

## SEA Europe EU Policy Monitoring

June 2014

The purpose of this European Policy Monitoring is to provide a brief summary of the news, events, publications and calls to tender which are relevant to the European maritime technology industry. For more information please contact the SEA Europe Secretariat.

### European Commission:

#### 1. DG Enterprise ([dc@seaeurope.eu](mailto:dc@seaeurope.eu))

##### News:

- **2 July 2014: President Barroso announces caretaker replacements following the resignation of 4 Commissioners**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=7645&lang=en&title=President%2DBarroso%2Dannounces%2Dcaretaker%2Dreplacements%2Dfollowing%2Dthe%2Dresignation%2Dof%2D4%2DCommissioners](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7645&lang=en&title=President%2DBarroso%2Dannounces%2Dcaretaker%2Dreplacements%2Dfollowing%2Dthe%2Dresignation%2Dof%2D4%2DCommissioners)
- **24 June 2014: A New Deal for European Defence: Commission proposes industrial action plan** - The European Commission has presented a roadmap for measures to strengthen the Single Market for defence, to promote a more competitive defence industry and to foster synergies between civil and military research including details and timelines for the actions.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=7617&lang=en&title=A%2DNew%2DDdeal%2Dfor%2DEuropean%2DDefence%3A%2DCommission%2Dproposes%2Dindustrial%2Daction%2Dplan](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7617&lang=en&title=A%2DNew%2DDdeal%2Dfor%2DEuropean%2DDefence%3A%2DCommission%2Dproposes%2Dindustrial%2Daction%2Dplan)
- **10 June 2014: The European Commission has highlighted the importance of research and innovation (R&I) investments and reforms for economic recovery** in the European Union, and made proposals to help EU Member States maximise the impact of their budgets at a time when many countries still face spending constraints.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-646\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-646_en.htm)
- **3 June 2014: Moving forward with the Industrial Renaissance** - In an interview with *Enterprise & Industry Magazine*, Vice-President Tajani explains why the Commission is pushing for this Renaissance, and what Member States need to do to keep European industry on the road to recovery.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/magazine/articles/smes-entrepreneurship/article\\_11111\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/magazine/articles/smes-entrepreneurship/article_11111_en.htm)

##### Consultations / Events:

- **Public Consultation on the Europe 2020 Strategy** - deadline: 31 October 2014  
[http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/public-consultation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/public-consultation/index_en.htm)

*Funding Proposals:*

- **Supporting SMES efforts for the development – deployment and market replication of innovative solutions for blue growth: The results of this call will enhance access to finance for SMEs for the development of innovative maritime economic activities – deadline: 1 December 2014**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=7205&lang=en&title=Supporting-SMEs-efforts-for-the-development---deployment-and-market-replication-of-innovative-solutions-for-blue-growth](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=7205&lang=en&title=Supporting-SMEs-efforts-for-the-development---deployment-and-market-replication-of-innovative-solutions-for-blue-growth)

**2. DG Competition ([dc@seaeurope.eu](mailto:dc@seaeurope.eu))**

*News:*

- **24 June 2014: Antitrust - Commission extends validity of special competition regime for liner shipping consortia until April 2020** - European Commission Press release Brussels, 24 June 2014 The European Commission has extended by another five years until April 2020 the validity of the existing legal framework exempting, if certain conditions are met, liner shipping consortia from EU antitrust rules.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-717\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-717_en.htm)

*Consultations / Events:*

- Non Relevant

*Funding Proposals:*

- Non Relevant

**3. DG MARE ([sb@seaeurope.eu](mailto:sb@seaeurope.eu))**

*News:*

- **24 June 2014: EU Maritime Security Strategy approved by the Council**  
The Council has endorsed an EU maritime security strategy as a framework for effectively and comprehensively addressing the EU's maritime security challenges. The objective is to secure the EU's maritime security interests against risks and threats in the global maritime domain, such as cross-border and organised crime, threats to freedom of navigation, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or environmental risks. The strategy covers both internal and external aspects of the Union's maritime security in a cross-sectorial and comprehensive approach.  
Commissioner Damanaki stated: "My goal is to rekindle the maritime economy, but that goes hand in hand with security: no businessman will invest on a maritime activity if off-

shore installations are not safe or trade routes are not secure. And today's threats call for a coordinated response”

