

## Newsletter April 2019

### New European rules on shipping waste collection adopted

The EU Council approved the Directive on port reception facilities for the delivery and management of waste from ships. With this step, the EU adopts key legislation that will enable Europe to protect the marine environment from the adverse consequences of discharges of waste from ships calling at ports located in the Union.

The Directive tackles all waste from ships. It sets measures to ensure this waste is returned to adequate port reception facilities, where the waste should be collected separately for recycling. The new rules will enable a mix of incentive and enforcement measures, such as a targeted inspection regime, supported by digital reporting of waste notification. Moreover, cost recovery systems, based on an indirect fee will be implemented. Member States shall ensure that the fees charged for delivery do not create a disincentive for ships to use the port reception facilities and that the facilities allow ship waste to be managed in an environmentally friendly way.





## ETA welcomes the agreement on Horizon Europe

The European Parliament approved the agreement reached with the Council of the EU regarding Horizon Europe, the next European Research and Innovation Funding Programme (2021 – 2027).

The waterborne sector is appropriately represented in the agreement, both in the general content as the Horizon Europe programme includes the cluster “climate, energy and mobility” as lobbied by Waterborne TP, and in other parts of the programme. Shipping is specifically covered in the programme mission regarding “Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters”.

A few specific elements of Horizon Europe programme, such as the final total budget and the terms for non-EU countries that want to participate have not been approved and will not be finalised until Member States reach a unanimous agreement on the EU’s next Multiannual Financial Framework.



## The EU Parliament adopts the European Maritime Single Window Directive

The EU Parliament approved the Regulation establishing a European Maritime Single Window Environment. This legislation will be a key step towards the establishment of a single market in the maritime sector. The European Maritime Single Window will harmonise reporting procedures for shipping operators and to ensure data can be shared and reused efficiently. The existing National Single Windows will be linked with the European Maritime Single Window via a module developed at EU level.

The Regulation establishes a comprehensive data set, listing all information elements that may be requested by national authorities or port operators when a ship calls at a port. Member States would have to ensure that declarants are asked to provide information only once per port call and that the data is made available or reused.



## ETA invited to the BTA Annual Meeting

The Deputy Chairman and Secretary General have been invited to participate and deliver a presentation at the British Tugowners Association Annual Meeting, which was held in Fromby this year.

Kimmo and Anna Maria did a combo presentation whereby they highlighted the ETA’s strategy and the issues which have the highest priority of the Association now and in the future and also gave an in-depth insight into the current state of play of the Block Exemption Regulation.

# Next events

**14-15 May**

Tugnology  
Liverpool

**16-17 May**

EU Maritime Day  
Lisbon

**5-7 June**

ETA 56th Annual Meeting  
Limassol