



## European Waterborne Technology Platform re-appoints Professor Maria Boile as Coordinator

The General Assembly of the Waterborne Technology Platform re-appointed Professor Maria Boile as Coordinator, a key function in the association's organisation

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The Waterborne Technology Platform (TP) is the European research and innovation platform for the waterborne industries, providing policy guidance to the European institutions regarding research, development and innovation, as well as the deployment of these innovations. Furthermore, the Waterborne TP is coordinating the private side of the Partnership on [Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport](#) (ZEWT) with the European Commission. Currently representing 120 members, from 21 European Member States and four other European Countries, the Waterborne TP has a significant footprint in the European Union.

The General Assembly of the Waterborne Technology Platform has re-appointed Maria Boile, Professor at the University of Piraeus and Head of Unit of the Hellenic Institute for Transport, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas as Coordinator. Boile has been acting as the Coordinator since October 2021 and the General Assembly has now approved the mandate for the next two years. The role of the Coordinator is at the heart of the activities of the Association. The area of responsibilities includes the alignment of the technical research, development and innovation matters of the Waterborne TP, representing the Association and acting as internal and external contact point on coordination of technical matters. In addition, the Coordinator chairs the [Alignment Group](#), consisting of approximately 20 members with key positions in the organisation.

*"I am deeply honoured for being re-appointed as Coordinator of the European Waterborne Technology Platform", Maria Boile said. "With the strong level of commitment and dedication of the Alignment group members, and with the active contribution and support of all the members of the Association and the European Commission Services, we have accomplished a lot and we have contributed to the achievement of significant milestones. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue playing a key role in the future of the Strategic Research, Development and Innovation agenda of the European waterborne sector", Boile concluded.*

Eero Lehtovaara, Chair of the Board of Directors, Waterborne TP, added: *"The Waterborne TP welcomes the re-appointment of Maria Boile for the next two years, building upon the tremendous work she has accomplished in the past period. Her profound scientific background, relevant experience and expertise, as well as her commitment will be beneficial for the entire European waterborne sector. In the coming period, we will work on the future research, development and innovation priorities of the sector, focused on circularity, digitalisation and resilience."*

**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 21 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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