
Maritime industries: recovering from the Covid-19 crisis and building a strong renewal strategy

Cross-cutting perspectives about maritime transport, shipbuilding, marine renewable energies and port activities

14.10.2020, 11:00 - 13:00
Online Meeting

Maritime Industries, a key sector for the EU

On 10 March 2020, the European Commission published a Communication on a new EU Industrial Strategy. The context of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts on the sector and the constantly increasing worldwide industrial competition are calling on the EU for a strong action in this regard.

Maritime transport and services have proven to be of crucial importance in the middle of the Covid-19 crisis. They kept the whole EU connected and contributed to ensuring that no territory has been left aside, regardless of how peripheral it is. Maritime industries have a central role to play in EU recovery and industry's renewal. This sector, which gathers traditional activities such as shipbuilding and newer technologies such as marine energies, is key for the sustainable development of our coastal Regions and of the whole EU.

In this context, the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup is organising an event to exchange views with key stakeholders on how the EU can answer the needs of the sector. After an opening by the European Commission, the event will be designed as a round table. Representatives of the sector will discuss the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the maritime industry sector and maritime Regions. It will provide the opportunity to share the views of the stakeholders on the short-term perspectives of recovery and the initiatives taken to support the sector. The panellists will also look at the longer-term perspective, addressing the needs of the maritime industry to contribute to the Green Recovery of the EU. They will focus on the role of the sector in the transition of the Union towards climate neutrality as well as on the needs in terms of access to finance.

11.00-11.15 Welcome by **Tonino PICULA** MEP, President of the Intergroup and **Petros KOKKALIS**, MEP, Vice-President of the Intergroup in charge of Blue Economy, Maritime Industries and Ports

11.15-11.25 Keynote speech by **Ms Charlina VITCHEVA**, Director General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

11.25-12.50 The Covid-19 crisis and maritime industries: short term impact and recovery perspectives

Chaired by **Ville NIINISTO**, MEP, Member of the SEARICA Intergroup

- Overview of European response to support maritime industries and recovery strategy by the European Commission
 - **Ms Magda KOPCZYNSKA**, Director, Waterborne Transport, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
 - **Mr Gwéno!é COZIGOU**, Director, Sustainable Industry and Mobility, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Each speaker will have 5 minutes in order to allow discussions

- The view of maritime Regions:
 - **Ms Tiina PERHO**, Member of Board, Regional Council of Southwest Finland
 - **Ms Claire HUGUES**, Member of the Regional Council, Pays de la Loire Region (France)
- The perspective of the maritime industry sector:
 - **Mr Christophe TYTGAT**, Executive Secretary, Sea-Europe
 - **Ms Judith KIRTON-DARLING**, Deputy General Secretary, IndustriAll Europe
 - **Mr Pierre TARDIEU**, Chief Policy Officer, Wind-Europe
 - **Mr Rémy GRUET**, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe
 - **Mr Philip EASTHILL**, Secretary General, European Boating Industry
 - **Ms Isabelle RYCKBOST**, Secretary General, ESPO
 - **Mr Martin DORSMAN**, Secretary General, ECSA
- Reaction from SEARICA:
 - **Petros KOKKALIS**, MEP, Vice-President of the Intergroup in charge of Blue Economy, Maritime Industries and Ports
 - **Pierre KARLESKIND**, MEP, Chair of the PECH Committee, Vice-President of the Intergroup in charge of Marine and Maritime Research
 - **Ville NIINISTO**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

12.55 – 13.00 Conclusions by **Petros KOKKALIS**