

31.01-02.02.2017 – The European Blue Growth and Waterways Exhibition, Euromaritime – Eurowaterways, Paris



Last January 31st, FEPORT was invited to take part to the European Blue Growth and Waterways Exhibition that took place in Paris. Among others, discussions that took place highlighted the importance for the members of the maritime and inland waterways industries' clusters to join forces to shape up the European Blue Growth agenda.

More details about the event can be found [here](#).

01.02.2017 – SAGMAS, Brussels

Last February 1st, FEPORT attended 46th Meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group on Maritime Security (SAGMAS) held in Brussels. The meeting focused on security measures for cruise and passenger ships and terminals. During the meeting, industry actors reiterated their commitment to the highest security standards and stressed that existing legislation on security is fit for purpose.

FEPORT is aware that a large number of security legislation is designed primarily for cargo terminals (ISPS, etc.) and that passenger terminals will have specific needs; Whilst such specific needs are already being addressed throughout the European Union, FEPORT is taking the initiative to evaluate existing security measures in passenger terminals, along with other relevant industry actors, and to provide guidance where necessary.

07.02 & 22.02.2017 – First 2017 meetings of the “Industry Alliance for Multimodal Connectivity and Logistics for Growth”, Brussels



As agreed end of 2016, the [21 member organizations of “IAM Connectivity and Logistics for Growth”](#) have met to discuss about the 2017 priorities. A Press Release listing the main topics of the agenda will be issued beginning of March 2017.

08-09.02.2017 – CoR Opinion on “Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas”



European Committee of the Regions

During its plenary meeting held last February 8th-9th, the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) adopted an opinion on “Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas”. The rapporteur for this opinion was [Mr. Stanislaw Szwabski](#) (PL/EA), Member of Gdynia City Council.

Several recitals and policy recommendations of the opinion highlight the importance of an enhanced cooperation between port managing authorities, cities and private organisations and the positive role of dialogue in the revitalisation of port cities and areas to the benefit of the local communities.

“We are really glad that Mr Stanislaw Szwabski (PL/EA) has referred to the principles laid down by Article 15 of the Ports Regulation which offer the possibility to enhance the consultation mechanisms in European ports” says Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPORT.

“As mentioned in the opinion of the CoR, it will be difficult to attract more private investments in ports if Port Authorities do not consult with private operators on port developments” continues FEPORT Secretary General.

“FEPORT strongly welcomes the CoR’s opinion which “calls on the European Commission to draw up measures providing for private investment in port areas that guarantee economic freedoms, equal treatment of parties, financial transparency and clear criteria for public aid, while also taking account of long-term regional and local interests”” concludes Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

The full text of the opinion is available on [the CoR website](#).

08-10.02.2017 - PEMA General Assembly



FEPORT has been invited to speak and participate to PEMA AGM and technical meetings held in London on February 9th and 10th, 2017.



UK Minister for Transport, John Hayes CBE MP, delivered the opening speech of the event.

While discussing issues such as container vessel size, shipping alliances and alternatives to sea shipment were part of the agenda, several PEMA members called for cross-industry dialogue to optimise maritime logistics chains.



"We cannot but support PEMA's call for cross industry dialogue and we are very glad that PEMA is a member of [the Industry Alliance "I AM Connectivity and Logistics for Growth" launched in Brussels end of 2016](#)" comments FEPORT Secretary General, Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

"2017 and 2018 promise to be two important years in terms of cooperation not only between [PEMA and FEPORT who have signed an MoU](#) but also with other members of the maritime logistics chain who are fully convinced that fragmented solutions can not constitute sustainable solutions to market developments and environmental problems affecting all the transport chain" concludes FEPORT Secretary General.

During PEMA's two-day meetings, held at County Hall in central London, leading figures from the global ports and terminals sector, including representatives of port equipment manufacturers, port authorities discussed about a number of challenges that the port and maritime industries are facing.

Several speakers highlighted that ultra large container vessels have brought operational efficiencies for shipping lines, but that

consideration of the consequences for ports and terminals in terms of manpower, port equipment as well as impact on safety, local road and rail infrastructure has not been a real priority for liner shipping.

After the closing of the AGM, PEMA members and guests were invited for dinner at the House of Commons, kindly hosted by Member of Parliament, Mr. Alberto Costa.

PEMA next meeting will be hosted by Kalmar in Tampere, Finland on 10-12 October 2017.

