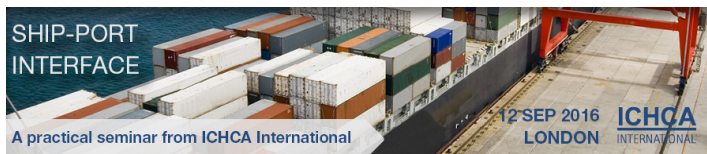


05-09.09.2016 - IMO meeting on VGM, London

On 05-09 September, the IMO Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) met in London to discuss, among other issues, the implementation of new SOLAS requirements related to the weighing of containers. During the meeting, the CCC was informed that there is currently a high compliance rate with new SOLAS requirements, and that 95% or more packed containers were being accompanied by VGM information prior to loading.

In the MSC.1/Circ. 1548, IMO recommended that “port State control authorities should adopt a practical and pragmatic approach when verifying compliance” with SOLAS requirements. It is important that the respective authorities continue dialogue with relevant stakeholders to ensure a balanced approach to enforcement which can be accepted by all partners in the logistics chain.

12.09.2016 - ICHCA Seminar, London



Last September 12th, FEPORT was invited to speak at the ICHCA Ship-Port Interface Seminar dedicated to issues such as improving safety, security & efficiency in the age of scale. The Seminar was followed by the 76th meeting of the ISP - ICHCA's Technical Panel.

The Ship-Port Interface seminar provided a timely chance to review key legislative developments at IMO and elsewhere. This included current work on safe mooring and ships lifting appliances, as well as reflecting on the first few months of the new IMO SOLAS VGM container weight rules that came into force worldwide on 1 July this year.

Discussions also addressed the impact of today's heightened security concerns – both physical and virtual – as well as the practical effects of new environmental requirements such as

shore power for vessels. Last but not least, the seminar touched as well on Ports of Refuge and handling of distressed vessels.

During the seminar, FEPORT provided an update on the latest developments affecting the ship-port interface at European level. FEPORT stressed that terminals are investing to meet client demands, but greater dialogue between actors is needed in regards to future developments in the logistics chain. On top of this, further investment is needed in hinterland connections to ensure that ports do not become bottlenecks and that the logistics chain can function in an efficient manner.

14.09.2016 - Joint statement by ESPO, FEPORT, IDC and ETF: Social Dialogue process

On September 14th, FEPORT together with ESO, IDC and ETF have issued a Joint Statement regarding first evaluation and progress on the work program of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for ports.

In June 2013, ETF, IDC, FEPORT and ESPO have established, with the support of the European Commission, the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for ports (SSDC for Ports). In the framework of the Committee, social partners work jointly to contribute to the improvement of working conditions as well to the competitiveness and productivity within EU ports.

“The joint statement evaluates the work done by social partners over the past 3 years, but also sets out future ambitions” commented Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

“The social partners remain committed to the Social Dialogue process and agenda including training and qualifications which is a major point of discussion for all involved parties in the future” concluded Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid.

See full document here: [ESPO, FEPORT IDC and ETF - Joint statement about the Social Dialogue process - September 2016](#)



20.09.2016 - DTLF Plenary Meeting, Brussels

The 4th Digital Transport and Logistics Forum was held in Brussels on 16th March 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 stated that the exchange of information needs to be approached from a logistics perspective, namely that discussions on data exchange should focus on the objective of increasing the efficiency of European logistics chains.

24-27.09.2016 - IDC 7th General Assembly – Miami, Florida, USA



Last September 24-27th, 2016, FEPORT has been invited by the International Dockworkers Council (IDC) to attend a conference organized in the framework of the 7th General Assembly of the organization.

IDC is a global trade union founded in 2000 and bringing together more than 85,000 dockworkers on five continents.

27.09.2016 - Smart and sustainable logistics in the EU and multimodal transport

FEPORT has been invited to a meeting co organized by MEP Ayala Sender, who has elaborated an initiative report on Logistics in the EU and multimodal transport in the new TEN-T corridors,



and MEP Zoffoli to discuss about smart and sustainable logistics in the EU and multimodal logistics.

The topic which is a great relevance for FEPORT which shall dedicate its [upcoming conference to be held on December 8th](#) to some of the issues which were discussed.

M. Mathieu Grosch, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Ori-

ent-East Med Corridor and President of Alliance for European Logistics, M. Ralf-Charley Schultze, Director General of UIRR (International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport), M. William Todts, Director of the Freight & Climate team of T&E (Transport & Environment), M. Herald Ruijters, Director (acting) European Mobility Network, DG MOVE were among the speakers.

28.09.2016 - INEA Motorways of the Sea (MoS) workshop - Brussels

Last September 28th, FEPORT participated to the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) Motorways of the Sea (MoS) workshop held in Brussels.

This special workshop focused on Motorways of the Sea (MoS) and the preparation of the 2016 calls for proposals in the field of MoS and on the possibilities of financing MoS projects under EFSI. It is aimed at all MoS stakeholders, public and private.

The event had been opened by Ms. Andreas Boschen, Head of CEF Department, INEA and followed by the speech by M. Brian Simpson, European Coordinator for MoS.

29.09.2016 - Roundtable combined transport T&E

FEPORT participated in a roundtable discussion organized by Transport and Environment about the possible review of the Combined Transport Directive.

Given the current congestion being experienced in port areas, it is crucial that the European Union looks to utilize all transport modes connecting ports to the wider logistics chain. During the meeting, FEPORT stressed the need to have a thorough look to the Combined Transport Directive to see how it can be modified thus allowing a modal diversification in the connections to ports.

29.09.2016 - Waterborne Technology Platform meeting

The Waterborne platform, a group consisting of the main European stakeholders in relation to maritime transport related technological developments, met to discuss the revival of a Ports and Logistics working group.

FEPORT and other Port and Logistics representatives of stakeholders' organizations have been invited by Sea Europe to discuss about the priorities in terms of research and innovation.

FEPORT is of the opinion that stakeholder organizations should better coordinate and set up a constructive dialogue with INEA regarding the innovation agenda and its related calls.

Meetings of the month

- FEPORT Port Policy Committee, Brussels **20.09.2016**
- FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee, London **26.09.2016**

Coming meetings

- Plenary Session of the European Parliament, Strasbourg **3-6.10.2016**
- Trade Contact Group Plenary Meeting, Brussels **04.10.2016**
- Maritime days of the Maltese Presidency, Malta **4-7.10.2016**
- AIVP Conference, Rotterdam **5-7.10.2016**
- Transport Committee meeting of the European Parliament, Brussels **10-11.10.2016**
- Green Port Congress, Venice **11-12.10.2016**
- FEPORT Social Affairs Committee, Brussels **13.10.2016**
- FEPORT Board of Directors, Brussels **13.10.2016**
- Port Conference, Gdynia **14.10.2016**
- Environment Council, Council of the European Union, Luxembourg **17.10.2016**
- Plenary Session of the European Parliament, Strasbourg **24-27.10.2016**
- Transport Committee meeting of the European Parliament, Brussels **9-10.11.2016**
- ECG General Assembly, Hamburg **20-21.10.2016**
- Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council, Council of the European Union, Brussels **1-2.12.2016**
- Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council, Council of the European Union, Brussels **5.12.2016**
- [Second Annual Stakeholders Conference](#), Brussels **08.12.2016**
- Environment Council, Council of the European Union, Brussels **19.12.2016**