



04.04.2017 - Waterborne Technology Platform - Infrastructure and Logistics Working Group

On 4th April, the Waterborne Technology Platform (TP) held its 2nd Infrastructure and Logistics Working Group. The Waterborne TP was established by industry associations in the maritime logistics sector in order to provide the European Commission with the best possible feedback from industries interested by this new opportunity for sustainable growth in regards to establishing research priorities.

The 2nd Waterborne “Infrastructure and Logistics Working Group” meeting focused on the organization of the group and how its work could complement existing logistics initiatives such as the ALICE platform.

FEPORT supports the work initiated by SEA Europe which aims at revamping the Waterborne Technology Platform and structuring the future work.

04-05.04.2017 – LEARN Workshop – Carbon Emissions, Brussels

Last April 4-5th, the consortium partners of the LEARN project organized the LEARN International Workshop hosted by the European Commission. The event brought together private sector, government and civil society stakeholders with an interest in reducing the carbon footprint of the global freight and logistics sector.

The project ‘Logistics Emissions Accounting and Reduction Network’ (LEARN) empowers business to reduce the carbon footprint across their global logistics supply chain through improved emissions accounting.

The workshop aimed to introduce the LEARN project, partners and activities, collect feedback from stakeholders and explore how we can work together to maximize business uptake of carbon accounting and reduction.

The workshop covered topics such as the general introduction to the LEARN project and its objectives; the importance of supportive policy and research; the practical applicability of emissions MRV and a label in complex multi-modal logistics settings; what support companies need to measure, report and verify (MRV) emissions and how a label can recognize good performance and how to develop and involve a LEARN multi-stakeholder network to maximize business uptake of carbon accounting and reduction.

05-06.04.2017 – SFC & CCAC “Europe Workshop on Green Freight Programs”, Brussels



Last April 5-6th, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) in partnership with Smart Freight Centre (SFC) hosted a two-day Europe Workshop on Green Freight Programs. The event brought together governments, industry and civil society to explore how to expand green freight programs across Europe and promote collaboration between them.

Green Freight Programs supplement policies and empower industry to take practical actions that make the global freight sector more efficient and environmentally sustainable. The CCAC Global Green Freight Action Plan supports this by aligning and replicating green freight programs worldwide and integrating black carbon and air pollutants alongside CO2 emissions.

The first day was about introducing Green Freight Programs. Presentations and panel discussions provided a common understanding of existing programs in Europe and allowed the participants to discuss how collaboration and replication/expansion can be achieved. Welcoming speech was given by Ms. Sophie Punte (Executive Director, Smart Freight Centre).

The day was divided into four sessions which aimed at clarifying the work of Smart Freight Center.

The second day's general topic was "How to develop a Green Freight Program" being an interactive workshop especially targeting countries interested in establishing or improving Green Freight Programs with input from existing green freight programs and experts.

11-12.04.2017 – Port Finance International conference, Amsterdam



Last April 11-12th, FEPORT participated to the PFI Amsterdam conference.

The event brought port finance, maritime, transport, infrastructure and industrial experts together to look how key European port players are responding to recent global industry trends.

Major trends such as ongoing consolidation in the shipping sector, deployment of mega vessels, changing growth patterns and modern intermodal strategies will result in the need for port and terminal stakeholders to re-adjust their strategies, in order to harness new opportunities for growth and expansion in the coming years. How to successfully implement port projects in light of these developments was the core focus of this year's PFI Amsterdam conference.

Across two days of plenary presentations, panel discussions, workshops and keynote sessions, PFI Amsterdam 2017 placed a spotlight on the developments and growth plans in the European region.

"The conference offered a good opportunity to shed light on current challenges for the EU port sector. Attracting private investment in ports will be crucial in the coming years in a context where public funding is decreasing. European private port operators are more than ever committed to modernize ports if the rules applying to [investments](#) are clarified, stable and consistent" commented Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

"It is also important that the split of roles between port authorities and private port operators prevails in all ports. Port governance rules are essential" continued FEPORT Secretary General.

"The port sector is highly strategic for the EU economy, for our exports and for the direct and indirect jobs it creates. It is a "glocal" industry. "Global" because: it aims at offering world class services similar to those that are proposed in the best ports of the world. Our customers are also part of a global industry.

We are also "local" because the hinterlands and the markets are local as well as the competition which is often either local or regional.

