

## Newsletter January 2018

### The EU Commission publishes its Port Reception Facilities Directive proposal

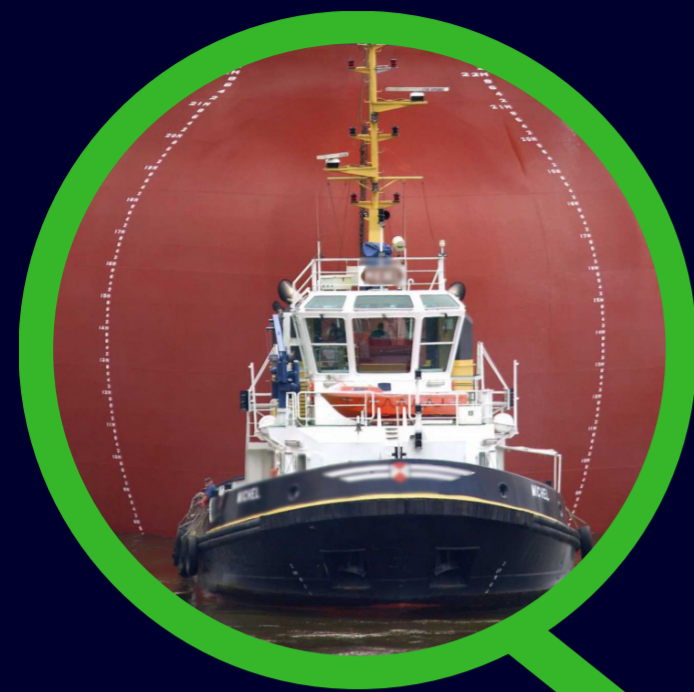
The EU Commission has presented its first Strategy for plastics as part of its efforts to reduce waste and promote the development of a circular economy.

The strategy outlines key commitments for action at EU level as for example new rules on packaging to improve plastics recyclability, and further actions to reduce plastic waste.

Among these initiatives, the EC has included a proposal for a new Port Reception Facilities Directive. This new EU law updates Directive 2000/59/EC which implements the IMO MARPOL Convention. By updating the regulatory framework, the Directive Proposal aims to achieve a higher protection level of the marine environment by reducing waste discharges at sea, as well as improving the efficiency of maritime operations in ports by reducing the administrative burdens.

The main important change is the proposal for a new indirect fee system for waste delivery. If this provision was made law, it would mean that all ships would pay for the total cost of waste discharged in ports, regardless of whether they deliver any waste. This indirect fee would cover the administrative costs, as well as a significant part of the operational costs linked to the waste delivery and disposal.

This Port Reception Facilities Proposal has just begun the EU-law making process, this means it still has to be discussed and approved by both the EU Parliament and Council, that should agree on a common text.





## Commissioner Bulc launches the Year of Multimodality

Stakeholders' organizations representing the different sectors in the multimodal chain met with Commissioner Bulc and her team in a reception at the EU Commission headquarters. The gathering put a closure to the 2017 Maritime Year and opened the 2018 Year of Multimodality.

The EU Commission intends to put multimodality in the spotlight by launching public campaigns and putting together policy and legislative initiatives. Moreover, 2018 will be filled with high level events on the subject organised by the European Commission in close cooperation with the Bulgarian and Austrian EU Council Presidencies.

During the reception Ms. Bulc announced the EC plans for this year, especially the publication of the new EU Reporting Formalities Directive proposal in May. Commissioner Bulc highlighted as well the need to keep the good work and close cooperation with the stakeholders of the maritime and logistics sector.

## IMO to review SOLAS regulation on mooring safety



IMO's Ship Design and Construction Sub-Committee (SDC) met at the end of January to discuss on ship mooring safety. SDC finalised the revisions of the SOLAS regulations covering safer ship mooring and also further developed the guidelines to support the design and safe use and maintenance of equipment, including mooring lines, pulleys and winches.

The sub-committee also held discussions on drafting new guidelines for stability computers and continued the work on the development of second generation intact stability criteria. Once approved and implemented, these measures will result in ships being designed so that essential systems remain operational after a casualty.

## Women in Transport



The first meeting of the Women in Transport Platform was held on the 23rd of January. The participants discussed the terms of reference and method of operating on the platform. Women in Transport shall primarily be used to showcase best practice in inclusive policies within the transport sector and also to undertake actions which would result in having more women within the industry.

ETA, together with FEPORT, ECSA, ESPO and WISTA are the associations which represent the maritime sector within the platform.

# Next events

## 22 March

Transport & Logistics Conference 2018  
Brussels

## 16-18 May

ETA 55th Annual Meeting  
Antwerp