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=16973&subweb=342&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=16973&subweb=342&lang=en)

- **01 July 2014: Presentation of draft final report on deep-sea mining to the EC**  
The draft final report gives a compiled overview of the state of knowledge of deep sea mining, with a focus on the potential from a geological perspective, the relevant technologies, the economic viability, environmental implications, the legal regime under which sea bed mining operates, and an inventory of ongoing exploration and exploitation projects.  
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/community/atlanticorarctic/articles/3571>
- **23 June 2014: Maritime transport and port stakeholders gather to discuss Maritime Spatial Planning implementation**  
On 6 June 2014, the European Commission organised a conference on MSP and shipping in Athens. This event was the third in a series of stakeholder events assessing the benefits and challenges of MSP for specific maritime sectors and activities. The conferences aim to identify the specific needs and best practices of specific sectors so as to support the implementation of the Directive on MSP, which enters into force in 2014.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=16928&subweb=342&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=16928&subweb=342&lang=en)
- **18 June 2014: The European Commission launches a new EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region** in the form of a Communication and an Action Plan for promoting the maritime economy, preserving the marine environment, completing transport and energy links and boosting sustainable tourism.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-690\\_en.htm?subweb=342&lang=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-690_en.htm?subweb=342&lang=en)  
Q&A on the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_MEMO-14-429\\_en.htm?subweb=342&lang=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-429_en.htm?subweb=342&lang=en)
- **13 June 2014: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: Commission publishes breakdown by Member State**  
The breakdown covers the €5.75bn which will be implemented under shared management by Member States. The total EMFF budget, including shared and direct management, is of €6.4bn for the period 2014-2020. The EMFF is the financial instrument to provide financial support to fishermen, fish farmers and coastal communities and by funding projects to help boost growth and jobs in the European maritime economy.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=16799&subweb=342&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/mare/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=16799&subweb=342&lang=en)  
Breakdown:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/emff/doc/2014-3781-annex\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/emff/doc/2014-3781-annex_en.pdf)

*Consultations / Events:*

- **Call for experts: structured dialogue under ESI Funds (deadline 05/08)**  
The European Commission is looking for organisations to join the recently established structured dialogue group of experts on the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). Among others areas, this is particularly relevant for the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy, through the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). The group of experts will bring together umbrella organisations representing their partners at EU level and having a specific interest in the European Structural and Investment Funds.  
How to apply:  
Applications must be completed in English, French or German. Experts nominated by the organisations should be able to communicate in at least one of these languages.  
Please send your completed applications to:  
REGIO-ESIF-STRUCTURED-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu by 5 August 2014.  
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2085&furtherNews=yes&subweb=342&lang=en>

*Funding Proposals:*

Non relevant

**4. DG EMPL ([sb@seaeurope.eu](mailto:sb@seaeurope.eu))**

*News:*

- **Working time: Commission proposes rules for inland waterway workers based on a social partner agreement**  
The agreement sets minimum rules on working time for passenger or cargo transport ships in inland navigation across the EU. These rules would apply to crew members and shipboard personnel and would complement the general working time Directive, which does not cover inland waterway workers.  
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2094&furtherNews=yes>

*Consultations/Events:*

- Non Relevant

*Funding Proposals:*

- Non Relevant

5. **DG ENERGY** ([pp@seaeurope.eu](mailto:pp@seaeurope.eu))

*News:*

- **End of June: Günther Oettinger**, current German Commissioner was designated by Germany as its candidate for the Commission. He should keep its DG and try to expand its scope.
- **23-27 June 2014:** The 9<sup>th</sup> EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) was held in Brussels. It is the premier event for public authorities, energy agencies, private companies, NGOs and industry associations engaged in helping to meet the EU's energy and climate goals. It features activities dedicated to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions in Europe and around the world.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_MEMO-14-434\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-434_en.htm)
- **11 June 2014:** The Permanent Representatives Committee of the Council of the European Union (COREPER) acknowledged the agreement reached by Member States on the Commission's proposal to amend the 2009 Nuclear Safety Directive. This agreement follows the supportive opinion adopted by the European Parliament in April. The Council still needs to formally adopt the new Directive.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_STATEMENT-14-188\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-14-188_en.htm)
- **4 June 2014:** Turkey join Horizon 2020 as an associated country allowing its companies to participate.
- **3 June 2014 London:** Commissioner Oettinger spoke at the Union of the Electricity Industry (Eurelectric) Annual Convention. The three main topics discussed were :
  - Who is financing the energy transition?
  - Will the market approach survive the transition?
  - What is the right balance between competitiveness, affordability and sustainability?

