



Technical and operational measures for more efficient and cleaner maritime transport

The Waterborne Technology Platform welcomes the resolution of the European Parliament, paving the way to zero-emission waterborne transport

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On 27 April, the European Parliament adopted a resolution regarding [“technical and operational measures for more efficient and cleaner maritime transport”](#).

The resolution underlines the economic and strategic importance of waterborne transport for the EU. It also recognizes the waterborne sector as a key factor in the economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU. At the same time, a climate-neutral transition of the waterborne transport sector by 2050 is needed in order to achieve the goals of the Green Deal.

The resolution sets out a number of important elements to achieve the transition towards zero-emission waterborne transport by 2050. Besides the need for clean energy incentive schemes, collaboration within the waterborne transport sector is underlined as essential for this transition. The roles of the various actors in the sector are acknowledged in the resolution, and the need for legal certainty as well as for support to frontrunners emphasized. The Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport in the framework of Horizon Europe is seen as an important strategic cooperation focusing on sustainability.

In a first reaction, the Chairman of the Waterborne Technology Platform, Henk Prins, said *“The initiative from the European Parliament to adopt a resolution regarding a more efficient and cleaner maritime transport sector, is very welcome. The resolution underlines the importance of Research, Development and Innovation to achieve the transition to zero-emission waterborne transport. The Waterborne Technology Platform, as coordinator of the Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport, is increasingly bringing together the entire waterborne transport sector, with the aim to develop zero-emission solutions before 2030. These solutions will ensure zero-emission waterborne transport before 2050. The Waterborne Technology Platform represents a broad range of stakeholders, from research institutes, industrial members, academia to associations. Involvement of Member States as well as Members of European Parliament in this important initiative for the sector will be key for its success”*.

WATERBORNE TP WATERBORNE TP has been set up as an industry-oriented Technology Platform to establish a continuous dialogue between all waterborne stakeholders, such as classification societies, shipbuilders, shipowners, maritime equipment manufacturers, infrastructure and service providers, universities or research institutes, and with the EU Institutions, including Member States (www.waterborne.eu). The members of waterborne TP comprise members as well as associated members from both maritime and inland navigation countries, representing about 17 Member States. In addition, the Associations member of the Waterborne Technology Platform represent the broader waterborne sector throughout the entire EU.

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