15.02.2017 - Shipping in the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS): a strong message sent by the European Parliament to all maritime stakeholders



On February 15th, the European Parliament has voted in favour of the inclusion of CO2 emissions from shipping in the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS) and the establishment of a maritime climate fund "in the absence of progress at international level" as from 2023.

[FEPORT](#) sees this decision as a strong signal of support sent by "people's representatives" to all industries who have already taken initiatives to decrease the level of the carbon emissions resulting from their operations and an incentive to the shipping industry to engage in discussions at IMO level.

Shipping has a role to play. COP21 was a missed opportunity for the industry to be included in the framework of the global discussions about climate change. It is therefore important that the "missed rendez-vous" is transformed into a proactive attitude within IMO which remains the best place where the necessary reduction of shipping carbon emissions should be agreed upon.

"Whether ETS is the best scheme to target the issue of the reduction of emissions from shipping has still to be demonstrated

but within FEPORT, we consider that the European Parliament's meaningful vote has to be considered as a strong message to the shipping industry about the necessity to act and develop a global comprehensive scheme for emissions reduction" says Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

"The EU and national climate measures resulting from Paris Agreement shall compel port stakeholders to meet the requirements and to reduce their carbon footprint. Port Authorities and private port operators will be on the frontline in that respect. For FEPORT members, the message is clear: we do not want to be accountable for emissions that we do not produce" continues FEPORT Secretary General.

Since 2012, the major container terminal operators in the European Union have created a voluntary methodology (the EEEG Guidelines) which allows container terminals to calculate [their CO2 emissions](#) on a periodical basis.

More recently [FEPORT has engaged with Smart Freight Center](#), the initiator of the Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC), a voluntary partnership of companies, associations and programs committed to the consistent calculation and reporting of emissions from logistics operations, with a view to using this information as the basis for targeted emissions reduction from the logistics sector:

"We believe in proactivity and in the fact that we are all interdependent in the maritime logistics chain. Therefore, if one party does not deliver in terms of carbon reduction, the overall result will remain unsatisfactory and below the targets" concludes Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

27.02.2017 – Short Sea Shipping Workshop, Brussels

The Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners, in cooperation with Armateurs de France, Union of Greek Shipowners, Swedish Shipowners' Association, Spanish Shipowners' Association and the Croatian Shipowners' Association organised a special seminar on **Putting Short Sea Shipping 2.0 into motion**.

The event was a follow up to previous top level meetings on the theme and focused on the actions necessary to give short sea

shipping the boost it needs from economic and environmental perspectives.

The welcoming speech was delivered by Mr. Tineke Netelenbos, President Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners (KVNR), while main speakers included among others Mr. Sandro Santamato (Head of Unit Maritime Transport and Logistics, DG MOVE), Mr. Niclas Mårtensson (Stena Line), Mr. Mark Frequin (Director General for Mobility and Transport Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment), Mr. Brian Simpson (Motorways of the Sea).

"The seminar was a good opportunity to relaunch discussions that have started twenty years ago. Since then, a number of initiatives and EU supporting measures for SSS have been proposed. Unfortunately, those did not unleash the real potential that Short Sea Shipping represents for intra EU trade" comments Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPORT

"Some reasons for this unsatisfactory situation might be related to the market needs which are not yet there but it was interesting to hear during the workshop that there is a big difference between Deep Sea and Short Sea Shipping. Short Sea Operators have to be much more pro-active and cooperative to attract cargo because it can be carried by other modes of transport" continues FEPORT Secretary General

"In fact, as shown during the event through a number of presentations, successful SSS stories are often the positive outcome of the existence of a market and a real ability of Short Sea operators to engage into a sustainable cooperation with all parties of the chain" concludes Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

27.02.2017 – Info Day about 2017 CEF Transport Blending MAP Call, Brussels

On February 27th, INEA, along with the European Commission, organised an [Info Day](#) to present the political priorities and content of the call.

Participants were provided with practical information about how to prepare a proposal, as well as other background information relevant to the application and evaluation process.



The 2017 CEF Transport Blending MAP Call for Proposals, opened on 8 February 2017, makes **€1 billion of funding available** for projects of common interest in the transport sector aiming at maximising the leverage of private involvement and capital in the delivery of CEF Transport projects

First deadlines for submission of the proposal is July 14th, 2017. The results of the 2017 CEF Transport Blending MAP Call will be officially announced in the first quarter of 2018.

