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ETA Conference 2019 to address the Challenges and trends in European Shipping and Ports

As every year, the European Tugowners Association is organising its Annual Conference within the framework of the ETA Annual General Meeting. In its 56th edition, the Conference will focus on the challenges and trends in European shipping and ports. The aim of the event is to dialogue with key stakeholders in the maritime and shipping sector so as to identify what the current trends are and how these are looking for the future.

The speakers represent different fields in the shipping industry, from port managers to shipowners. Natasa Pilides is Cyprus' Deputy Minister of Shipping and served as the Director General of the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency. She will give an outlook on the current state of play of the shipping sector, from a EU Member State government perspective.

Günther Bonz, FEPORT President will address the future of European shipping from a ports perspective. Mr. Bonz is manager of Eurogate, Europe's leading shipping line-independent container terminal operator which operates in different EU ports like Hamburg, Salerno, Lisbon or Limassol.



IMO takes further steps to reduce shipping emissions

The 74th session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 74) concluded with the adoption of a series of decisions which will advance the shipping sector efforts to reduce its emissions.

The IMO agreed on strengthening energy efficiency targets for certain types of ships. These more ambitious goals apply to containers, general cargo ships, hybrid diesel-electric cruise ships, and LPG and LNG carriers that cover about 40% of CO₂ emitted from ships subject to energy efficiency regulations.

Following these new measures, new container ships will now be required to be up to 50% more efficient by 2022, compared with the previous target of up to 30% more efficient by 2025. General cargo ships, LPG and LNG carriers and hybrid diesel-electric cruise ships, will also have to be up to 30% more efficient by 2022.

MEPC also adopted a set of guidelines that will assist national and port authorities and shipowners to adapt to the forthcoming implementation of the 0,50% sulfur limit for the fuel oil used on board (1st of January 2020) and the carriage ban of non-compliant fuel (1st of March 2020).



ETA Secretariat attended the EMPA Annual Meeting and Tugology

ETA Vice Chairman Kimmo Lehto and Secretary General Anna Maria Darmanin participated in the European Maritime Pilots Association Annual Meeting which this year took place in Liverpool. Both attended the numerous presentations that focused on the safety of pilotage and harbour operations.

The ETA Secretary General also attended Tugology 2019, the main international event on tug technology and research. This year Tugology broke its records with 405 delegates, among them, shipowners, naval architects and policy makers. The varied presentations and papers analysed the different aspects of tug and towage R+D, from the digitalization of operations to the development of more efficient winches.

Next events

5-7 June

ETA 56th Annual Meeting
Limassol

5-8 November

Europort
Rotterdam

7 November

ETA 2nd Autumn Conference
Rotterdam