



Newsletter

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Register for Tugtechnology 2021, London 25-26 October

The European Tugowners Association is supporting the Tugtechnology 2021 Conference, which will take place in London, at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on the 25-26 of October. The event is the industry's premier technical gathering and its programme consists of a conference with the industry leaders, an exhibition and gala dinner. Tugtechnology aims to bring together the global tug owning and operating community, the international supply chain and the sector's industry associations and regulators.

A number of ETA members will speak at the event (Vicente Boluda, Leendert Muller, Lise Demant..). Moreover, several ETA members have been pre-selected for the ITS prizes in different categories

Tug of the year:

Buksér og Berging's new IMO Tier III TRAktor 3000-Z design tug.
Port of Aarhus Hermes, a RAmports 3000-W ASD harbour tug.
TugMalta's Senglea, a next generation RSD Tug 2513.
Svitzer's Embla, a TundRA 3000 / MED-A3060-ICE class tugboat.

Tugowner of the Year:

Alfons Håkans for modernising its ice-breaking tug fleet and co-creating innovative service contracts.
Boluda for its expansion in northern Europe.
Svitzer for rapid scaling of its fleet and market share in Australia, Brazil, Europe and South East Asia.

Furthermore, two of our associate members have been nominated to Innovation of the Year prize, these are Caterpillar Marine for its new planned maintenance kits, and Cummins for launching its high-speed QSK60 diesel engine.

Registration is now [open](#).



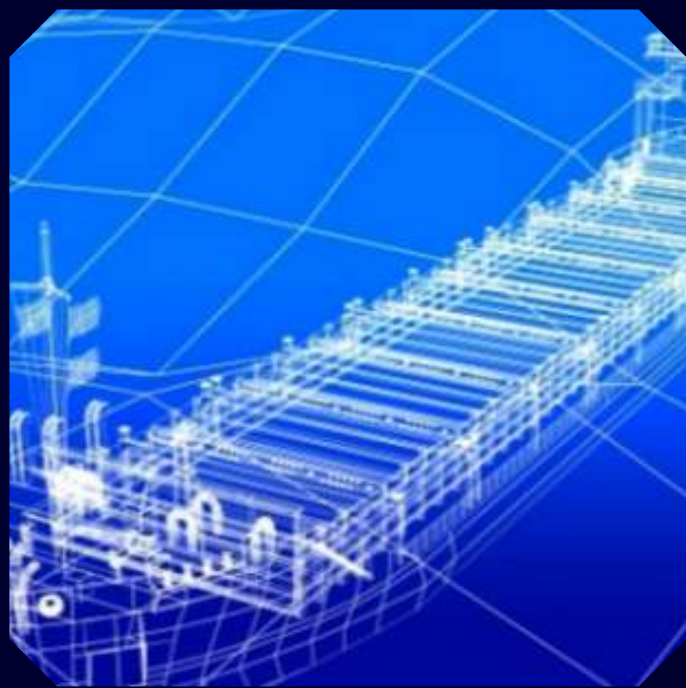


ETA, together with 8 associations, signs a letter calling for a Taxonomy that takes into account the waterborne sector

The European institutions are at the moment scrutinizing the Taxonomy's technical criteria for the waterborne sector. This legislation will be essential to scale up the necessary investments to decarbonise the European maritime industry. With the letter the signatories (SEA Europe, ECSA, CLIA Europe, FEPORT, EBU, EBI, ENMC, Waterborne TP and ETA) urge the EU to ensure that the Taxonomy's technical criteria for the waterborne sector is properly designed and with the full involvement of the waterborne sector players.

The letter calls for a technology neutral and goal-based Taxonomy that incentivise "transition" investments. These should be well adapted to the specific needs and conditions of the maritime industry, which takes into account the different vessel types and sizes, different types of navigation and using a broad fuel portfolio. Moreover the letter asks for a Taxonomy criteria that does not create competitive disadvantages for European companies and investors vis-à-vis non-European competitors.

Thus, the signatories urge for an in-depth revision and improvement of the current Taxonomy regulation and its technical screening criteria. These criteria should also be "tested" before being used as a reference for other financial instruments, such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility, InvestEU, etc.



The European Zero Emission Waterborne Transport Partnership adopts its Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda

The Partnership Board managing the Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission has officially adopted its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, opening a new phase in the development of this research partnership between the EU and the private sector.

The Partnership will provide and demonstrate zero-emission solutions for all main ship types and services before 2030. The EU Commission will invest up to EUR 530 million within the scope of the European Partnership, these funds will be granted to call winning projects during the period 2021-2030.



World Maritime Day 2021 Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future

IMO dedicated this year's World Maritime Day to "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future". With this theme the International Maritime Organisation pays tribute to seafarers and tries to give visibility to the sacrifice and heroism of sea professionals, which have been an essential element to keep our economies running during the pandemic.

ETA, on behalf of the European towage industry fully endorses the message and objectives of this IMO's World Maritime Day and it supports the IMO, ILO, European and national efforts to recognise seafarers as key workers, address the issues produced by the crew change crisis and grant seafarers priority access to COVID-19 vaccines.

