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TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

12.30 OPENING REGISTRATIONS

12.30 – 13.45 WELCOME LUNCH (BUFFET)

13.45 – 14.00 “SHIPPING MOVES THE WORLD”, VIDEO  
inspired by the Report “Shipping moves the world” compiled by the World Maritime University and UNCTAD in cooperation with the Union of Greek Shipowners

14.00 – 14.45 OPENING SESSION

*Magda Kopczyńska,*  
Director General, DG MOVE

*Christos Stylianides,*  
Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of the Hellenic Republic

*Rosalinde van der Vlies,*  
Director Clean Planet, DG RTD

*Polona Gregorin,*  
Head of Unit Mobility, DG CLIMA

*Eero Lehtovaara,*  
Chair, Waterborne TP

14.45 – 15.45 TOWARDS A RESILIENT, COMPETITIVE & SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

*Filip Boelaert,*  
Secretary General, Department of Mobility and Public Works Flanders

*Paul Willemse,*  
Deputy Director National Shipbuilding Office, Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy

*Livia Spera,*  
General Secretary, European Transport Workers’ Federation

*Lorena Ionita,*  
Deputy Head of Unit Mobility, DG GROW

*Jaap Gebraad,*  
Secretary General, Waterborne TP

15.45 – 16.15 COFFEE BREAK

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

LOUISE WEISS/SIMONE VEIL ROOMS

SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE FUELS FOR WATERBORNE TRANSPORT  
(Workshop organised by the European Commission)

MODERATOR: to be confirmed

*Javier García Fernández,*  
Policy Officer, DG CLIMA

*Jane Amilhat,*  
Head of Unit, Clean Transport Transitions, DG RTD

*Davide Cucino,*  
Senior Vice-President European Union Affairs, Fincantieri

*Marchello Leonardi,*  
Financial Advisor - Clean Tech, European Investment Bank

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

16.15 – 17.30

**GREEN SHIPPING CORRIDORS -  
A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO DECARBONISATION**

*Helena Athoussaki,*  
Chief Sustainability Officer, Motoroil

*Pieter Huyskens,*  
Director Damen Research, Development and Innovation B.V.

*Lilian Frotzheim-Leijs,*  
Manager Sustainable Mobility and Transport, Province Zuid Holland,  
The Netherlands

*Gyorgyi Gurban,*  
Head, Projects Implementation, Department of Partnerships and Projects, IMO

*Sergio Oliete Josa,*  
Head of Unit, Sustainable Transport and Urban Development, DG INTPA

*Bartlomiej Gurba,*  
Policy Officer Mobility, DG CLIMA

*Maria Boile,*  
Coordinator, Waterborne TP

**DIGITALIZATION AND THE BLUE ECONOMY**

*Hildegunn McLernon,*  
SVP Technology Strategy and Portfolio, Kongsberg Maritime

*Jessica Hjerpe Olausson,*  
Chair IRAG Blue Economy, Waterborne TP

*Ada Jakobsen,*  
CEO, NCE Maritime Cleantech

*Eduardo Carqueijeiro,*  
DG RTD

*Demetres Armanes,*  
Manager Engines and Controls Center, American Bureau of Shipping

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

LOUISE WEISS/SIMONE VEIL ROOMS

**FUNDING AND FINANCING FOR THE EUROPEAN WATERBORNE SECTOR  
(Workshop)**

MODERATOR:

*Marjolein van Noort,*  
Head of EU Representation, Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners

*Marta Galante De Cal and Matthew Moss,*  
RICARDO

*Laure Doumbouya,*  
EU Mandate & Relationship Manager, European Investment Fund (to be confirmed)

*Katalin Dobranszky,*  
Senior Director, Policy Analysis, Social Affairs and Finance, ECSA

*Christophe Tytgat,*  
Secretary General, SEA Europe

*Theresia Hacksteiner,*  
Executive Director, European Inland Waterway Transport Platform

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

17.30 – 17.45 PRESENTATION

*Katri Kulmuni,*  
Member of European Parliament

17.45 – 18.00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

*Joanna Drake,*  
Deputy Director-General, DG RTD

18.00 – 18.30 CLOSING SESSION

*Monica Grosso,*  
Project Officer, DG Joint Research Centre, JRC report

*Martin Quispel,*  
Senior Expert Project Manager, EICB, IWT Projects Cooperation Platform