Additional information is available [here](#).

28.02.2017 - ETF – Seafarers Matter: for a Fair Shipping Sector in Europe Conference, Brussels



On February 28th, FEPORT was invited to attend ETF's "Seafarers Matter", a seminar on employment, labour rights and training needs in the European Maritime Transport Sector.

Main speakers included among others Mr. Mark Dickinson (ETF Spokesperson Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Maritime Transport, Nautilus International UK), Mr. Syamantak Bhattacharya (Professor Captain PhD, Director School of Maritime Science & Engineering at Solent University), Mr. Steve Todd (National Secretary, UK National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers), Ms. Agnes Jongerius (MEP, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs) and Ms. Magda Kopczynska (Director for Maritime Transport, DG MOVE).

28.02.2017 – Norwegian Shipowners' Association: The Future of Shipping Conference, Brussels



The Future of Shipping Conference was held last February 28th by the Norwegian Shipowners' Association in Brussels.

Key-speakers such as Ms. Violeta Bulc (EU Transport Commissioner), Mr. Ronny Lie (Kongsberg Group), Mr. Lasse Kristoffersen (Torvald Klavenes AS) and Mr. Knut Orbeck-Nilssen (Maritime DNV GL) discussed how digitalisation is changing the game and is providing new business opportunities.

28.02.2017 – CLIA Europe Workshop – Growing European cruising: improving infrastructure adequacy for a sustainable and competitive maritime transport, Brussels



CLIA workshop brought together key players from the cruise lines, port stakeholders to discuss the infrastructural challenges that the maritime community faces, particularly in terms of land connectivity, sustainability and the environment.

The debate was opened by Mr. Joe Mizzi (Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Malta) and Mr. Tom Fecke (CLIA Europe Secretary General) while the key-note speech was delivered by Mr. Kyriakos Anastassiadis (Chairman CLIA Europe and CEO Celestyal Cruises).

The event consisted of two discussion panels. The first part was about the opportunities for further strengthening a sustainable maritime economy.

Second panel treated the perspective on the operational challenges in terms of compliance, available technologies and port infrastructure (PRF, alternative fuels, etc.).

28.02.2017 – VDR – Lunch Event: “Social Responsibility in Shipping – The Maritime Labor Convention and beyond”, Brussels



Last February 28th, FEPORT attended VDR – Lunch Event: “Social Responsibility in Shipping – The Maritime Labor Convention and beyond” held at the Permanent Representation of Malta to the EU.

The event focused on the social accomplishments for international seafarers set by the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006 and other instruments. MLC, 2006 provides minimum standards to work on ships, e.g. wages, hours of rest, repatriation, medical care and many more. Ships are monitored closely by flag-states and port-state control regimes. Worldwide social partners have developed a widespread net of Collective Bargaining Agreements and the only globally applicable minimum wage system.

“The goal of the workshop which was to inform on this topic and to highlight the fact that Social Dialogue and strong political willingness can materialize into a useful and ambitious convention” comments FEPORT Secretary General.

28.02.2017 – ECASBA European Seminar, Brussels



ECASBA European seminar, which was held in Brussels on February 28th was dedicated to the future role of agents taking into account market developments and digitalisation.

The first part of the session focused on “The Future for Liner and Short Sea Services in the Logistics Chain”.

Participants to this panel discussed where liner operators expect to be in 2025 and the impact on liner agents.

The second part of the seminar was about “Digitalisation and Simplification, the effect on the ship agent and the logistics chain” and focused on the impact of current legislative and technological developments on cargo movement.

The main speakers of the seminar included Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi (Grimaldi Group), Mr. Markku Mylly (EMSA), Mr. Richard Morton (IPCSA) as well as representatives of Maersk, MSC and CMA-CGM and DG-MOVE.

EVENTS SUPPORTED BY FEPORT

19-20.04.2017 – Second Annual Terminal Automation & Training C-Level Networking Conference, London, UK



Industry-leading port industry resource for news and technical content follows up success of 2016 event.

Hosted by Port Technology and held in London at

the Grange City Hotel, London, UK on April 19-20th, 2017, [the Terminal Automation & Training C-Level Networking Conference 2017](#) will bring thought leaders in the automation and training sectors of the port industry to debate, challenge and articulate their ideas. As with last year's conference, all sessions will be truly interactive, with audience members able to put their questions to our panel digitally or personally in real time.

