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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

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025

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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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

CLOSING SESSION

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

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

Sascha Gill,
CEO, United Waterways

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

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

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

SIMONE VEIL ROOM

WIND ASSISTANCE

- Retrofit55
- Optiwise
- Chek
- Orcelle 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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