

Press release

Strengthening Europe's Maritime Technology Sector through the Clean Industrial Deal

industriAll Europe and SEA Europe jointly call on the European Commission to strengthen European industrial sectors and recognise the critical importance of shipbuilding and its supply chain for Europe's defence, strategic autonomy, global maritime leadership, green and digital transitions, and overall economic prosperity. Given its strategic significance, shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing must be explicitly included in the Clean Industrial Deal and fully addressed by the related key policy instruments.

Recommendations for the Clean Industrial Deal

To secure the future of Europe's maritime technology sector, SEA Europe and industriAll Europe propose the following key measures:

- **Recognise the Maritime Technology industry as Strategic**
- **Develop a "Good Industrial Jobs Compass" for a Just Transition**
- **Support Social Dialogue and Worker Participation**
- **Foster Market Growth and Business Opportunities**
- **Incentivize European-built ships**
- **Ensure European Control Over Supply Chains**
- **Reward corporate sustainability**
- **Guarantee Access to Strategic Policy Initiatives**
- **Inclusion of the Industrial Maritime Strategy in the Clean Industrial Deal**

Isabelle Barthès, industriAll Europe Deputy General Secretary, said:

"The Clean Industrial Deal must guarantee a just transition by ensuring access to quality training, reskilling, and upskilling opportunities for all maritime workers. Strong social dialogue and worker participation are essential to managing this transformation fairly. Public funding and policy support must be tied to job quality, fair wages, and secure employment. Without these commitments, Europe risks losing its industrial fabric."

Christophe Tytgat, SEA Europe Secretary General added:

"The maritime manufacturing industry is a cornerstone of Europe's strategic interests, from trade to security and renewable energy. Its role in achieving low-emission waterborne transport and advancing the EU's Blue Economy (including offshore infrastructure) is crucial. To build a sustainable and resilient Europe, this industry must be a central part of the Clean Industrial Deal, with the right support and policies."

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Background Note:

SEA Europe represents close to 100% of the European shipbuilding industry in 16 nations, encompassing the production, maintenance, repair, and conversion of all types of ships and floating structures, commercial as well as naval, including the full supply chain with the various producers of maritime systems, equipment material, and services. As an NGO observer at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), CESA represents the shipbuilding industry and its supply chain from EU Member States, Norway, and Turkey.

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