

16.01.2017 - Smart Freight Center (SFC) and FEPORT sign an MOU to incorporate existing methodologies for port terminals in the Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC) Framework



Freight transport forms the backbone of today's global economy; materials and products manufactured in one region are transported to another region along increasingly lengthy and complex transport chains, often involving more than one mode of transport as the product travels to its destination, stopping at warehouses, ports and terminals along the way.

However, the use of different approaches in different locations and for different activities along the supply chain leads to fragmentation in calculating and reporting emissions.

In an effort to bring more consistency in the calculation and reporting of emissions, Smart Freight Centre (SFC) has formed in 2014 the Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC), a voluntary partnership of companies, associations and programs committed to the consistent calculation and reporting of emissions from logistics operations, with a view to using this information as the basis for targeted emissions reduction from the logistics sector.

Since 2012, the major container terminal operators in the European Union have created a voluntary methodology (the EEG Guidelines) which allows container terminals to calculate their CO2 emissions on a periodical basis.

"Sustainable port and logistics operations and the reduction of carbon emissions are among the top priorities for private port operators. For many years our members have taken voluntary concrete steps to reduce their emissions. We believe that industry actors remain best placed to take initiatives aiming at the

necessary steps to continue to reducing emissions and we are doing it" says FEPORT Secretary General.

"The Smart Freight Center's Framework for Logistics Emissions Methodologies (GLEC) is now recognized as the logistics sector guidance by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Standard, the most widely-accepted GHG accounting practice. This is why FEPORT has decided to engage into an active cooperation with the Smart Freight Center" comments Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

Mr. Alan Lewis, GLEC Director at Smart Freight Centre observes:

"Real life practical application is the next key step for the GLEC Framework to demonstrate its benefit across the transport chain. We are really looking forward to working with FEPORT and its members in their carbon calculation, reporting and improvement actions and integrating this with the rest of the GLEC Framework".

"We are looking forward to transforming the Memorandum of Understanding signed with SFC into concrete and useful results" concludes Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

23.01.2017 - The first legislative Act of the "EU Maritime year" creates more expectations for an enabling framework for private investments in ports

On January 23rd, the European Agriculture Council has concluded the procedure, at first reading concerning the Ports Regulation, by formally adopting the text. The legal Act will be signed by the European Parliament and the Council in mid-February and enter into force 20 days after its publication in the EU Official Journal.

This adoption has been possible because institutional stakeholders have been more receptive, than it was the case for the previous port packages, to a number of concerns expressed by key port stakeholders. It was important to make sure that this text enables port stakeholders to improve while acknowledging their role in handling millions tons of cargo carried by sea.

“FEPORT relies on Member States to guarantee that the implementation of the Ports Regulation will unleash the “enabling” potential of its provisions (recitals and articles) regarding level playing field, the prevention of risks of distortion of competition and avoidance of unsustainable investments in ports” says Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

“The adoption of the Ports Regulation also creates a lot of expectations for improved port governance rules in all EU ports and for better targeted investments. Both dimensions being essential components of an enabling framework for private investments in EU ports” states Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

“It is also crucial that the ongoing procedure about the Global Block Exemption Regulation does not lead to the adoption of a text which contradicts the spirit and some key definitions that have been agreed upon in the framework of the long and exhaustive discussions about the Ports Regulation” continues FEPORT Secretary General.

“FEPORT sees in the adoption of the Ports Regulations at the very beginning of the 2017 Maritime Year as a positive acknowledgement of the significant role that port stakeholders play in connecting ships to people and EU and international markets” concludes FEPORT Secretary General.

24.01.2017 – European Logistics Platform (ELP) meeting: Women in Transport



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Last January 24th, FEOPRT participated to the European Logistics Platform (ELP) event: Women in Transport. The meeting was hosted by MEP Ismail Ertug (S&D) and MEP Jens Nilsson (S&D). Main speakers included Mr. Tove Winiger (Nordic Logistics Association), Ms. Sally Gilson (FTA), and Mr. Gilles Bergot (Deputy Head of Unit “Social Aspects and Passenger Rights”, DG MOVE).

Transport is not a gender-balanced sector: only 22% of people working in transport are women, compared to 46% in the overall economy. The share of women is extremely low in more technical professions. For instance, they account only for 3% of rail drivers.

“The inclusion of women in the port sector is part of the agenda of the Social Dialogue Committee for Ports since 2014 because all social partners have agreed that it is an important issue” comments Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General of FEPORT.

“But we need to do more and more particularly to capitalize on the experience of these sectors which are ahead and already harvesting the benefits of involving more women at all levels of the organizations” continues FEPORT Secretary General.

“It is indeed important to take into account the findings and recommendations of all those [studies which have established that organizations involving more women are actually better performing](#)” concludes Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

24.01.2017 – European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF) Plenary Meeting

FEPORT participated in the 7th Plenary meeting of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum. The ESSF Plenary acts as the formal decision making body of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum. The 7th Plenary meeting focused on the creation of a new sub-group on air emissions from ships, the adoption of a number of sub-group reports and discussions on the future work and scope of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum.

FEPORT has welcomed the creation of the sub-group on air emissions from ships given the importance of the topic to all actors in the logistics chain.

AIVP (Le Réseau Mondial des Villes Portuaires): New Year's port-cities quiz

To wish you a very happy new year, AIVP offers you [this quiz!](#)
Find the right port-city shown in the aerial photography.

Coming meetings

Euromaritime - Eurowaterways, Paris	31.01-02.02.2017
European Parliament Plenary Session, Brussels	01-02.02.2017
SAGMAS meeting, Brussels	01.02.2017
TCG Plenary Meeting, Brussels	03.02.2017
FEPORT Social Affairs Committee meeting, Brussels	14.02.2017
FEPORT Port Policy Committee meeting, Brussels	15.02.2017
FEPORT Board of Directors meeting, Brussels	16.02.2017
FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, Brussels	23.02.2017
FEPORT Environment, Safety and Security Committee meeting, Brussels	23.02.2017
EP Committee on Transport and Tourism meeting, Brussels	27-28.02.2017
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting, Council of the European Union	27.02.2017
KVNR Short Sea Shipping 2.0 seminar, Brussels	27.02.2017
ECASBA European Seminar, Brussels	28.02.2017
Social Dialogue meeting, Brussels	01.03.2017
SEA Europe Maritime Conference, Brussels	02.03.2017
ICHCA Packaged Dangerous Goods Seminar, London	06.03.2016
Transport Week, Sopot, Poland	07-09.03.2017
Porto Transport Seminar, Portugal	15-16.03.2017
High-level Conference on Maritime and Road Safety, Malta	28-29.03.2017