This year will carry over the energy of the sessions from 2016, with free debate reigning between delegates and speakers. Using the experience gained from the last edition, 2017 will streamline speaker presentations even more, and in turn maximise audience participation, debate and real-time interactive voting. To find out more and secure your place at this must-attend C-level event, [visit the event's website](#).

16.05.2017 – Joint CoR/MT Presidency Workshop on: “Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas”, Brussels



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Within the framework of the opinion on “Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas” led by [Mr. Stanislaw Szwabski](#), Member of

Gdynia City Council, the European Committee of the Regions

jointly with the Maltese Presidency are cooperating to put that matter on the European agenda.

For centuries, ports and their cities developed hand in hand, the port generating prosperity for the city. Relationships between ports and cities have also evolved.

Globalisation and consolidation of the terminal industry, port concentration and the growth of cities have intensified this challenging relationship between ports and urban authorities. Whilst ports can play a role in urban logistics and the smart city concept, the impact of port industrial activities is one of the most sensitive issues in the relationship between ports and cities.

This workshop will include **testimonials from cities, port authorities and terminal operators** on what kind of **challenges and opportunities have to be faced to revitalize port cities and areas**. Representatives of the European Commission will explain how the Union can support these projects from different angles.

Finally, participants will have the opportunity to know more on best practices related to the promotion of ports and cities synergies to achieve integrated territorial development.

This workshop is co-organized in closed cooperation with the EFIP, ECSA, ESPO, FEPORT and the AIVP whose representatives will enrich the discussion.

Registration will be opened by mid-April. Agenda of the event may be found [here](#).

07-08.06.2017 – European Environmental Ports Conference 2017, Antwerp, Belgium



European Environmental Ports Conference 2017 taking place on 7th & 8th June in Antwerp, Belgium will bring together senior



representatives from the global port community and shipping companies, as well as environmental policy-makers, academic experts, consultants and technology providers.

Given the increasing focus on environmental regulations from the IMO and policy makers in the maritime sector, there is a growing responsibility and requirement for ports to reduce their environmental impact. It is an important time to share best practices, and explore new technologies and methodologies in order to advance port operations with minimal ecological consequences.

The two-day event will feature informative presentations on the very latest challenges, solutions and developments in reducing emissions, pollution and energy consumption, as well as engaging discussion around the exciting potential of co-operation and symbiosis for a greener future.

To find more details about the event, please go [here](#).

ECG 20th anniversary, Brussels	21.03.2017
Baltic ports in TEN-T network – meeting the future, Brussels	22.03.2017
ELP event, Brussels	27.03.2017
High-level Conference on Maritime and Road Safety, Malta	28.03.2017
StocExpo Europe, Rotterdam	28-30.03.2017
LEARN Workshop - Carbon Emissions, Brussels	04-05.04.2017
SFC workshop, Brussels	05-06.04.2017
PFI conference, Amsterdam	11-12.04.2017
Second Annual Terminal Automation & Training C-Level Networking Conference, London	19-20.04.2017
GLEC Meeting, Antwerp	25.04.2017
FEPORT Board of Directors meeting, Brussels	27.04.2017
Joint CoR/MT Presidency Workshop on: "Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas", Brussels	16.05.2017
European Environmental Ports Conference 2017, Antwerp	07-08.06.2017

Meetings of the month

FEPORT Social Affairs Committee meeting, Brussels	14.02.2017
FEPORT Port Policy Committee meeting, Brussels	15.02.2017
FEPORT Board of Directors meeting, Brussels	16.02.2017
FEPORT Environment, Safety and Security Committee meeting, Brussels	23.02.2017

Coming meetings

Social Dialogue meeting, Brussels	01.03.2017
ECSA conference and dinner, Brussels	01.03.2017
IRU Spring Cocktail, Brussels	01.03.2017
Sea Europe Maritime Conference, Brussels	02.03.2017
ICHCA ISP seminar, London	03.03.2017
ICHCA Packaged Dangerous Goods Seminar, London	06.03.2017
Transport Week, Sopot, Poland	07-09.03.2017
Porto Transport Seminar, Portugal	15-16.03.2017
DTLF - Corridor cargo flow optimisation sub-group, Brussels	16.03.2017
	07-08.06.2017

