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The Waterborne TP will have a number of activities until summer 2019. First of all, we will organise a workshop during the European Maritime Days on 16 and 17 May in Lisbon. The week after, the Waterborne IRAGs will meet on 22 and 23 May 2019, to further shape the technological research agenda. On 13 June, the Waterborne TP will organise, in close cooperation with DG CLIMA of the European Commission, a workshop regarding the Innovation Fund and the waterborne sector.

At a political level, after a partial agreement has been reached between EU Parliament and Council of the EU, the Strategic Programmeing will start on 2 May. The STRIA CAT Governance Group will meet beginning of June. Finally, the Waterborne TP is further increasing its communication efforts, and assists in preparing the content of the TRA 2020 in Helsinki. Busy times ahead for all of us.

Horizon Impact Award - Call for submissions

The Horizon Impact Award recognises and celebrates societal advancements through research and innovation. Projects which will submit an application, must have been funded by FP7 and Horizon 2020 funding programmes and they must be closed by the time of application. The award aims to show the wider socio-economic benefits of EU investment in research and innovation.

The award enables individuals or teams to showcase their best practices and achievements. This will encourage other beneficiaries to use and manage their results in the best way possible. It aims to create role models and inspire beneficiaries of research and innovation funding to maximise the impact of their research. They can do this by directly exploiting results or by playing an active role ensuring stakeholders effectively use the results.

It is expected that the awards will be rewarded during the Research and Innovation Days (see later on in this newsletter). Additional information, including the deadline of 28 May 2019, is



Research and Innovation Days 24 - 26 September 2019, Brussels

The European Research and Innovation Days are an annual policy event that brings together world leaders from industry, finance, academia and business to debate and shape the future research and innovation landscape. At the same time, the days aim to mobilise EU citizens and increase awareness and understanding of how important research and innovation are in addressing the challenges that face society.

Of specific interest for the Waterborne TP and its members is the fact that engaging stakeholders to co-create and build the strategic priorities for the first 4 years of Horizon Europe, will be at the heart of the 2019 European Research and Innovation Days.

Since it is expected that the event will have an impact on the number of hotel rooms available in Brussels, please subscribe for updates via the following [link](#) and arrange your travelling as soon as possible.



STRIA Roadmap on Connected and Automated Transport

Recently, the European Commission published a jointly developed [research and innovation roadmap for Connected and Automated Transport \(CAT\)](#), including a separate chapter on waterborne transport. The fact that waterborne transport is included as a separate area of attention is an important recognition of the developments in the sector, as well as the need to take next steps. A number of members of the Waterborne community have been actively involved in shaping the content of the roadmap. As a next step, Member States, transport technology platforms and the European Commission will discuss the next steps during a



Horizon Europe - State-of-Play

On 16 April, the European Parliament adopted the Partial Approach concerning Horizon Europe as agreed during the trilogue negotiations. This agreement was adopted beginning of April by the Council of the EU and includes the cluster “**climate, energy and mobility**” as lobbied for by all of us in the past couple of months.

As a next step, the European Commission and **Member States** will enter the **Strategic Programming**, which will kick-off on **2 and 3 May in Brussels**. The Strategic Programming is the process that will pave the way for the design of the working programmes in a later stage. These working programmes include the Call for Proposals. As a novelty, the programming period of Horizon Europe will not be on a yearly or two-yearly basis, but will have a duration of four years, with an outlook of seven years. It is of utmost importance, that we stay in contact with the national administrations involved in the preparations of the programming, to ensure that waterborne is included as a priority in Horizon Europe.

In addition, the budget of Horizon Europe will only be known once an agreement regarding the Multiannual Financial Framework of the EU has been reached. It is foreseen that by the end of this year, there must be some form of clarity. Although we support the original proposal from the European Commission regarding Horizon Europe, the proposal from the Parliament to increase the budget to € 120 billion, has the full support of the Waterborne TP. Research, Development and Innovation are the cornerstone to contribute to societal challenges.

Horizon Europe

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION



Transport Research Arena 2020 - How to get involved

From 27 to 30 April 2020, the [Transport Research Arena \(TRA\)](#), will be organised in Helsinki, Finland. The location offers a unique opportunity to shape a Waterborne character of the TRA. There are a number of opportunities to get involved:

- [Submission of a paper](#) - deadline has been extended to 31 May 2019;
- Participate in the shaping of the Waterborne exhibition stand (information available via the secretariat);
- [Demonstration of innovations](#) - deadline for expression of interest 28 May 2019;
- [Organisation of a conference session](#) - deadline to submit proposals 1 October 2019;
- [Become a partner](#) - more information available via the website

The Waterborne TP is organizing various events and technical visits during the week, of which we will be able to communicate a detailed programme in autumn.



TRA 2020
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Upcoming Events

please contact the Secretariat),

- 13 June 2019 - Workshop Innovation Fund, Brussels (for information and registration, please contact the Secretariat);

- 24 to 26 September 2019 - [European Research and Innovation Days](#)

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