

## **Europacable welcomes strategic and technical measures presented in the Submarine Cable Security Toolbox: Applying these will make critical subsea data cable assets safer**

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**Europacable, the voice of Europe's leading cable systems manufacturers, welcomes the publication of the Submarine Cable Security Toolbox and the list of Cable Projects of European Interest (CPEIs) as a significant step towards strengthening the security, resilience and strategic autonomy of Europe's subsea telecommunication and data cable infrastructure.**

### **1. Strategic & Technical measures supporting secure and resilient cable infrastructure**

The toolbox reflects key priorities supported by Europacable and highlights the exhaustive approach of the Cable Expert Group regarding technical and operational realities of subsea cable deployment, maintenance and protection.

Europacable notably welcomes:

- **Supply chain security and EU industrial capacity:** Europe needs strategic autonomy in submarine cable technologies, this is why Europacable support the recommendations aiming at addressing dependencies on non-EU suppliers, promote European manufacturing and stockpiling of critical components.
- **Strengthening of monitoring, detection and physical protection:** Promoting the deployment of advanced monitoring technologies will support resilience of the infrastructure. Technologies such as Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS) or Automated Identification Systems (AIS) can improve real-time monitoring, while cable armouring, protection of beach manholes and landing stations or safer routes will enhance physical protection of the cables.
- **Reinforcement and renewal of maintenance and repair capabilities:** The Toolbox strongly acknowledges the ageing profile of Europe's maintenance fleet. Thus, financial support to renewal of maintenance vessels, increased equipment stock and locations will help long-term capability of Europe's repair ecosystem. It is key that the EU and Member States, through their national regulators, ensure that the repair framework is based on economically realistic solutions, enabling a cost-effective repair system across Europe.

### **2. Ensuring balanced implementation**

While Europacable supports the Toolbox's application, some recommendations would benefit from further clarification regarding their concrete implementation, notably:

- **Financial framework for modular equipment for repairs:** long-term financial framework for maintaining, staff training and stocking of such modules requires clarification as well as economic competition with already existing marine maintenance agreements.
- **Financing frameworks and investment conditions:** Several CPEIs involve high capital expenditure and strategic routes that may not be commercially viable on a standalone basis
- **Integration with existing maintenance agreements:** While the Toolbox reinforces maintenance capacity, further coordination with existing regional maintenance agreements and their potential extension to new owners could strengthen coordinated response without duplicating structures.

**Europacable and its member companies stand ready to support the effective and timely implementation of the Toolbox measures, in close cooperation with EU institutions and Member States.**

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