

Newsletter November 2016

UNCTAD publishes its 2016 Maritime Transport Review

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) presented the 2016 edition of its review of Maritime Transport. The publication examines the current situation of the sector and the long-term prospects for seaborne trade, which it describes as uncertain and subject to downside risks.

The report underlines the apparent weakening of the trade-GDP growth ratio. During the current decade, the growth of world trade has expanded at a slower pace compared to the global GDP growth levels.

To read more and download the report click [here](#)

The EC to review the Port Reception Facilities Directive

The main objective of Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues ("the PRF Directive) is *"to reduce the discharges of ship generated waste and cargo residues into the sea. The Directive focuses "especially illegal discharges, by improving the availability and use of port reception facilities for ship generated waste and cargo residues"*. The Directive is based on the requirements contained in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

The intention of the EU Commission is to address a range of potential shortcomings identified in a recent REFIT evaluation on the implementation of the Directive. To address these inconsistencies the EC will revise this directive taking into account the responses to a recently closed public consultation. To read more click [here](#)



ETA Executive Committee meeting

ETA Executive Committee met in London on the 22nd of November. The members of the body discussed the different issues affecting the towage sector and elected Captain Kimmo Lehto, Health Security Safety Environment and Quality manager of Alfons Hakans, as the Chairman of the Nautical Technical Committee.



Assorimorchiatori presents the book "Towline connected"

Assorimorchiatori, an Italian Association that represents the national towage sector, organized an event on the 12th of October to present the recently published book "Towline connected". The publication compiles a set of pictures and academic articles describing the importance of the sector and the constant efforts that the industry has carried out to keep the pace with the latest developments. To read more [click here](#)



Charo Coll receives the Valencian Government Business & Social Achievement Award

Ms. Charo Coll, General manager of Offshore and Salvage of Boluda was honoured with the Valencian Government Business & Social Achievement Award. Ms. Coll received the distinction from the Valencian Regional President, Chimo Puig. The award, recognizes the professional career of Ms. Coll and her dedication to the economic interests of the Valencian Region. To read more (in Spanish) [click here](#)

Next events

16 DEC

FEP
stakeholders conference
Brussels

27 FEB -

2 MARCH

European Shipping
Week
Brussels