



# Newsletter

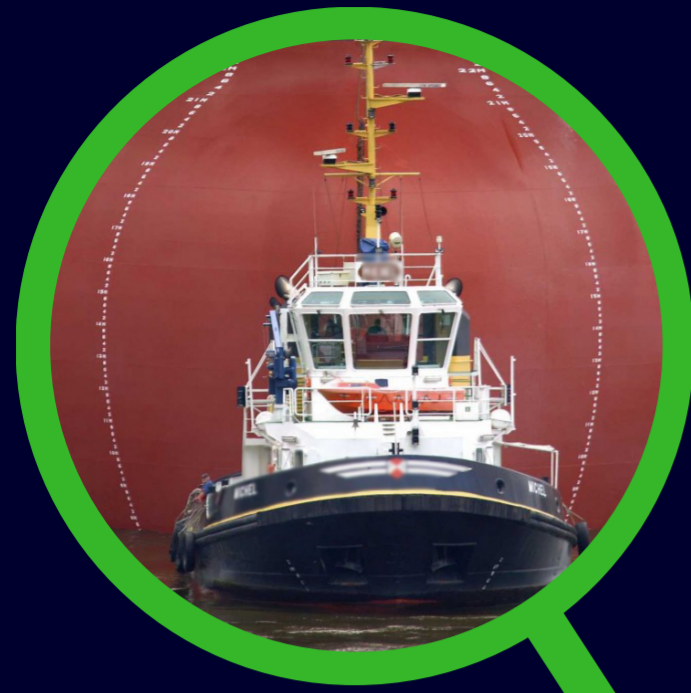
## June 2019

### IMO dedicates the Day of the Seafarer to the promotion of gender equality

On the 25th June IMO celebrated the Day of the Seafarer which was dedicated to promoting gender equality in the sector. The organization's aim is to raise awareness in the maritime community on the importance of gender equality sector. IMO highlighted the contribution of women in the shipping industry with the hashtag #IamOnBoard. The day celebrates and recognizes every year the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society. This celebration goes in line with the 2019 World Maritime Day which had "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community" as its theme.

ETA welcomed the selection of 2019 World Maritime Day theme as it firmly believes in the need to achieve gender equality in the maritime sector.

"Women still represent a small fraction of workers onshore and onboard in the transport community, and this unequal situation is even more visible in the maritime industry. Long established stereotypes, lack of visibility and no female-friendly labour conditions prevent women from considering a career in the shipping sector", affirms Anna Maria Darmanin ETA Secretary General.





## The EU and Mercosur reach a historical accord on a new Free Trade Agreement

The European Union and Mercosur reached a political agreement for an "ambitious, balanced and comprehensive trade agreement". The two blocks have found a compromise after 19 years of negotiations. It is the second biggest Free Trade Agreement ever concluded by the EU.

The trade agreement will cover a total population of 780 millions. Mercosur is formed by 4 member states, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brasil and Argentina with a total population of 260 million inhabitants.

The block represents the world's 6th biggest economy with €2,2 trillion GDP. The EU is Mercosur biggest trade and investment partner. The EU's exports to the four Mercosur countries totalled €45 billion in 2018. Mercosur's exports to the EU were €42.6 billion in the same year.

The EU-Mercosur agreement will remove the majority of tariffs on EU exports to Mercosur, making EU companies more competitive by saving them €4 billion worth of duties per year. Moreover, the FTA will facilitate the access of European companies to government contracts and public procurement and to service suppliers in the telecommunications and transport sectors, among others.



## The EC adds 8 more yards to the EU Ship Recycling Facility List

The European Commission (EC) published the new update of its EU Ship Recycling Facility List with 8 new yards. These include 2 new ones in Denmark, 5 in Norway, as well as 1 yard in Turkey. From 31 December 2018, the EU Ship Recycling Regulation mandates all large sea-going vessels sailing under an EU Member State flag to use an approved ship recycling facility included in the European List.

Furthermore, 28 additional yards located in third countries have applied to be included in the European List. The Commission is at the moment assessing whether they meet the requirements for such inclusion. With the new update, the European List of ship recycling facilities currently contains a total of 34 yards, representing a total available annual recycling capacity of nearly 2.4Mi Light Displacement Tonnes (LDT).

# Next events

**7-9 October**

Digital Transport Days  
Helsinki

**5-8 November**

Europort  
Rotterdam

**7 November**

ETA 2nd Autumn Conference  
Rotterdam