



## **European Waterborne Technology Platform appoints Pieter Huyskens as Chair of the Delegates Group**

The General Assembly of the Waterborne Technology Platform has appointed Pieter Huyskens as Chair of the Delegates Group, a key function in the association's organisational structure

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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 coordinates 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 Partnership on ZEWT is governed by a [Partnership Board](#). The Partnership Board is the main forum for dialogue and steering, with the goal of reaching the objectives of the European Partnership. These objectives have been defined in the MoU regarding the Partnership, which was first signed in June 2021, and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). The Partnership Board ensures that the annual planning of activities from both sides steers towards the high-level objectives, including through regular monitoring and assessment. The Partnership Board consists of the European Commission and the Delegates appointed by the Waterborne Technology Platform. The General Assembly of Waterborne has appointed Pieter Huyskens, Director of Research, Development & Innovation at Damen Shipyards as chair of the Delegates Group and Co-chair of the Partnership Board for a mandate of two years.

*"I am grateful for the confidence I received from all members and from the European Commission. It is an honour to continue the good work that has been done and to build on that to further improve the partnership; to steer it to tangible results to help decarbonize waterborne transport and to keep the pipeline filled with new innovations for the future. The waterborne industry is a beautiful, highly diverse industry with many different stakeholders. They are all represented in the delegates group and we feel responsible to continue fostering the synergies in the partnership and the projects that will help shape the future of our sector", Pieter Huyskens said.*

Eero Lehtovaara, Chair of the Board of Directors, Waterborne TP, added: *"The Waterborne TP welcomes Pieter Huyskens as Chair of the Delegates Group for the next two years. The Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport is a unique initiative for the sector, underlining its strategic importance for the EU and its commitment to develop and deploy innovations. With Pieter chairing the Delegates Group and co-chairing the Partnership Board, the sector will be professionally guided in the next years of the Partnership."*



**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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