



EU initiatives creating a favourable environment for Short Sea Shipping

Policy update

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**Joint Short Sea Shipping and
Motorways of the Sea Focal Points
and Short Sea Promotion Centres
meeting**

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Outline

- Blue Belt initiative**
- Implementation of the Reporting formalities Directive**
- e-Maritime initiative**
- Motorways of the sea**
- Statistics**
- Marco Polo**
- Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PECs)**
- Sustainable Waterborne Transport Toolbox (SWTT)**
- European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF)**

Blue Belt initiative

- ❑ 8 July 2013 : adoption of the Communication "Blue Belt, a Single Transport Area for shipping"
- ❑ 5 November 2013 : adoption of an Implementing Act of the customs code to enhance the current scheme for Regular Shipping Services
- ❑ Discussions with stakeholders on the establishment of an e-Manifest ongoing, aiming at:
 - Meeting objectives Single Market Act II and the Blue Belt Communication by June 2015
 - Harmonization of the e-Manifest embedded in EU legislation

Reporting formalities Directive Implementation

- ❑ 2 meetings of the eMS group (June – December)
- ❑ 1 meeting on data mapping and functionalities (Sept.)
- ❑ Development by EMSA of a protocol for information exchange between MS via SafeSeaNet (future SSN v.3)
- ❑ Pending agreement on technical specifications for the development of National Single Windows (work on cargo related information to be soon completed)
- ❑ EC preparing report to EP and Council on RFD implementation, by 1st quarter 2014

e-Maritime initiative

- ❑ Adoption of RFD and VTMIS Directive = milestones for general use of ICT in maritime transport
- ❑ Objective of e-Maritime initiative :
 - Optimizing ship and cargo related port processes
 - Reducing administrative burden
- ❑ Method : propose improvements in electronic communication between different actors and simplifications
- ❑ Launch of formal work with stakeholder community in 2014

Motorways of the sea

- ❑ MoS projects to support maritime links + extending hinterland + activities of wider benefit
- ❑ Importance of MoS concept reconfirmed in "Roadmap for a single European transport" (2011)+ in revised TEN-T guidelines
- ❑ Inclusion of third country dimension in revised guidelines
- ❑ Study on MoS concept:
 - development + evaluation since 2001
 - Identification of possible ways to improve alignment with EU policies as well as utilisation within EU funding programmes

Statistics

Working group ESTAT–DG MOVE–EMSA (obtaining sectorial data on SSS and environmental performance of shipping) - 2nd meeting
October 2013 :

- ❑ Sectorial data for maritime cabotage and island traffic can be provided by ESTAT
- ❑ Sectorial data for feeder traffic :
 - no data available in most Member States
 - DG MOVE in cooperation with ESTAT working on more precise definition
- ❑ Environmental factors : ESTAT ongoing project on establishing a methodology for estimating maritime emissions at EU level

Marco Polo

- ❑ Last call of existing Marco Polo programme closed August 2013, notification of results early 2014, contracting March/April 2014
- ❑ Marco Polo legacy from EACI to INEA (Innovation and Networks Executive Agency = successor of TEN-TEA) on 01/01/2014
- ❑ Marco Polo in its current design will be discontinued
- ❑ Commission proposed new support scheme for freight transport services under revised TEN-T using CEF
- ❑ Ex-ante assessment launched by Commission in September 2013, aiming at identifying rationale, detailed actions and funding criteria.
- ❑ New instrument will focus on innovative and sustainable freight transport services, allowing for participation of single mode operators.
- ❑ Modal shift is maintained as only one amongst several policy objectives

Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PECs)

- ❑ 2010 : joint EP-Council-EC agreement on need for Commission to examine the possibility of introducing a harmonised framework on granting PECs in the EU
- ❑ Commission was asked to report to EP + Council on its findings + propose further actions if appropriate
- ❑ Results of a preparatory study in 2011-2012 :
 - no harmonised approach towards granting PECs in the EU
 - No significant difference in the number of accidents when comparing vessels with PEC holders versus vessels with pilots on board.
- ❑ Impact Assessment started by DG MOVE to prepare an initiative proposal (legal proposal or recommendation) to be adopted by summer 2014.

Sustainable Waterborne Transport Toolbox

- ❑ 28/06/2013 : Publication by the Commission of the first Progress Report on the implementation of the Toolbox
- ❑ The Progress report outlines accomplishments as well as challenges hampering the implementation of the measures
- ❑ Focus was placed on a better use of existing financial instruments towards improving the environmental performance of shipping
- ❑ Under TEN-T (Ports and MoS 2007-2013 framework) 145 Mio € was allocated towards greening the image of maritime transport (whereof +/- 70% the last 2 years since the publication of the amended Sulphur Directive + Toolbox)

European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF)

- ❑ 24/09/2013 : publication by the Commission of a relevant Decision on setting-up the EESF
- ❑ The ESSF aims at :
 - a) Creating the framework conditions for the use of marine LNG as ship fuel
 - b) Creating the framework conditions for the use of scrubbing technology in shipping
 - c) Providing guidance on the implementation of the Sulphur Directive
 - d) Exploring and evaluating all the available financing opportunities
 - e) Coordinating research and development activities and encouraging innovation

Sustainable Waterborne Transport Toolbox

- ❑ The ESSF Plenary consists of **60 members** (28 MS + 32 Industry stakeholders appointed through an evaluation followed a Call for Applications). **SPC Greece and SPC Spain participate in the ESSF Plenary**
- ❑ 27/11/2013 : ESSF first plenary meeting
- ❑ 11-13/12/2013 : first meetings of the 3 Sub-Groups on LNG, Scrubbing Technology and on the Implementation of the Sulphur Directive
- ❑ January 2014 : first meetings of the Financing and Research and Innovation Sub-Groups



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