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The Maltese Council Presidency puts the Maritime sector in the EU agenda

The Maltese government aims to bring the maritime sector back in the spotlight of the EU agenda during its 6 months Presidency of the EU Council. As an island nation and a shipping power, Malta aspires to use next semester and the EU Maritime Year to create momentum for big a leap concerning the EU maritime legislation and policy.

Thus, the Maltese Presidency expects to finalize the approbation of the Passenger Safety Package, the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and especially to boost the coordination work that the EU has carried out with IMO during the last years. To read more and download the agenda click [here](#)

ETA with other 21 EU Assoc. establishes a new partnership for Logistics

ETA joined the efforts of other 21 EU industry associations to launch a new platform representing the totality of the transport modes and logistic chain. The Industry Alliance for Multimodal Connectivity and Logistics is composed of different organizations covering the modes of transport, cargo owners, freight forwarders, logistics and port service providers, shipyards, transport workers and equipment manufacturers.

The objective of IAM Connectivity & Logistics for Growth is to actively participate in the policy making process and achieve specific policy objectives and deliverables through joint positions. To read more click [here](#)

The EU presents its Strategy on International Ocean Governance

The EC and the EU's High Representative presented a Joint Communication on International Ocean Governance. The publication proposes ways the EU can step up and play a stronger role at global and regional level shaping the way oceans are managed and used. The document sets out detailed actions in three priority areas: Improving the international ocean governance framework, Reducing human pressures on the oceans and Strengthening international ocean research and data. To read more click [here](#)



The European Parliament decides on the Port Access Regulation and Shipping Emissions

The last Plenary of the European Parliament adopted the Port Access Regulation. Albeit towage being still part of the services that are regulated, the compromises between the EU Council and Parliament have made our position somewhat better. Moreover, the EP Environment committee decided to include shipping emissions within the framework of the European ETS revision. The text agreed would force the EU to develop its own emission reduction plan by 2023 if IMO failed to deliver a global deal by 2021. The Plenary will vote this dossier in February.



Rimorchiatori Napoletani hosts Sea Traffic Management Validation Project Event

ETA member, Rimorchiatori Napoletani organized an event which aimed at demonstrating the EU project findings. STM Validation's objective is to analyse and validate in large-scale test beds in both the Nordic and Mediterranean Seas, encompassing around 300 vessels, 13 ports and 5 shore based service centres as well as using the European Maritime Simulator Network. To read more click [here](#)



Next events

31 JAN.-2 FEB.

Euromaritime
Paris

27 FEB -2 MAR.

European Shipping Week
Brussels

23-24 MAY

Tugnology
Rotterdam