

## **Abstract**

This master's thesis examines the possible consequences that the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union could have on short sea shipping for both parties.

First, an extensive explanation is given about the meaning, role and current status of short sea shipping within the European Union. The weaknesses and strengths of this transport mode are also described and compared with other transport modes.

The reader will also discover that short sea shipping is a major part of a multimodal transport chain within the European Union and that the future of this important mode of transport will depend in part on the future relationship between the UK and the EU.

How Brexit came about, including the procedures followed, the withdrawal agreement, the political statement and the free trade agreement, the reader will learn more about the possible consequences within the transport sector between the EU and the UK.

In particular, the last part of this master's thesis examines a number of concrete examples.