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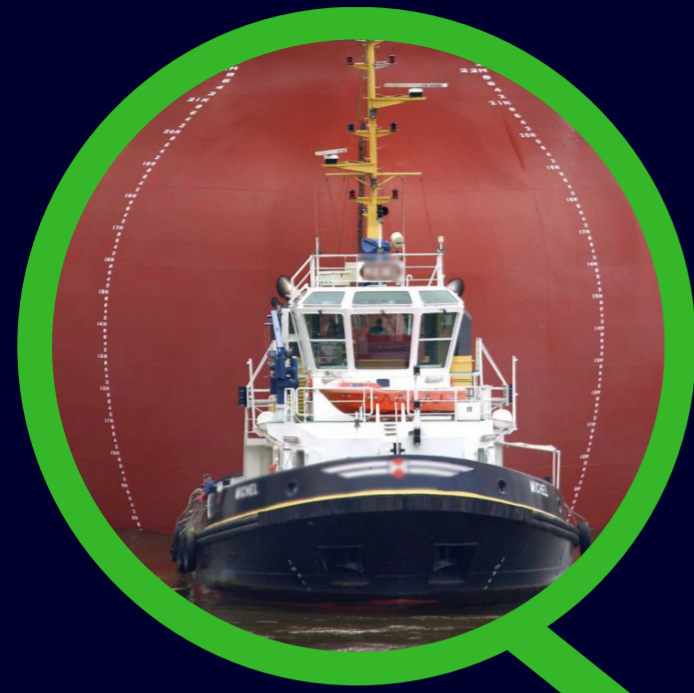
The EU Parliament and the Council agree on shipping emissions

The EU Parliament and the Council reached an agreement on the EU post-2020 CO₂ policy, giving IMO support to define of a global shipping emissions strategy.

The agreed text excludes the shipping sector from the ETS (the EU carbon market designed to reduce the Union's emissions) and compels IMO to uphold its commitments and define an ambitious emissions reduction target and an initial strategy in 2018. This plan should lead to the establishment of a global scheme to reach the goal by 2023. IMO action should be consistent with the +2°C objective agreed under the Paris agreement. If the international organization failed to set up a working system in 2023, the EU would take responsibility by implementing its own regional measures to cut down shipping emissions. At the same time, the EU institutions agreed on closely screening the process.

The European Commission will report regularly to the European Council and the European Parliament on the state of the negotiations. The institutional compromise recognizes IMO as the right scenario to discuss and outline a global framework for the industry.

IMO has made progress in starting to shape a draft initial global greenhouse gas strategy. During its second Intersessional Working Group on reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) which took place at the end of October, a series of proposals were put forward for discussion and eventual approval. Among other motions, these focused on the implementation schedule, the vision, the levels of ambition, guiding principles, candidate measures, barriers and supportive measures and follow up actions. The Working Group proposals will be discussed by the next IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee meeting (9-13 April 2018) which should also adopt in that meeting a draft initial emissions reduction strategy.





The EC publishes its Action Plan on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

In the beginning of November the European Commission presented the Clean Mobility Package, a new legislative and policy initiative to implement the EU's commitments under the Paris Agreement. The Package objective is to reinforce the EU's global leadership in clean mobility. The Package focuses on the decarbonization of road transport but the EC has also addressed shipping emissions in its Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Action Plan.

Directive 2014/94 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure requires EU Members to set long-term objectives and support measures to promote the wide use of these fuels.

According to the Action Plan, from the 28 Member States only 8 meet the requirements of the Directive. Concerning LNG infrastructure in ports, only Italy and Finland have set ambitious targets. The document concludes that extra EU support is needed for the EU wide deployment of alternative fuels. Thus, the EC will increment the funding for the construction of alternative fuel infrastructure (extra €800 million) and support the creation of new financing mechanisms, such as the Green Shipping Guarantee Programme. Find the Action Plan text [here](#)



ETA Board visits EMSA and meets its management

ETA Chairman Leendert Muller and Vice-Chairman Kimmo Lehto and Secretary General Anna Maria Darmanin met the management team of EMSA at its headquarters in Lisbon. The visit was a great opportunity to get a deeper insight on the new marine equipment and services for antipollution operations provided by EMSA. As ETA members regularly participate in environment protection task, they could benefit of this new service. Furthermore, the Board discussed with EMSA the possibility of ETA having access to safety data which pertains to the industry.



Portuguese company Rebonave joins ETA

ETA welcomes its second Portuguese member, Rebonave as its newest full member. The company, with headquarters in Setúbal, becomes the 86th member of the Association.

Rebonave, was founded in 1989. The company operates in the ports of Setúbal and Lisbon and also offers salvage and ocean going towage services. Its 10 tugs fleet allows Rebonave to give a prompt response, to any emergency call along the Portuguese coast.

Next events

6-8 December

Salvage and Wreck Conference
London

16-18 May

ETA 55th Annual Meeting
Antwerp