WATERBORNE AWARDS

*Rosalinde van der Vlies,*  
Director Clean Planet, DG RTD

*Jaap Gebraad,*  
Secretary General, Waterborne Technology Platform

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

MODERATOR: *Diane Gilpin*, Founder/CEO at Smart Green Shipping

09.45 – 10.00 *Matthias Langemeyer*,  
Head of Department Green Research and Innovation, CINEA

10.00 – 11.00 INLAND WATERWAY

*Kris van Mullem*,  
CEO, Multronic & General Manager Batia Mosa

*Thorsten Klimke*,  
Head of Unit, Ports & Inland Navigation, DG MOVE

*Ketil Olaf Paulsen*,  
Technical Director at Kongsberg Maritime Merchant Marine Division (to be confirmed)

*Jean-Michel Chatelier*,  
Global Market Leader - Specialized Vessels, Bureau Veritas

*Nadège Dewalque*,  
Policy Officer International and European Policy, De Vlaamse Waterweg

*Matthieu Blanc*,  
General Manager, Compagnie Fluviale de Transport

11.00 – 12.00 SHORT SEA SHIPPING

*Ger Quist*,  
Managing Director Ship Management, A2B-online

*Claudene Sharp-Patel*,  
Global Technical Director, Lloyd's Register

*Roy Funck*,  
Senior Vice President Technology, ABB Marine and Ports (to be confirmed)

*Gesine Meissner*,  
European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

LOUISE WEISS ROOM

10.00 – 12.00

R&I ACTIONS UNDER THE ZERO-EMISSION  
WATERBORNE TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP  
(Workshop)

SIMONE VEIL ROOM

PROJECTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- HealthyShip4U
- Autoflex
- CirclesofLife
- Dynaport
- Mission

AMMONIA

- Ammonia2-4
- NH3Craft
- Apollo
- Fastwater

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

13.00 – 14.00 LONG DISTANCE

*Casto López Benítez,*  
Policy Officer, Maritime Safety, DG MOVE

*George D. Pateras,*  
Deputy Chairman, Contships Management (to be confirmed)

*Maja Novakovic,*  
Head of Projects Two-Stroke, MAN Energy Solutions

*Konstantinos Voutzoulidis,*  
Director of European Contracted R&D, American Bureau of Shipping

*Peter Strömberg,*  
Head of Business Development, ABB Marine & Ports

14.00 – 15.00 CRUISE

*Heino Nau,*  
Coordinator - International Blue Economy, DG MARE

*Jenny Lauronen,*  
Project Manager NEcOLEAP, Meyer Turku

*Tomas Tronstad,*  
Director Maritime R&D, DNV (to be confirmed)

*Sascha Gill,*  
CEO, United Waterways

15.00 – 15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 16.30 FERRIES

*Timothee Noel,*  
Team Leader, GHG Emissions from Shipping, DG CLIMA

*Manolis Koutoulakis,*  
Secretary General of the Aegean and Island Policy, Greek Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy (to be confirmed)

*Anders Öster,*  
General Manager, Research Coordination & Funding, Wärtsilä

*Alessandro Maccari,*  
Marine Research and Development Director, RINA

LOUISE WEISS ROOM

13.00 – 15.00

TOWARDS AN INDUSTRIAL MARITIME  
(& INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT) STRATEGY  
(Workshop)

MODERATOR:  
*Fotini Ioannidou,*  
Director Waterborne, DG MOVE

*Jane Amilhat,*  
Head of Unit Clean Transport Transitions, DG RTD

*Mark Nicklas,*  
Head of Unit, Mobility, DG GROW

*Marcos González Álvarez,*  
Deputy Head of Unit, Mobility, DG CLIMA

15.30 – 17.30

TOWARDS A PORT STRATEGY

MODERATOR:  
*Thorsten Klimke,*  
Head of Unit, Ports & Inland Navigation, DG MOVE

*Maria Boile,*  
Coordinator, Waterborne TP, Green Ports Study

SIMONE VEIL ROOM

WIND ASSISTANCE

- Retrofit55
- Optiwise
- Chek
- Orcelle Horizon

BLUE INVEST

PROJECTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- BlueBarge
- GreenMarine
- Synergetics
- Green Marine Methanol

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2025

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

16.30 – 17.30 OFFSHORE

*Timothee Noel,*  
Team Leader, GHG Emissions from Shipping, DG CLIMA

*Pieter Huyskens,*  
Director Damen Research, Development and Innovation B.V.

*Marek Narewski,*  
Research and Development Division Director, Polish Register of Shipping

*Alexey Kraynov,*  
Senior Finance Business Partner, Stillstrom (to be confirmed)

17.30 – 18.00 CLOSING SESSION

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