

**JOINT SHORT SEA SHIPPING
AND
MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA
FOCAL POINTS**

AND

**SHORT SEA PROMOTION CENTRES
MEETING**

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MARITIME TRANSPORT: A KEY FACTOR FOR PROSPERITY

Seaborne trade, corresponding to 90 % of the total trade between EU and third countries and 40 % of the intra-EU trade, constitutes a determinant factor for the economy and prosperity of the EU and ensures the smooth flow of European imports and exports worldwide.

HELLENIC MARITIME PRIORITIES

Greece, as a traditional maritime nation, attributes particular significance to shipping and consequently to ensuring the impeccable operation of maritime transport. The issues of maritime safety and safety of life at sea as well as the protection of the marine environment and the seafarers' profession, in the light of "blue growth" and the enhancement of employment, will constitute the primary pillars of our maritime policy.



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EL PRES: MARITIME TRANSPORT

The Hellenic Presidency, taking into consideration the requirements of the modern economy as well as the operating mode of the markets, intends to attribute particular importance to measures and policies which will enhance the competitiveness of the European ports, the facilitation of the maritime traffic whilst reducing the administrative burden and the simplification of the administrative procedures with the objective of the enhancement of the competitiveness of the European shipping in general.

EL PRES: Priority Issues at the Council of the EU

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on marine equipment and repealing Directive 96/98/EC
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council to ensure the continuity of EMSA's funding in the field of response to pollution caused by ships and to marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework on market access to port services and financial transparency of ports

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- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (Clean Power for Transport)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013

EL PRES: Targets on the legislative proposals

Legislative Proposal	Development / Target
Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on marine equipment and repealing Directive 96/98/EC	EL: Completion of informal trilogues with EP
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council to ensure the continuity of EMSA's funding in the field of response to pollution caused by ships and to marine pollution caused by oil and gas installations	EL: If still needed, the EL Pres. will give appropriate gravity to the Council and the Eur. Parliament final deliberations on the file.

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Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework on market access to port services and financial transparency of ports	EL: The Presidency will pursue the progress with achievable results in TTE June 2014
Proposal for a Directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (Clean Power for Transport)	EL: The Presidency will pursue progress of the discussions/negotiations -in close cooperation with the responsible Ministry of Transport- within in the Council aiming at an agreement with the European Parliament at first reading.

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<p>Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013</p>	<p>EL: The Greek presidency intends to attribute special attention to the proposed Regulation in question, considering that the Council should have the necessary time to elaborate on its technical aspects taking into serious account the relevant deliberations at IMO. A realistic goal could be a possible presentation of a progress report to the Environment Council, probably in June 2014</p>

EL PRES: Informal Maritime Ministerial Council

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- ✓ Athens, 7th of May 2014.
- ✓ Assess the mid term review of the European Maritime Transport Strategy until 2018.

EL PRES: Promotion of Short Sea Shipping

The Hellenic Presidency will seek, as an issue of priority, to increase the visibility and opportunities for the further promotion of Short Sea Shipping.

In this context, emphasis will be given:

- To the further simplification of administrative procedures
- Access to EU funding opportunities through TEN-T & CEF

A set of Council Conclusions will be foreseen to address the issues in the TTE Session in June 2014.

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Initiatives with significant interest for Short Sea Shipping that will be promoted:

- Blue Belt
- Maritime Single Window
- E-maritime
- Ports Investments
- Motorways of the Sea
- Environmental Issues

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