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09.05.2017 - Europe Day



As every year, to celebrate Europe Day, the European institutions in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg opened their doors to the public.

The highlights of this year's event was the opening of the House of European History and the brand new Europa building, main venue of the European Council and the Council of the European Union.

10.05.2017 - Connectivity Platform Meeting

Ahead of a number of high level meetings between EU and Chinese officials (OBOR meeting, EU/China Summit in July and EU/China maritime bilateral talks beginning of June), DG MOVE has gathered key stakeholders (among others FEPORT) representing the different organizations of the transport and logistics sector to list their main priorities and concerns.

"The meeting was a very useful exercise that allowed the different organizations to share their views but also better understand the role of the connectivity platform in coordinating the positions" said Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPORT.

"It is important that EU organizations inform the Commission about situations where reciprocity does not prevail so that EU/China negotiations are fruitful" continued FEPORT Secretary General.

16.05.2017 - Joint CoR/Maltese Presidency Workshop on: "Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas", Brussels



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As a follow up to the [opinion on "Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas"](#) led by [Mr. Stanislaw Szwabski](#),

Member of Gdynia City Council, the European Committee of the Regions and the Maltese Presidency have decided to organize a joint workshop about the **"Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas"** on May 16th, 2017

The workshop which has been attended by more than 70 participants (Members of the CoR, MEP's, Transport Attaches, Representatives from the Commission as well as other interested parties) included three sessions which respectively concerned



the opportunities and challenges to regenerate port cities and areas, how can the European Union support port cities regeneration and finally how synergies between ports and cities to achieve integrated territorial development could be stimulated. The sessions were moderated by the Secretaries General of ECSA, FEPORT and EFIP.

Among the topics that were evoked by the first panel participants was the increased pressure that port-cities are confronted with as a consequence of climate change concerns. Each and every port-city is trying to find a balance between economic activities and citizens' legitimate requests to live in environments that are not negatively impacted by industrial operations.

"Many public and private port stakeholders all over Europe have taken significant initiatives aiming at improving the relationship with cities. Important public and private investments have been made to mitigate the nuisances (noise, dust, lighting, congestion on roads etc...)" said Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPORT.

"But port stakeholders and local administrations need to tighten their links and do more in terms of promotion. The port sector

is a B2B industry, not known by the large public. Therefore, the perception remains foggy if not negative..." added FEPORT Secretary General.

"More has to be done to explain the role of ports in the local and global economy: in priority towards the non-specialized audience and opinion leaders otherwise the port sector will continue to be perceived as a "cost center with limited added value for citizens" i.e. generating more nuisances than benefits for the neighbouring cities" commented Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

FEPORT Secretary General was requested to moderate the session dedicated to *"How can the European Union support port cities regeneration"*.

Participants to the panel included Mr. Josep Vicent Boira, Vice Minister of Housing, Mobility and Infrastructure, Region of Valencia (Spain), Mr. Bernhard Friess, Director for Maritime



policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission, Ms. Daniela Rosca, Head of Unit Port and Inland Navigation, DG MOVE, European Commission and Mr. Olivier Baudalet, Senior specialist in the territorial cooperation core matrix, Unit Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development, DG REGIO, European Commission. Mr. Josep Vicent Boira mentioned that Valencia has engaged since many years in environmental friendly projects. The representatives from DG MOVE, DG MARE and DG REGIO explained how the Commission through a recent legislative proposal such as [Ports Regulation](#) has taken into account the port city relationship and included an article (Art. 15) about the necessary consultation by Port Authorities of all stakeholders who have a say about port related activities. Other initiatives (funding of projects, exchange about best practices etc.) were also presented.

"There was a clear agreement among all panellists that a harmonious port-city relationship depends on a successful on a holistic cross-sectorial collaborative approach involving different "layers" of governance: local, regional, national and European" concluded Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

The last session of the workshop offered panellists the opportunity to discuss about ways and means to promote ports and cities synergies to achieve integrated territorial development.

