

#### About Waterborne TP

The Waterborne Technology Platform (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.

# The strategic objectives of the WATERBORNE TP

- Establish a continuous dialogue between all stakeholders in the waterborne transport sector and in other waterborne-related sectors on R&D.
- Contribute to the widest possible consensus regarding R&D and to focusing
  of efforts and resources.
- Develop a common medium and long term R&D Vision, and a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA).
- Contribute to the appropriate mobilisation and allocation of the necessary financial resources (private/regional/national/EU sources).
- Contribute to the social expectations regarding clean, competitive and safe waterborne transport as well as regarding other waterborne-related activities, including education and training.

### **Activities and Events**

Waterborne TP coordinates the private side of the Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport. Therefore, Waterborne members are also members of the Partnership.

Our main activity to date is fostering the inclusion of waterborne topics in Horizon Europe (among others, through the afore mentioned Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport). In addition, we play a role in ensuring waterborne transport is included in the Innovation Fund of DG CLIMA.

There are currently more than 120 full members, mainly coming from industry, not to mention academia, research institutes and associations.

Waterborne members meet three times a year: once for the General Assembly and twice a year for the working groups (IRAGs). Meetings are often held in Brussels. However, since we are also a member of the various organising committees for the Transport Research Arena (www.traconference.eu), these meetings may coincide with other events as well.

## **Membership Requirements**

Under Article 4.1.1 of the Waterborne Statutes, all members must be legal entities established in EU countries. Membership is not granted to private persons.

According to Article 4.1.2 of these Statutes, members must be active in waterborne related sectors, blue economy activities or ports and logistics.

In addition, Waterborne TP has its own Code of Conduct, which entered into force on 14 April 2021. Adherence to the Code of Conduct is a prerequisite for new members to join. The Code of Conduct can be consulted on the Waterborne website.

## **Membership Application Process**

The membership fee is currently set at  $\[mathbb{c}$  4,000 per year and is agreed on a yearly basis. In the Statutes, it is stipulated that the membership fee can be increased up to a maximum of  $\[mathbb{c}$  5,000 per member per year.

If your organisation wishes to become a full member, please send an email to the Secretary General, Jaap Gebraad, with a short description of how you meet the criteria for joining. At this stage, the Board will have seven working days to consider the membership application, which, if approved, will then be adopted by the membership at the next Waterborne General Assembly.

More detailed information on Waterborne, its goals, activities, organising bodies, etc. can be found on the website.

## **Contact Information**

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