

EU Industrial Maritime and Port Strategies : Turning Plans into Action

Hosted by MEP **Jeannette BALJEU**, SEArICA Member

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European Parliament, Room ANTALL 4Q1, Brussels

The European Commission published the Industrial Maritime Strategy and the EU Port Strategy on the 4th of March. The event will provide an early opportunity for structured discussion on implementation pathways, and in particular on how Research, Development & Innovation (RD&I), upscaling and deployment contribute to achieving the objectives of these strategies. The event is envisaged as a forum bringing together public and private stakeholders to exchange views on priority actions, identify enabling conditions and highlight the role of RD&I in accelerating deployment, ensuring a competitive, resilient and sustainable future. Discussions will cover enabling conditions, such as fuel and energy supply, port and infrastructure readiness, onboard integration, regulatory and standardisation aspects, as well as education, training and skills needs.

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Opening remarks:

- **Jannette Baljeu**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Member
- **Fotini Ioannidou**, Director, DG MOVE, European Commission – Presentation of the industrial maritime and port strategies
- **Christophe Clergeau**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Chair
- **Filip Reinhag**, Regional Councillor of Gotland, CPMR President

Session I. AN EU INDUSTRIAL MARITIME AND EU PORT STRATEGIES FOR THE FUTURE

Moderated by Jaap Gebraad, Waterborne Technology Platform

- **Karin De Schepper**, Inland Navigation Europe
- **Harriët Slager**, Damen Shipyards
- **Lex Nijsen**, Everllence
- **Fotini Ioannidou**, DG Move European Commission

followed by a guided discussion with panellists and audience members

Session II. WHAT'S NEXT? IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES

Moderated by Jaap Gebraad, Waterborne Technology Platform

- **Isabelle Le Callennec**, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Loïc van Staey**, Royal Belgian Shipowners' Association
- **Eva Pérez**, Alianza Net-Zero Mar

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Conclusive remarks

- **Jeanette Baljeu**, MEP, SEArca Member