



Newsletter

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ETA first Autumn Conference: Beyond Bollard Pull

ETA expands the scope of its activities with the organisation of its first Autumn Conference. The event will be focused on innovation investment in the towage sector.

The working title is “Beyond Bollard Pull: return on investment in innovative Tugs and Tug components”. The conference shall be held at the Merchant Taylors’ Hall, London from 9,30 to 15,00.

The event will be a perfect occasion for ETA members to discuss the latest technical and sectorial developments in the industry and a great networking opportunity. The conference will look into the different aspects impacting return on investment, such as environmental and safety considerations. Speakers will address these elements to identify which innovation is worth pursuing and which of these would have a direct positive effect on the bottom line of a company.

There shall be no registration fee for members, however interested participants are required to register by sending an email to registration@eurotugowners.com





The EU Commission adopts its response to the Chinese New Silk Road

Federica Mogherini, EU Foreign Affairs High Representative, presented the new Connecting Europe and Asia Strategy. The EU institutions joint communication sets out the EU's vision for a new and comprehensive strategy to better connect Europe and Asia. The document aims at establishing solid partnerships and developing efficient transport networks with Asian countries to facilitate trade, business and cooperation between the two areas.

With this initiative the EU's Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) will be extended to countries bordering Asia and the Black Sea basin. As part of its strategy to decarbonise transport, the Commission will further promote the use of alternative fuels in ports in Europe and Asia. Moreover, by continuing to engage with third countries in Asia through pertinent maritime transport agreements, the EU will help to regulate and facilitate maritime traffic.



EMSA launches new marine casualty information platform

The new European Marine Casualty Information Platform, EMCIP, went live on the 3rd September. The new system will collect information on marine casualties and help marine safety investigators and maritime authorities to draw safety lessons and learn from them.

The first version is only available to marine accident investigation bodies but access is expected to be granted to other competent authorities and the public in the foreseeable future.



IMO completes its new guidelines for methanol use as ship fuel

IMO's sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 5) approved draft interim guidelines for the safety of ships using methanol as fuel.

The goal of these guidelines is to provide for safe and environmentally-friendly design, construction and operation of ships fuelled with methanol. The use of methanol is considered one of the choices for environmental compliance thanks to its huge potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Next events

14 November

ETA Autumn Conference

London

27 November

Women in Transport
1st Anniversary Conference

Brussels

