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SEA EUROPE'S PLEDGE FOR THE EU MOBILITY TRANSITION PATHWAY: DELIVERING THE DECARBONIZATION AND DIGITALIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN FLEET OF THE FUTURE IN EUROPEAN SHIPYARDS AND WITH EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY!

SEA Europe welcomes the Transition Pathway for the European mobility industrial ecosystem published on 29 January by the European Commission. It is the result of a two-years "co-creation" process between industry stakeholders and policy-makers, to identify the challenges, opportunities, and actions needed to lead the green and digital transition and improve the ecosystem's resilience.

The next step is a "co-creation" process involving all the actors of the ecosystem. It started today with a roundtable event organised by the European Commission in which Christophe Tytgat, Secretary-General of SEA Europe, was invited to share its experiences with the two-years co-creation process and opinion on the policy recommendations from the Commission's report.

The Commission invited stakeholders to "make pledges" towards the greening, digitalization, and resilience of the waterborne transport. SEA Europe presented the pledge of the European maritime technology industry to deliver the decarbonization and digitalization of the European waterborne fleet of the future in European shipyards and with European technology.

Christophe Tytgat commented: *"Our pledge is clear: the European industry has the know-how and is committed to deliver the innovative solutions that will make the European fleet climate neutral, sustainable and digital in accordance with the European Commission's policy objectives. We want to have the lion's share of the new orders for zero-emission, sustainable and digitalized vessels in Europe."* He concluded: *"Now that our industry has made its pledge, we count on the European Commission to put the right framework conditions in place to achieve the industry's goals. To that end, we have called upon the European Commission to issue a maritime industrial strategy as a matter of priority."*

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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