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# PROGRAMME

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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 – 14.30 OPENING SESSION

*Magda Kopczyńska,*  
Director General, DG MOVE

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

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

*Eero Lehtovaara,*  
Chair, Waterborne TP

14.30 – 14.45 KEYNOTE SPEECH

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

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 or *Dimitri van Rijn,* 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

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LOUISE WEISS/SIMONE VEIL ROOMS

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

MODERATOR: *Pablo Fabregas Martinez,*  
Policy officer sustainable and intelligent transport, DG MOVE

*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

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

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PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

15.45 – 16.15 COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 17.30 **1** 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

*Lenaic Georgelin,*  
Team Leader - Sustainable Transport & Urban Development, DG INTPA

*Bartlomiej Gurba,*  
Policy Officer Mobility, DG CLIMA

*Maria Boile,*  
Coordinator, Waterborne TP

**2** 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

*Emilio Campana,*  
Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

*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

*Yiming Xu,*  
Climate Lead, ABN AMRO

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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 CEREMONY

WATERBORNE AWARDS

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

*Jaap Gebraad,*  
Secretary General, Waterborne TP CLOSING SESSION

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

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



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 TRANSPORT

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

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

*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

*Tomas Tronstad*,  
Director Maritime R&D, DNV

*Roy Funck*,  
Senior Vice President Technology, ABB Marine and Ports

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

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

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

10.00 – 12.00

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

This workshop will have a deep dive into the Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport, its key achievements, and will offer the possibility to discuss longer-term research, development and innovation needs.

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

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

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

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

14.00 – 15.00 CRUISE

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

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*Jenny Lauronen,*  
Project Manager NEcOLEAP, Meyer Turku

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*Sascha Gill,*  
CEO, United Waterways

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*Ketil Olaf Paulsen,*  
Technical Director, Kongsberg Maritime Merchant Marine Division

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

15.00 – 15.30 COFFEE BREAK

LOUISE WEISS ROOM

13.00 – 15.00

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

The aim of this workshop is to collect concrete insights from European waterborne transport companies and stakeholders about their respective industrial visions, contributions as well as the actions needed at European, national, and regional level to foster a more competitive, resilient, and sustainable maritime manufacturing future in Europe.

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

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

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

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

SIMONE VEIL ROOM

WIND ASSISTANCE

- Retrofit55

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- Optiwise

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- Chek

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- Orcele Horizon

BLUE INVEST

The workshop will highlight BlueInvest’s mission to foster innovation and investment in the blue economy, with a focus on the shipping and maritime sectors. It will present the programme’s features and services, discussing how stakeholders in the waterborne sector can engage with and benefit from opportunities for investment, collaboration, and scaling innovative solutions.

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK ROOM

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

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

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

*Jenny Braat,*  
CEO, Danish Maritime

16.30 – 17.30 OFFSHORE

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

*Alexey Kraynov,*  
Senior Finance Business Partner, Stillstrom

*Sarai Blanc del Val,*  
Managing Director, Foro Marítimo Vasco

*Svend Soyland,*  
Policy officer, Clean Transport Transitions, DG RTD

17.30 – 18.00 CLOSING SESSION

LOUISE WEISS ROOM

15.30 – 17.30

TOWARDS A PORT STRATEGY

To gather feedback from stakeholders on research and innovation items that can inform the development of the European Port Strategy, focusing on

- 1) key priorities
- 2) identifying gaps in the current research agenda
- 3) overcoming challenges for ports to innovate and uptake innovation

MODERATOR:

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

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PROJECTS in the SPOTLIGHT

- BlueBarge
- GreenMarine
- Synergetics
- Green Marine Methanol





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