Initiatives aiming at offering a second life to abandoned port sites and reducing the negative impact of industrial activities were highlighted. The necessity to work towards an improved acceptance by citizens and NGOs through continuous dialogue with local administrations and Port Authorities was stated as one of the best means to guarantee a good balance between sustainable urban development and the needs of economic actors.

16.05.2017 – SAGMAS

On 16 May, Mr Ronan Sevette, Chairman of FEPORT Safety, Environment and Security Committee and Mr Conor Feighan, FEPORT Policy Advisor, attended the 47th meeting of the Stakeholders Advisory Group on Maritime Security (SAGMAS). The role of SAGMAS is to advise the European Commission on all questions related to Maritime, Port facilities, Ports and Ship Security.

During the meeting, the primary focus was on cybersecurity, and how the maritime logistics chain can be secured against possible threats. There was a general consensus that there is a global dimension to this issue, given that the maritime logistics chain is global. Therefore, developments with the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee this summer, in which cyber security is being discussed, will play a key role in determining how the this issue is addressed at global level.

17.05.2017 – The European Commission adopts the Global Block Exemption Regulation

The European Commission has approved new state aid rules that exempt certain public support measures for ports, airports, culture and the outermost regions from prior Commission scrutiny. The objective is to facilitate public investment for job creation and growth whilst preserving competition.

With regard to ports, Member States can now make public investments of up to €150 million in sea ports and up to €50 million in inland ports with full legal certainty and without

prior control by the Commission. The Regulation allows public authorities to cover the costs of dredging in ports and access waterways.

18-20.05.2017 - ECG Malta

FEPOR Secretary General has been invited to attend and speak in the framework of the 2017 ECG Spring Congress & General Assembly held in Malta on 18-19th May 2017.



On the first day, after a warm welcome from the President Mr. Wolfgang Göbel to all ECG General Assembly members and guests, the chairmen of ECG working group presented the main activities.

On the day of the spring congress, two sessions offered speakers the opportunity to display their presentations.

In the first session, Mr. Justin Cox, Director, Global Production, LMC Automotive – commented about the European finished vehicle sector which remains positive, with growth still forecast for the short to medium term but a slower growth rate is beginning to lead to a build-up in stocks, warned.

The presentation of the market outlook was followed by a presentation made Mr. Pavel Haidai, President, Avtologistika who described the new app digitising ECG news (which is now available for download at the App Store) and information resources, including the ECG Operations Quality Manual (OQM).

Mr. Hans Lip, International Sales and Marketing Manager, TransFollow, an independent digital platform provider for the logistics industry, pleaded for the adoption of the digital consignment technology.

The second session involved three speakers: Ms. Lucienne Meilak, Director Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directorate, Maltese Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure and Mr. Eddy Hartog, Head of Unit Smart Mobility and Living, DG CONNECT, European Commission and Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, Secretary General of FEPOR.



Ms. Lucienne Meilak, Director Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directorate, Maltese Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure commented on Valletta Declaration and its follow up as well as the work program of the Maltese Presidency.

Mr. Eddy Hartog, Head of Unit Smart Mobility and Living, DG CONNECT, European Commission presented the co-operative, connected and automated mobility (CCAM) and explained how the Commission acts as a catalyst in promoting CCAM technologies and several Directorate Generals (DGs) are involved in this work: DG CONNECT, DG Research and Innovation as well as DG Transport Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SME. Commenting about the Dutch Presidency's Amsterdam Declaration on the Co-operation in the field of connected and automated driving, adopted in April 2016, Mr. Hartog mentioned that the declaration has been followed by the establishment of the European Automotive-Telecom Alliance (EATA) in September 2016.

FEPOR Secretary General was requested to present FEPOR main activities and strategic perspective in view of the upcoming multimodal year and how ECG/FEPOR agendas are converging on a number of issues.

"The exchanges have been fruitful and it was very interesting to see that in many respects, ECG embodies the reality of a real dialogue between the automotive industry and its transport providers and really promotes a multimodal approach" commented Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPOR Secretary General.

