



SEA EUROPE WORKSHOP ON EU FINANCING AND FUNDING TOOLS FOR THE EUROPEAN MARITIME TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

OPEN ONLY TO SEA EUROPE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBER COMPANIES

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Timing: 9:30 – 15:00

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Short description

The European maritime technology sector, which encompasses shipbuilding and maritime equipment manufacturing, is a high-tech sector typically characterised by large-scale, capital-intensive projects not only in terms of size but also at the level of financing needed. The sector has a strategic role to play to help Europe in achieving a Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, in making Shipping greener, safer, better connected, and in untapping the promising potential of Blue Growth activities. Long-term financing and funding availability for economically viable projects are hence crucial to allow the industry to meet its global and societal challenges, continuously innovate, develop new technologies and solutions and stay ahead of increasingly fierce worldwide competition.

The Workshop will therefore aim to respond to the following questions:

- ***Which funding programmes and financing instruments are already available today at EU level that can help European shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers meet their challenges and strengthen their competitiveness?***
- ***Are the current instruments fit for purpose in serving the needs of the sector? What lessons can be learnt? What areas of improvement can be identified/recommended?***

Objectives of the Workshop:

- Help shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers identify funding or financing opportunities offered by EU programmes that may be relevant for their business;
- Guide shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers in understanding the practical steps required to access these tools and make a better use of the existing possibilities;
- Allow companies to share their financing and funding practical experiences and needs with a view to mapping opportunities, gaps and priorities.

Target audience:

- SEA Europe National associations and their member companies (e.g. shipyards, marine equipment manufacturers, ship design and engineering companies).
- Relevant European Commission services, EIB, Regions & relevant maritime stakeholders

PROGRAMME

9:30 10:00	<i>Coffee & registration</i>	
10:00 10:10	Welcome and Scene setting	ROEL DE GRAAF, Managing Director of Netherlands Maritime Technology and Chair of the SEA Finance Working Group CHRISTOPHE TYTGAT, Secretary General SEA Europe
10:10 10:20	Opening Address The EU Industrial Policy Strategy Framework for Competitiveness, growth and Innovation	BARBARA BONVISSUTO, Head of Unit “Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing Systems” at European Commission’s DG GROW
10:20 11:00	RDI Funding: HORIZON Funding programme	RENATA KADRIC, Project Manager at INEA (EU’s Innovation and Networks Executive Agency) PAOLO GUGLIA, R&D Policy & Project Manager, FINCANTIERI SPA & Chairman of Waterborne TP IRAG Ships and Shipping
11:00 11:40	Deployment Funding: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funding programme	ANTONGIULIO MARIN, Deputy Head of Unit at European Commission’s DG MOVE HERMAN VAN BUEREN, Finance Manager DAMEN Shipyards Group
11:40 12:00	Blue Growth Funding: The European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF) & Blue Investment Platform	CLAUS SCHULTZE, Policy Officer at European Commission’s DG MARE
12:00 13:00	<i>NETWORKING LUNCH BREAK</i>	
13:00 13:30	The EIB financing toolbox	SOTRIS BASIAKOS, Maritime Engineer, Mobility Department Projects Directorate European Investment Bank (EIB)
13:30 14:00	Access to finance & RDI funding for SMEs: the COSME Programme and the EIC SME Instrument	ARMANDO MELONE, Policy Officer European Commission DG GROW TED ERIKSSON, Project Officer Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME)
14:00 14:20	The EU Innovation Fund for GHG emission reduction	Katinka van der Jagt, Policy Officer European Commission ‘s DG CLIMA
14:20 14:30	Wrap up & Industry Perspective	CHRISTOPHE TYTGAT, Secretary General of SEA Europe
14:30 15:00	<i>Networking Coffee</i>	