The "glocal" dimension of ports must be acknowledged and echoed in consistent EU policies that support EU industries' efforts to remain among the best in the world" concluded Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

11.04.2017 – Public Hearing "Women and Transport – the role of women in solving the shortage of qualified staff in transport", European Parliament, Brussels



Last April 11th at the premises of the European Parliament, a public hearing on "Women and Transport - the role of women in solving the shortage of qualified staff in transport" took place.

The event was opened by Ms. Karima Delli, Chairwoman of the TRAN Committee. Introductory remarks were presented by Mr. Jens Nilsson (Standing Rapporteur on Gender mainstreaming,

TRAN Committee). A number of presentations were given by officials such as Mr. Gilles Bergot (Deputy Head of Unit MOVE Social aspects, Passenger rights and Equal opportunities, European Commission), Ms. Åsa Webber (Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the European Union), Ms. Cristina Tilling (Political Secretary for Road Transport and Gender Equality, European Transport Workers' Federation) and Ms. Theresia Hacksteiner (Secretary General, European Barge Union).

19-20.04.2017 – Second Annual Terminal Automation & Training C-Level Networking Conference, London



Industry-leading port industry resource for news and technical content follows up success of 2016 event.

Hosted by Port Technology and held in London at the Grange City Hotel, London, UK on April

19-20th, 2017, the Terminal Automation & Training C-Level Networking Conference 2017 brought leaders in the automation and training sectors of the port industry.

26.04.2017 – DTLF Plenary meeting, Brussels

The 5th Digital Transport and Logistics Forum was held in Brussels on 26th April and was attended by FEPORT. The main topics discussed during the meeting included acceptance of transport e-documents, harmonization of e-documents and corridor cargo flow information optimization.

Reports from the chairs of the different Sub-groups were presented. FEPORT has previously stated that the exchange of information needs to be approached from a [logistics perspective](#), namely that discussions on data exchange needs to primarily focus on the objective of increasing the efficiency of the European logistics chain.

27.04.2017 – Trade Contact Group meeting, Brussels

The 47th Plenary meeting of the Trade Contact Group on 27th April. The Trade Contact Group is composed of industry associations and provides a platform for regular consultations at Union level, between the Commission and industry stakeholders, on the development and implementation of customs related issues and developments of customs policy.

The meeting of the 27 April focused on amendments to the Union Customs Code Implementing and Delegated Acts to

ensure a smooth implementation of the provisions of the Union Customs Code.

FEPORT is actively working with the Commission to ensure that the Union Customs Code has a guarantee system that builds upon the existing AEO (Authorized Economic Operators) concept, thereby giving the industry and national authorities a clear understanding of obligations that need to be met by trade to avail of a guarantee waiver.

EVENTS SUPPORTED BY FEPORT

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.

For centuries, ports and their cities developed hand in hand, the port generating prosperity for the city. Relationships between ports and cities have also evolved.

Globalisation and consolidation of the terminal industry, port concentration and the growth of cities have intensified this challenging relationship between ports and urban authorities. Whilst ports can play a role in urban logistics and the smart city concept, the impact of port industrial activities is one of the most sensitive issues in the relationship between ports and cities.

This workshop will include **testimonials from cities, port authorities and terminal operators** on what kind of **challenges and opportunities have to be faced to revitalize port cities and areas**. Representatives of the European Commission will explain how the Union can support these projects from different angles.

Finally, participants will have the opportunity to know more on best practices related to the promotion of ports and cities synergies to achieve integrated territorial development.

This workshop is co-organized in close cooperation with AIVP, ECSA, EFIP, ESPO and FEPORT whose representatives will enrich the discussion.

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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 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

27.04.2017 – FEPORT Board of Directors meeting, Brussels

Coming meetings

European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels	03-04.05.2017
Synchro-NET stakeholders roundtable at Transport Logistic, Munich	11.05.2017
European Parliament Plenary Session, Strasbourg	15-16.05.2017
Joint CoR/MT Presidency Workshop on: "Regeneration of Port Cities and Port Areas", Brussels	16.05.2017
FEPORT Port Policy Committee meeting, Brussels	17.05.2017
FEPORT Environment, Safety and Security Committee meeting, Brussels	17.05.2017
FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, Brussels	18.05.2017
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting, Council of the European Union, Malta	18-19.05.2017
ECG Malta	18.05.2017
ETF Congress, Barcelona	23-26.05.2017
European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels	30.05.2017
UNISTOCK Conference, Warsaw	29-30.05.2017
OECD International Transport Forum 2017 Summit: Governance of Transport, Leipzig	31.05-02.06.2017
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
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting, Council of the European Union, Luxembourg	08-09.06.2017