



Newsletter

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ETA members exchanged best practice on the use and collection of data to reduce their emissions

ETA organised its Conference Data Driven Sustainability on the 10th of March in Brussels. The event sought to identifying what data is currently in existence and being collected by towage companies. The conference brought together more than 50 attendants who followed the events both at the venue and telematically. The discussions, ably moderated by Simon Tatham from TugAdvise, focused on how the specific companies embrace sustainability within their operations, implementing measures that can help them improving their energy efficiency, and moreover, on the relevance of the data they collect to define their best practices.

Tim Christiaens and Dirk Degroote presented the different strategies the Port of Antwerp is implementing with the assistance of Cognauship in order to reduce the port's CO2 footprint.

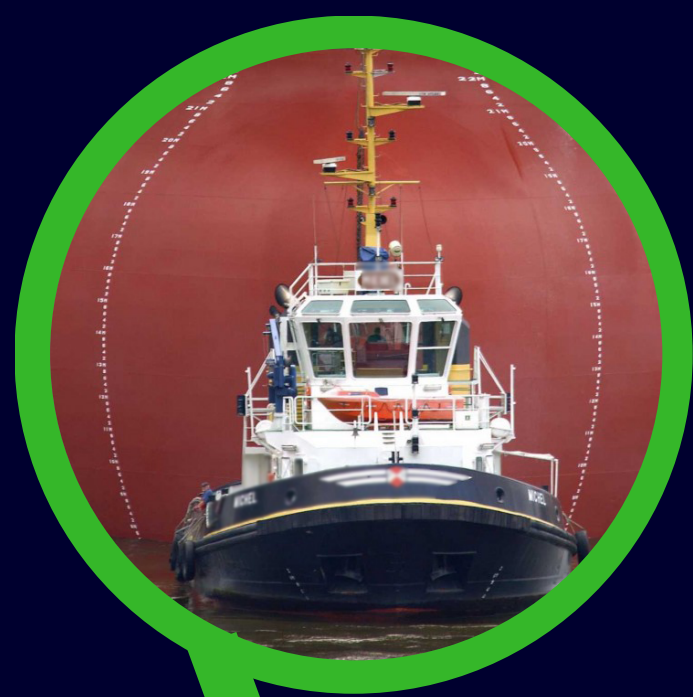
Gareth Prowse described the ways Svitzer is collecting data on emissions and fuel consumption.

Patrick Everts outlined the different strategies Kotug International has developed in order to collect data in an automated manner.

Mijndert Wiesenekker presented the sustainability roadmap that Damen has been implementing during the last years.

Friederike Dahlke-Wallat explained the approach to data collection of the Inland Waterways sector.

The event was closed with a questions and answers session with Annika Kroon, Maritime Transport & Logistics, DG Move. Ms Kroon described the different measures included in the Fit for 55 package, the impact they would have on the maritime sector and answered the many questions posed by the audience. You can access all the presentations [here](#).





ETA expresses its solidarity with its Ukrainian member and the Ukrainian nation

The European Tugowners Association wants to share its solidarity with its Ukrainian member Donmar and the whole Ukrainian nation. ETA members are concerned regarding the safety and well being of the entire Ukrainian shipping community and condemns the destruction of civilian infrastructure and the bombing of Ukrainian cities and towns.

Moreover, ETA members also want express their full support to the initiatives undertaken by the European Union with respect to this unfolding conflict. We believe that more than ever now is the time that all the EU Member States, the European civil society and the various European stakeholders act concertedly and support firmly the European initiatives being taken with regards to the conflict. Nonetheless, the European towage industry is concerned about the impact this conflict and the sanctions are going to have on the European port community. The exponential increase of energy prices is already having a damaging effect on the EU towage sector, as its competitiveness also relies on fuel prices.

Thus, ETA welcomes the REPowerEU joint European action, which should make energy more affordable and address this critical situation. The ETA members also call on the European Commission to use all the instruments available to guarantee the constant flow of cargos and the good functioning of the EU logistic sector during this crisis.



EU Commission proposes REPowerEU plan to replace Russian energy

The European Commission published a new strategy on a Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy. The document has been proposed as a consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the increase in fossil fuels prices caused by the war and the sanctions. The communication outlines a plan to make the European Union independent from Russian fossil fuels before 2030.

The Commission proposes to increase the resilience of the EU-wide energy system by diversifying gas supplies, via higher Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and pipeline imports from non-Russian suppliers, and producing or importing larger volumes of biomethane and renewable hydrogen; and moreover, the strategy also aims at supporting the reduction of fossil fuels use in housing, industry and transport by boosting energy efficiency, increasing renewables and electrification, and addressing infrastructure bottlenecks.

If these EU measures were swiftly implemented, nearly two thirds of Russian gas imports could be replaced within a year, ending the EU's overdependence on Russian gas.

Next events

7-9 September 2022

Tenerife - Spain

ETA 59th Annual Meeting

