



Newsletter

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ETA 2nd Autumn Conference to focus on successful industry models in times of disruptive change

ETA will dedicate its 2nd Autumn Conference to analyse how the maritime business models are adapting to the new challenges posed by trends like megaships or the decarbonization and digitalization of the industry.

The speakers will attempt to have a look at current business models and analyse if there has been a change, en par with innovation and industry pressures, in the way business is done. The Conference shall also have a look at other business models in the maritime industry and parallel sectors that have proven to be successful, so as to draw learning lessons from these scenarios.

The speakers will be the following:

Alec Laing, Managing Director of ACL Shipbrokers.

Prof. Hercules Haralambides, Professor of Maritime Economics and Logistics (MEL) at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

Ewout Mante, Digital Transformation Consultant.

Arnstein Eknes, segment Director for Special Ships – DNV GL and Board Member of the Shipping & Offshore Network.

The event is open to non members and free of charge. Interested participants are required to register by sending an email to registration@eurotugowners.com.





ETA and more than 40 organisations jointly call for a strong Connecting Europe Facility II

Ahead of the European Parliament's hearings of the EU appointed Commissioners, a coalition of more than 40 European associations renewed their call for a strong transport budget. The European Parliament and the Council had agreed on the proposal for the Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027 (CEF II), but as part of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) negotiations, the CEF II budget will not be decided until the new Parliament and the Council agree on the MFF. The European Parliament had demanded an increased budget of €33.51bn (€37.76bn in current prices) to boost Connecting Europe Facility II transport investment.

Therefore, the coalition calls on the newly elected Members of the European Parliament and the incoming Commissioners to support the demand for a strong transport budget. A strong CEF with responsible grant management is the most efficient instrument to decarbonise the European transport sector.



EU Transport Commissioner-designate rejected

The European Parliament's legal committee rejected Rovana Plumb, Transport Commissioner-designate from Romania. Ms. Plumb was grilled by the Parliament's JURI Committee on her potential conflicts of interest and discrepancies in property statements.

The Romanian candidate was rejected by 10 votes, with six votes in favour and two abstentions, reportedly because of discrepancies between her declaration of assets made at home and in the EU. A rejection of a candidate by the European Parliament on this terms is unprecedented.



EMSA published its new EU seafarers statistics report

EMSA published its review on Seafarers statistics in the EU for 2017. The data is extracted from certificates and endorsements registered by EU Member States, Iceland and Norway until 31 December 2017.

The data shows that by end-2017, 202,190 masters and officers held valid certificates of competency (CoC) issued by EU Member States while another 87,810 masters and officers held original CoCs issued by non-EU countries with endorsements issued by EU Member States attesting their recognition (EaR). Overall, the end of 2017 saw almost a third of a million masters and officers as potential manpower to serve on board EU Member State flagged vessels.

Next events

7-9 October 5-8 November 7 November

Digital Transport Days
Helsinki

Europort
Rotterdam

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