Also, following the Ukrainian crisis, he confirmed the launch of stress test before next winter in order to avoid energy interruption implementing the following conclusions:

- Increasing gas stocks
- Developing emergency infrastructures such as reverse flow option
- Decreasing gas demand via fuel switching in particular for heating and
- Measures to reduce energy demand in the very short term  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-14-443\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-14-443_en.htm)

## 6. DG Trade ([js@seaeurope.eu](mailto:js@seaeurope.eu))

### *News:*

- **24 June 2014:** On Wednesday 16th July 2014, during the sixth round of the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, taking place in Brussels from 14th-18th July 2014, the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission will organise two stakeholder engagement events.  
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/events/index.cfm?id=1100>
- **24 June 2014:** Trade Commissioner Speech at British American Business Event London on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-14-494\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-14-494_en.htm)
- **18 June 2014:** 12th Plenary meeting of the EU – China Consultation Mechanism on Industry and WTO/TBT  
[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/news/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/news/index_en.htm)
- **18 June 2014:** EU-US trade talks – 6th round to start on 14 July 2014.  
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1093>
- **11 June 2014:** EU and Chinese officials will meet in Beijing (17-19 June) for a third round of talks aimed at securing an investment agreement between the world's two largest economies.  
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/eutn/psendmessage.htm?trandid=9789>
- **6 June 2014:** Trade Commissioner Speech at Wroclaw Global Forum 2014 on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-14-439\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-14-439_en.htm)

### *Consultations/Events:*

- **23 June 2014:** SME survey: Help us ensure a new EU-US trade deal benefits Europe's smaller firms, deadline 6pm 14 July 2014.  
<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1101>

### *Funding proposals:*

- Non Relevant

## 7. DG Research and Innovation ([pp@seaeurope.eu](mailto:pp@seaeurope.eu))

### News:

- **12 June 2014: EU and EIB Group join forces to support up to €48 billion in R&I investment** - The European Commission and the European Investment Bank Group (EIB and EIF) have today launched a new generation of EU financial instruments and advisory services to help innovative firms access finance more easily. Over the next seven years, it is expected that the 'InnovFin – EU Finance for Innovators' products will make available more than €24 billion of financing for research and innovation (R&I) by small, medium and large companies and the promoters of research infrastructures. This finance is expected to support up to €48 billion of final R&I investments.  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=newsalert&year=2014&na=na-120614>

### Events:

- **13 September 2014: European “Smart, Green and Integrated Transport Info Day”**  
The second round of calls under the Smart, Green and Integrated Transport challenge of the new Horizon 2020 Framework Programme will be published in September.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/events/infoday2014/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/events/infoday2014/index_en.htm)

### Funding Proposals:

- Non Relevant

## 8. DG Mobility and Transport ([dc@seaeurope.eu](mailto:dc@seaeurope.eu))

### News:

- **25 June 2014: Maritime Transport - Continuous efforts needed to establish harmonised reporting procedures for vessels** European Commission Press release Brussels, 25 June 2014 The European Commission today adopted the report on the functioning of the reporting formalities directive (Directive 2010/65). The Directive aims to ensure that by June 2015 vessels entering or departing EU ports will provide required information electronically via one single entry point...  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-14-742\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-742_en.htm)
- **2 June 2014: World shipping - regulating effectively together to promote open trade** European Commission [Check Against Delivery] Siim Kallas Vice President of the European Commission Posidonia 2014 opening ceremony Athens, 2 June 2014 Prime Minister, ladies and gentlemen It's a great pleasure to be with you at the opening ceremony of the most important shipping event of the year.  
[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-14-417\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-14-417_en.htm)

*Events/Studies/Calls for Tender:*

- **6 June 2014: Study on differentiated port infrastructure charges to promote environmentally friendly maritime transport activities and sustainable transport**  
DEADLINE for receipt of tenders: 28/07/2014  
<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:184205-2014:TEXT:EN:HTML>
- **6 June 2014: Supply contract regarding Cruise Ship Security**  
DEADLINE for receipt of tenders: 30/07/2014  
<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:187439-2014:TEXT:EN:HTML>

