



Newsletter

January 2017

ETA will participate in the 2nd European Shipping Week

The European Tugowners Association will have an active role as a partner in the 2nd European Shipping Week. This 5 days major event (from the 27th of February to the 3rd of March) aims at promoting the importance of the EU shipping industry and raising awareness among EU policy makers.

ETA will organize with the collaboration of the Permanent Representation of Malta a workshop on the role of digital technologies adapted to the maritime transport sector, on the 27th of February (find more information and register here). The European Shipping Week has programmed a quite busy agenda full of workshops, conferences and other events dealing with the main issues affecting the sector. You can find all the information regarding the 2nd European Shipping Week here.



2017, a crucial year for maritime legislation and policy

The current year will witness crucial legal and policy developments for the shipping sector as Malta takes over the Council Presidency. The European Commission aims to publish during the first semester a revision of important dossiers as the Port Reception Facilities Directive, and the so called Maritime Acquis (Directive on compliance with flag State requirements, Directive on port State control, etc.).

Meanwhile, the EC is finishing the assessment of Directive 2005/45/EC on the mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States and of Directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

Find more information on the EU legislative and policy work for 2017 here





The European Commission adopts the first European list of ship recycling facilities

The EC includes the shipping sector in its efforts to advance its Circular Economy strategy with the first EU list of ship recycling facilities. This measure requires all large sea-going vessels sailing under an EU Member State flag to use an approved ship recycling facility. The list includes 18 European based facilities and more third country shipyards could be included in 2017. This initiative is one of the measures to be implemented after the approval of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation which should enter into force at the latest on December 31 2018. Find more information on the list [here](#).



The European Council approves the Port Services Regulation

The latest meeting of the EU Transport Council supported the text of the Port Services Regulation. After this last step, in the law making process, the regulation will be published in March, which would mean that it should enter into force in the same month of 2019, probably before the United Kingdom legally exits the European Union.



Connecting ships, ports and people, 2017 Maritime Day theme

The International Maritime Organization decided use the 2017 Maritime Day to highlight the need for stronger synergies between the shipping industry and the sectors that depend on it to reach sustainable growth. "As a UN agency, IMO has a strong commitment to helping achieve the aims of the Sustainable Development Goals. Shipping and ports can play a significant role in helping to create conditions for increased employment, prosperity and stability through promoting maritime trade", IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim said.

Next events

27 FEB -2 MAR.

European Shipping Week
Brussels

23-24 MAY

Tugnology
Rotterdam