



Newsletter February 2022

ETA hybrid conference: Data Driven Sustainability, 10th of March Brussels

ETA is organizing a conference dedicated to Data Driven Sustainability on the 10th of March. As it is customary during this pandemic times the event will be held in a hybrid format, and thus, the attendants and speakers will be able to join the audience in person in Brussels (venue TBC) and telematically.

In order to strengthen the Green Deal and its efforts to make Europe the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050, the European Commission adopted a package of proposals to gain the necessary acceleration of greenhouse gas emission reductions in the next decade, the Fit for 55 package.

Thus, the scope of the conference shall be to identify what data is currently in existence and being collected in terms of emissions of the towage sector.

Representatives of other similar sectors, like inland transport or port authorities will also explain what their organizations are doing with this data in order to define the right actions that might help them reduce their emissions. The conference will also look into how specific companies use this information to improve the sustainability and efficiency of their operations.

You can find the provisional agenda and the list of speakers [here](#).

The event is open to members, full and associate and you can register by writing to registration@eurotugowners.com.





France replaces Slovenia at the helm of the EU Council

France took over the rotating EU Council presidency for the first half of 2022 replacing Slovenia. The main points of the French Presidency agenda are strengthening a more sovereign Europe, defining a new European model for growth and developing a humane Europe.

Among other dossiers, the French Presidency aims at driving forward the discussion on the Fit for 55 legislative package, including legislation like Fuel EU Maritime or the Directive on deployment of the alternative fuels infrastructure. Moreover, the French

Presidency has made the final agreement and adoption of the Directive on adequate minimum wages in the EU one of its main goals. In addition to this, French President Emmanuel Macron stated that the French Presidency will work on setting up an EU instrument to combat imported deforestation and speeding the EU carbon border adjustment mechanism.



The European Maritime Safety Agency published its Outlook 2022, containing its activities programme for the current year. The main action areas are 4: Sustainability and technical assistance, safety, security and surveillance, digitalization and simplification and horizontal activities.

When it comes to the first point, EMSA will continue to offer expertise and technical assistance in the field of environmental protection to the EU institutions and national authorities, including assistance on the reduction of carbon dioxide, nitrogen and sulphur emissions, alternative sources of power, ship recycling, ballast water management and underwater noise.

Regarding the safety, security and surveillance activities EMSA will keep on developing a risk-based assessment tool for the evaluation of new Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship projects and it will initiate the work for developing guidance on the use of battery systems in maritime applications. The Agency will also follow up on a series of commissioned safety studies (Firesafe, Steersafe and Safemass).

Concerning the digitalization and simplification activities EMSA plans to support the expansion of the THETIS information system and assist the EU institutions and national authorities in the implementation of the European Maritime Single Window.

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