*Consultation:*

- Promoting the development of harmonised carbon foot printing measures for both freight and passenger transport services in Europe 21 March 2014 – 13 June 2014  
[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index\\_en.htm#](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/index_en.htm#)

**European Parliament:**

1. **Transport Committee** ([sb@seaeurope.eu](mailto:sb@seaeurope.eu))

*News:*

- Next TRAN Committee meeting will take place on Monday 7 July

2. **International Trade Committee** ([js@seaeurope.eu](mailto:js@seaeurope.eu))

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/inta/home.html#menuzone>

*News:*

- Non relevant

3. **Sub-committee Defense and Security** ([pp@seaeurope.eu](mailto:pp@seaeurope.eu))

*News:*

- **Arnaud Danjean** (FR – PPE) left the head of the sub-committee.
- Eurosceptic **Anna Elżbieta Fotyga** (PL – ECR) was elected to chair the sub-committee for the next 5 years.



#### 4. Foreign Affairs Committee ([pp@seaeurope.eu](mailto:pp@seaeurope.eu))

News:

- **Elmar Brok** (EPP - DE) was reelected for chairing the committee.

### European Associations:

#### 1. ECSA

- **24 June 2014:** Commission extends Liner Consortia Block Exemption Regulation until 2020  
<http://www.ecsa.eu/news-and-media/latest-news/9-latest-news/149-commission-extends-liner-consortia-block-exemption-regulation-until-2020>
- **19 June 2014:** Maritime security strategy: Shipowners call for more action on piracy and streamlining of port security measures  
<http://www.ecsa.eu/news-and-media/latest-news/9-latest-news/148-maritime-security-strategy-shipowners-call-for-more-action-on-piracy-and-streamlining-of-port-security-measures>
- **18 June 2014:** Implementation of the EU Sulphur Directive must be harmonised and realistic  
<http://www.ecsa.eu/news-and-media/latest-news/9-latest-news/147-implementation-of-the-eu-sulphur-directive-must-be-harmonised-and-realistic>
- **4 June 2014:** Avoiding the iceberg: EU shipowners' recommendations for an EU Arctic policy  
<http://www.ecsa.eu/news-and-media/latest-news/9-latest-news/146-avoiding-the-iceberg-eu-shipowners-recommendations-for-an-eu-arctic-policy>
- **3 June 2014:** ECSA brings offshore shipping into the fold  
<http://www.ecsa.eu/news-and-media/latest-news/9-latest-news/145-ecsa-brings-offshore-shipping-into-the-fold>

#### 2. CLIA

- **24 June 2014:** CLIA Europe attends Accessibility Conference  
<http://www.cliaeurope.eu/8-latest-news/34-clia-attends-accessibility-conference>
- **16 June 2014:** CLIA Europe launches 2014 Economic Contribution Report  
<http://www.cliaeurope.eu/media-room/news/8-latest-news/33-clia-europe-launches-2014-economic-contribution-report>

#### 3. Euromot

- Non Relevant

**4. EUDA**

- Non Relevant

**5. ECMAR**

- **27 June 2014:** OSPAR commits to reducing marine litter and protecting vulnerable species and habitats  
<http://www.marinescienceandtechnology.com/news/2014/06/ospar-commits-to-reducing-marine-litter-and-protecting-vulnerable-species-and-habitats/#.U61xZ02KDcs>
- **26 June 2014:** High Performance Buildings program underway  
<http://www.marinescienceandtechnology.com/news/2014/06/high-performance-buildings-program-underway/#.U61xqE2KDcs>
- **26 June 2014:** Dynamic building envelope design  
<http://www.marinescienceandtechnology.com/news/2014/06/dynamic-building-envelope-design/#.U61x5E2KDcs>

**6. OEE (Ocean Energy Europe)**

- **3 June 2014** Ocean Energy Europe and EMEC (Scottish testing center) organised the first « Energy Day » dedicated to renewable ocean energies aux energies. The goal was to present the needs, gaps and ambition of the sector to the European Commission. Andrea Stracinescu (Head of unit New technologies – DG ENER) renew Commission support towards ocean energy.  
Alstom, Aquamarine Power, Pelamis Wave Power, Scotrenewables, ScottishPower Renewables and Voith, along with Scottish SMEs were present.