



Newsletter January 2019

Limassol will host the 56th ETA Annual Meeting

ETA 2019 Annual Meeting will take place for the first time in Cyprus, in the coastal city of Limassol from the 5th to the 7th of June. The 3 days event is hosted this year by our Cypriot member Vasiliko Terminal Services. As usual, our delegates will have a taste of the local hospitality, history, cuisine and seaside.

The 56th edition of the ETA Annual Meeting and Conference will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel which will also host ETA delegates and guests. This recently renovated 5 stars hotel offers the best service next to Aphrodite beach, one of the most popular seaside spots in the island. Moreover, the Secretariat has reserved as well the outstanding Amathus Hotel, which is close by.

On the 5th of June, our delegates will enjoy a unique beach welcome dinner organized by our host, Vasiliko Terminal Services at Columbia beach. As every year, the Annual Meeting highlight will be the gala dinner. This time ETA delegates will enjoy the amazing views and local gastronomy at Oenou Yi winery, in Omodos, a picturesque village between the sea and the Cypriot highest peak, Mount Olympus.





ETA joins other 4 EU maritime associations on a common position concerning the revision of BER

ETA, together with FEPORT, EBA, CLECAT and ESC signed and submitted a common letter addressed to EU Commission Directorate General for Competition (DG COMP). At the moment, the EC is reviewing the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation which establishes a set of rules regulating competition practices in sectors like shipping.

The review of this Regulation represents a very important opportunity for the port and port services sectors, as it give them the floor to express their views on the evolution taking place in the liner shipping industry, such as, the market consolidation, the growth in size of ships, the increasing use of digitalization... etc, and its consequences on the economic models and bargaining power of the shipping lines' customers as well as their service providers.



Waterborne TP presents its Strategic Research Agenda

Waterborne Technology Platform (TP) released its new Strategic Research Agenda to the European Commission. This agenda provides a long-term vision and missions for a climate neutral economy, an innovative and competitive high-tech sector and a prosperous European society.

The agenda will also help the waterborne sector to further develop Europe's leadership in blue growth activities and will contribute to untapping the great potential of the oceans, seas and inland waters as a source of natural resources, in a sustainable manner.

Waterborne TP brings together all waterborne stakeholders, such as classification societies, shipbuilders, shipowners, maritime, universities or research institutes to establish a dialogue on the future of the sector with the EU Institutions, including Member States. ETA is an observer member of the Platform.



The European Investment Bank unveils first funds under its Green Shipping Guarantee Programme

The EIB will contribute EUR 10.1 million to a funding facility managed by Dutch bank ABN AMRO to finance the construction of three cement carrier vessels for Eureka Shipping. The new ships will operate with significantly better fuel efficiency and reduced emissions of pollutants

The facility is open for the installation of ballast water treatment systems, retrofitting of existing shipping as well as for projects that envisage the construction of new vessels with a green innovation aspect.

Next events

20 March

ISU Associate members meeting
London

5-7 June

ETA 56th Annual Meeting
Limassol

