

# The Port of Dover ferry operation is of major economic importance to the UK economy



The Port provides a **key route** connecting the UK to continental Europe



Dover is the **busiest** roll-on, roll-off (Ro-Ro) ferry port in Europe and the busiest UK passenger port



In 2015, a total of

**2.5m**  
freight vehicles

and **13m** passengers transited through Dover



Value of trade passing through Dover...

up to **£119bn** per annum

or up to **17%** of UK trade in goods



The Port shows **significant resilience to disruption**. However, with no substitutable capacity elsewhere an extended period of disruption would be damaging to UK trade



Ensuring traffic is able to make use of the Dover ferry route on an uninterrupted basis is of **national economic importance**