

European Zero Emission Waterborne Transport Partnership adopts research and innovation strategy

The Partnership Board of the Co-Programmed Partnership on Zero-Emission Waterborne transport adopted its strategy which will enable Europe to demonstrate deployable zero emission maritime and inland ships by 2030.

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Today, the [Partnership Board](#), governing the [Co-Programmed Partnership](#) on Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport in the framework of [Horizon Europe](#), organised its first meeting. During this meeting, the Partnership Board, amongst others, adopted the [Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda](#), detailing the roadmap to achieve the objectives set.

The Partnership aims at leading and accelerating the transformation of waterborne transport (i.e. maritime transport and **inland navigation**) to eliminate all harmful environmental emissions (including greenhouse gas, air and water pollutants) through innovative technologies and operation. **By 2030, the objective is to develop and demonstrate deployable zero-emission solutions which are applicable for all main ship types and services, to enable the achievement of zero-emission waterborne transport by 2050.**

The Partnership Board is the main forum for dialogue and steering by both the Waterborne Technology Platform and the European Commission Services, with the ultimate purpose of reaching the objectives of the European Partnership. The Delegates in name of the Waterborne Technology Platform represent the broader waterborne transport sector, ranging from shipyards, maritime technology manufacturers, classification societies, research institutes, associations to academia.

The Delegates in name of the Waterborne Technology Platform are: Ingrid Marie Andersen, Head of Decarbonisation Targets & LCA, Maersk; Laurent Rouxel-Duval, R&D Vice-President, Chantiers de l'Atlantique; Andrea Tomao, Public Affairs – Head of Defence Affairs & Internationalization, Fincantieri; Peter van Terwisga, Director Group's Research, Damen Shipyard Group; Inkerki Huttu, Research & Development Funding Manager, ABB Marine and Ports; Sebastiaan Bleuanus, General Manager Research Coordination & Funding, Wärtsilä Netherlands; Stéphanie Lesage, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Airseas; Ketil Paulsen, Head of External Funding and Partnership, Kongsberg Maritime; Laurent Courregelongue, Director Environment & Technologies Department, Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore; Trond Johnsen, Chief Market Developer, Sintef Ocean; Markus Lehne, Managing Partner, BALance Technology Consulting; Christian Oeser, Head EU Department, German Maritime Centre; Olivier Doucy, Member of ECMAR Council, ECMAR; Andrea Piantini, Director, Assonave and Klaas Visser, Associate Professor Marine Engineering, Delft University of Technology.

The Chairperson of Delegates Group and co-chair of the Partnership Board, Ingrid Marie Andersen, said *“It is encouraging to see that we are all aligned towards the main objective of the Partnership, to deliver solutions to be able to achieve the objectives as set in the European Green Deal. As Delegates to the Partnership Board, we have been mandated by the membership of the Waterborne TP to represent the interest of the broader waterborne community, something for which I am extremely grateful. The Partnership is unique in its kind and very timely, taking into account the most recent IPCC report as well as the Fit for 55 Package presented by the European Commission. Steering this Partnership to reaching its objectives is a challenging, but also a unique opportunity for the European waterborne transport sector.”*

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 18 Member States. In addition, the Associations member of the Waterborne Technology Platform represent the broader waterborne sector throughout the entire EU.

Enquiries concerning how to join and become more closely involved in the “Zero-Emission Waterborne Transport” partnership or other activities of the Waterborne TP can be sent to: Jaap Gebraad, Executive-director Waterborne TP, jaap.gebraad@waterborne.eu, tel: +32 493 835 626