

Press release

New European Innovation Fund Call for Net-Zero Technologies: SEA Europe Applauds Focus on European Shipbuilding and Refurbishment

The European Commission has announced a €2.4 billion funding call under the Innovation Fund, aimed at supporting net-zero technologies. This initiative will promote decarbonization projects across various scales and sectors, including the maritime sector.

SEA Europe, representing European shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers, enthusiastically welcomes this significant opportunity, especially the condition that shipbuilding and refurbishment projects must take place within Europe. This aligns with the sector's longstanding advocacy for reinforcing European maritime industries.

Christophe Tytgat, Secretary-General of SEA Europe, emphasized: "The Innovation Fund is pivotal in accelerating maritime decarbonization efforts. It supports the development and scaling of cutting-edge technologies led by European shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers. This call will bolster the competitiveness, sustainability, and resilience of Europe's maritime manufacturing sector, safeguard its technological leadership, and revitalize its industrial capabilities."

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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