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23-26.05.2017 - ETF Congress, Barcelona



From 24 to 26 May 2017, the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) organized its 5th ordinary congress in Barcelona, Spain, under the slogan "Fair transport for Europe - social justice, solidarity, unity".

Participants representing transport unions coming from 41 European countries discussed strategies and actions to address the upcoming challenges.

FEPORT Secretary General has been invited to the Congress and to participate to a roundtable discussion about four major trends (climate change, demographics, digitalization and globalization/economic development) impacting the transport sector.

Participants to the roundtable included: Mr. Alexander Kirchner, ETF Vice-President, Ms. Mercedes Vidal, Barcelona Transport Councillor and President of Barcelona Metropolitan Transport TMB, Mr. Samuel Kenny, European Federation Transport and Environment (T&E), Freight and Rail Transport Officer, Mr. Christophe Deryse, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Head of Foresight Unit and Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.



“The roundtable was a stimulating moment of exchange between stakeholders with different backgrounds and interests. But all agreed that the four major trends identified by ETF i.e. climate change, demographics, digitalization and globalization/economic development were going to produce significant effects in the coming years. Those effects were not, as many would have expected, qualified as negative ones but as challenges which require proactivity, anticipation and upstream management” commented Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

“Work will change, jobs will change and new skills will be needed as we are not facing an evolution but a significant disruption that will affect all industries. The more we will minor the importance of the Fourth industrial revolution, the less we shall be prepared to maintain the competitive advantage of EU industries” added FEPORT Secretary General.

“Regarding employment, digitalization and automation will necessarily imply to rethink work and how to better use the labour force and the skills of employees. Training, Re-training to change the mindsets and dialogue will be key success factors for a smooth transition” concluded Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

24.05.2017 – EU Commission’s open call for applications for the selection of members of the “European Ports Forum

The Commission’s Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (‘DG MOVE’) has decided to set up a group of experts called the ‘European Ports Forum’.

The group shall consist of up to 60 members in total. Members shall be:

- organizations that represent at European level port authorities, providers of port services, users of maritime ports (shippers, logistic operators and ship-owners, rail, inland navigation and intermodal transport operators serving ports), the industry producing port equipment, port employees, the main port-cities and non-governmental organizations protecting the environment;

- Member States’ authorities;

- other public entities such as the International Transport Forum

The group’s tasks shall be to provide advice to the Commission on initiatives to promote and support a uniform implementation of maritime and port related regulatory texts and exchange about new initiatives concerning maritime and port stakeholders.

The deadline for application is June 30th, 2017.

More information can be found [here](#).

25.05.2017 – Council of the EU – Draft Conclusions about the Priorities for the EU’s maritime transport policy until 2020

More details can be found [here](#).

29-30.05.2017 – UNISTOCK/COCERAL General Assembly meeting and Conference, Warsaw

In the framework of UNISTOCK General Assembly meeting and Conference held in Warsaw on May 29th and 30th, 2017, FEPORT President, Mr Gunther Bonz and FEPORT Secretary General, Ms Lamia





Kerdjoudj-Belkaid have been invited to attend both events and to present FEPORT main activities and strategic vision about current developments.

FEPORT President highlighted the necessity for industry organizations to join forces to convey key expectations and

the importance for the EU to support EU companies' efforts to remain competitive.

"The discussions we had with UNISTOCK members were stimulated and revealed converging views on a number of important topics. UNISTOCK's President, Mr. Gilles Kindelberger reaffirmed UNISTOCK's willingness to work with FEPORT on topics of common interest. This is a very good perspective for both organizations" comments Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

UNISTOCK/COCERAL General Assembly meetings have been followed by a gala dinner and the next day by a conference during which EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Mr. V. Andriukaitis gave a key note speech about *"Innovation in the agri-food supply chain"*.

31.05-02.06.2017 - OECD International Transport Forum 2017 Summit: Governance of Transport, Leipzig



The ITF's 2017 Summit on Governance of Transport explored the trends shaping transport governance and identified the most pressing challenges in the transport sector. Through the governance lens, it focused on infrastructure, global connectivity, the right regulation for innovation, and urban access and mobility.



