exceeds targets and becomes a hub for decarbonisation

- **Total operating performance significantly increased in 2024**
- **Container throughput grows to 3.9 million TEU**
- **Investments in warehouse capacities and energy transition projects**

The duisport Group has successfully completed the 2024 financial year and exceeded its targets. As the company announced at its annual press conference on Thursday in Duisburg, the duisport Group's total income plus the pro rata total income from non-consolidated strategic investments rose to 356.3 million euros (2023: 331.5 million euros). EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes) amounted to 22.6 million euros (2023: 24.1 million euros), while earnings before taxes totalled 19.8 million euros (2023: 22.1 million euros).

Container throughput increased to 3.9 million TEU in the 2024 financial year (2023: 3.6 million TEU). In total, the duisport Group handled 50.8 million tonnes of goods by ship, rail and truck last year - exactly the same amount as in 2023.

All business divisions of the duisport Group grow

duisport CEO Markus Bangen: „We have clearly exceeded our economic targets and made up for the crisis-related decline in container handling. This is a remarkable achievement in view of the many political and economic challenges we are facing. I would like to thank all employees of the duisport Group, without whom such a result would not have been possible.“

In the Infrastructure and Superstructure business segment, the duisport Group achieved a total operating performance of EUR 68.9 million, which was well above the previous year's level (2023: EUR 63.9 million). In the Logistics Services business segment, total operating performance rose to EUR 111.8 million in 2024 (2023: EUR 106.7 million). The Industrial Logistics operating segment achieved total operating performance of EUR 118.1 million in 2024, after generating revenue of EUR 115.4 million in the previous year.



High investments in infrastructure - new warehouse capacities in Duisburg

In 2024, the duisport Group invested 89.7 million euros in infrastructure and maintenance measures (2023: 68.7 million euros). This level is to be maintained in the current year.

duisport CEO Lars Nennhaus: „A modern, reliable and future-proof infrastructure is the basis of our business and the key to our success. Through targeted investments, we are laying the foundation for positive results in the coming years and decades.”

In addition to investments in the double-digit million range in the existing infrastructure, further major projects are planned at the Duisburg site: At the logport I logistics site in Duisburg-Rheinhausen, two central roads will be renovated and widened from the summer in order to improve traffic flow and increase road safety. In addition, a multi-level hall is to be built on logport I, which will enable logistics solutions on two floors.

„We have to make do with the space we have available. So if we can't grow in width, we'll just grow in height”, says Lars Nennhaus, explaining the project.

Another new logistics hall is currently being built on Mercatorinsel in Duisburg-Ruhrort. Construction work began in January this year and is due to be completed by the end of 2026.

Meanwhile, a major project abroad is nearing completion: the bimodal terminal in Kartepe near Istanbul, which duisport has built together with Arkas Holding, will be finalised in the coming weeks and go into operation in the summer. The terminal comprises 350,000 square metres, six tracks each 750 metres long, a reefer warehouse, a 25,000 square metre warehouse as well as repair halls and other office and social buildings.

Key role for the Port of Duisburg in the energy transition

Despite delays in the nationwide hydrogen ramp-up, the port of Duisburg remains a central component of the energy transition. In future, large quantities of hydrogen derivatives such as ammonia and methanol will be imported to meet the needs of industry. At the same time, CO2 emissions that are unavoidable in energy-intensive processes need to be captured and transported abroad for permanent storage. As Europe's central logistics hub, duisport plays a key role in both areas – with the expansion of targeted infrastructure, the port is actively supporting the transformation towards a climate-neutral industry.

„In recent years, there have been intensive discussions about how the energy transition can succeed in concrete terms - now implementation is beginning. We are continuing on our growth path, making the Port of Duisburg fit for the future and developing it into a hub for decarbonisation”, says CEO Markus Bangen.

Methanol as well as liquid organic hydrogen carriers (LOHC) can already be stored and handled in the existing tank terminals. As part of the second expansion phase of the Duisburg Gateway



Terminal, a storage facility for hazardous goods containers is being built in which methanol as well as ammonia, hydrogen and other chemicals can be handled and stored in tank containers.

The missing piece of the puzzle is a tank storage facility for handling large quantities of ammonia from barges to trains and lorries, which is to be built at Rheinkai Nord in Duisburg-Hochfeld. duisport and the Dutch developer and operator of liquid bulk terminals Chane (formerly 'Koole Terminals B.V.') have initiated an approval process for this. In addition, duisport is pushing ahead with the construction of an electrolysis plant together with Lhyfe GmbH, a pioneer in the production of renewable green hydrogen. This is also to be built in Duisburg-Hochfeld in the neighbourhood of the ammonia tank farm.

In addition, connections to the planned hydrogen and CO2 pipelines of Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE) in Duisburg-Hochfeld and Duisburg-Ruhrort are being examined. When planning the pipeline routes, not only is the basic connection option being analysed, but the focus is also being placed on the optimal route and approvability. Feed-in volumes of up to 7 million tonnes of CO2 and 500,000 tonnes of hydrogen per year are currently expected.

Strong employer brand supports the search for talent

The transition to a sustainable industry requires not only new technologies, but above all committed specialists who can help shape the future of the port with their expertise and drive. 'With a clear attitude, targeted development opportunities and an open, appreciative corporate culture, duisport is opening its doors to new talent. We rely on diverse teams, digital processes and flexible working time models. Our ambition is clear: as a modern and attractive employer, we want to be the first choice in the port and logistics industry,' says duisport Board Member Giordana Sperling-Doppstadt, who has been responsible for the People & Corporate Services division since 1 January 2025.

Even though duisport is currently training 50 young people in eight different professions and was able to recruit 230 new employees nationwide last year, there are still around 100 vacancies to fill. Giordana Sperling-Doppstadt: „The shortage of skilled labour is a challenge for us - but it also motivates us to break new ground. We are therefore making targeted investments in training and development and strengthening our employer brand in order to attract talent.”

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