

## Delivering the European Green Deal

The Waterborne Technology Platform welcomes the “Fit for 55 Package” as adopted by the European Commission, to be able to achieve the European Green Deal objectives

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On 14 July, the European Commission [adopted a package of proposals](#) to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. With this package, the European Commission is presenting the legislative tools to deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law and fundamentally transform our economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future.

Regarding the waterborne transport sector, the European Commission envisages, amongst others, to stimulate the uptake of sustainable maritime fuels and zero-emission marine propulsion technologies by setting a maximum limit on the greenhouse gas content of energy used by ships calling at European ports. The objective is to ensure that the maritime transport sector duly contributes its fair share to the increased EU climate effort, while coordinating our action at global level, notably at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and ensuring fair competition and the proper functioning of the EU maritime transport market. At the same time, the proposals will stimulate Research and Innovation and help bring EU companies at the forefront of the transition that the maritime sector is embarking on.

*The Chairman of the Waterborne Technology Platform, Henk Prins, said “The Fit for 55 Package is intended to facilitate the transition to zero-emission waterborne transport. At the same moment in time, the European Commission clearly underlines the importance of placing EU companies at the forefront of this transition. These elements have formed the basis for the [Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport](#) in the framework of Horizon Europe, as launched recently. The importance of Research, Development and Innovation, and specifically the Partnership, are clearly underlined in the various elements of the package launched. Only together we will be able to deliver solutions for societal challenges. The Waterborne TP will further study the content in detail, and looks forward to cooperate with the European Commission and Member States on the acceleration of Research, Development and Innovation and its implementation in the sector”.*

**WATERBORNE TP** has been set up as an industry-oriented Technology Platform to establish a continuous dialogue between all waterborne stakeholders, such as classification societies, shipbuilders, shipowners, maritime equipment manufacturers, infrastructure and service providers, universities or research institutes, and with the EU Institutions, including Member States ([www.waterborne.eu](http://www.waterborne.eu)). The members of Waterborne TP comprise members as well as associated members from both maritime and inland navigation countries, representing about 18 Member States. In addition, the Associations member of the Waterborne Technology Platform represent the broader waterborne sector throughout the entire EU.

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