Transport governance affects decisions regarding everything from local cycle paths to global trade routes. It also impacts maritime supply chain. This latter topic was the

subject matter of two sessions of a roundtable moderated by Mr. Kieran Ring, (Global Institute of Logistics). The first public session was about *"Governance of The Maritime Supply Chain"* while the private one concerned the opportunity to create a *"Global Maritime Stakeholders' Forum"*.

FEPORT Secretary General has been invited to attend and speak during both sessions which also featured: Mr. Olaf Merk, Economist, Ports, and Shipping, International Transport Forum, Mr. Chris Welsh, Secretary-General, Global Shippers' Forum, Mr. Simon Bennett, Director Policy and External Relations, International Chamber of Shipping, Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief Trade Logistics Branch, UNCTAD, Mr. Chong Meng Tan, Group Chief Executive Officer, PSA International Pte Ltd and Mr. Jens Meier, CEO, Hamburg Port Authority.

How can the main stakeholders in the maritime supply chain cooperate more closely in order to create more added value? What opportunities arise from greater digitalization and how can this help to advance better cooperation? How can stakeholders in the maritime supply chain work together to effectively handle current challenges? How could cooperation between major stakeholders in the maritime supply chain, in order be stimulated to solve bottlenecks and reach efficiency were among the topics covered by the different speakers.



"Cooperation in silos is already a reality for a number of stakeholders. It takes for instance the form of a horizontal integration (alliances) or a vertical one (shipping lines and terminals) but there is no holistic approach that gives the opportunity to the "silos" to talk to each other beyond the sole ship to shore segment...This is a pity when we know that gains and savings in logistics operations can be made thanks to a better understanding of the needs of the different actors upstream and

downstream the shipping leg” said Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

“Given the fact that supply chains will become more and more “demand-driven” chains and that disruption that will concern those chains, as a result of the emergence of the digital platform economy, it is important that actors of the maritime logistics chain establish a platform ecosystem that will enable them to create more value together. During the ITF Roundtable, there was strong agreement on the fact that time has come to leave the lack of knowledge, the lack of trust and lack of understanding to explore new ways to work together, for instance to better share data. This is the reason why the new “Global Maritime Logistics Stakeholders” Forum has been established on May 31st, 2017” concluded FEPORT Secretary General.

as engaging discussion around the exciting potential of co-operation and symbiosis for a greener future.

To find more details about the event, please go [here](#).

Meetings of the month

17.05.2017 – FEPORT Port Policy Committee meeting, Brussels

18.05.2017 – FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, Brussels

Coming meetings

ESPO conference, Barcelona	01-02.06.2017
FEPORT General Assembly, Klaipeda	03-06.06.2017
European Environmental Ports Conference 2017, Antwerp	07-08.06.2017
Mediterranean Port and Chambers of Commerce conference, Barcelona	07-08.06.2017
5th International Maritime Congress, Szczecin	08-09.06.2017
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting, Council of the European Union, Luxembourg	08-09.06.2017
Felixstowe Port Celebration, London	23.06.2017
TOC Europe - I AM panel - Plenary meeting, Amsterdam	27-28.06.2017
Third Annual Stakeholders’ Conference, Brussels	30.11.2017

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07-08.06.2017 – European Environmental Ports Conference 2017, Antwerp, Belgium



European Environmental Ports Conference 2017 taking place on 7th & 8th June in Antwerp, Belgium will bring together senior representatives from the global port community and shipping companies, as well as environmental policy-makers, academic experts, consultants and technology providers.

Given the increasing focus on environmental regulations from the IMO and policy makers in the maritime sector, there is a growing responsibility and requirement for ports to reduce their environmental impact. It is an important time to share best practices, and explore new technologies and methodologies in order to advance port operations with minimal ecological consequences.

The two-day event will feature informative presentations on the very latest challenges, solutions and developments in reducing emissions, pollution and energy consumption, as well