



*Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year 2018  
to you and your families*

Good bye to the 2017 Maritime Year and welcome to the Multimodal Year in 2018

The 2017 Maritime Year has thrown light on the wider maritime sector and allowed discussions about different industries that are part of the maritime cluster.

This year, private and public port stakeholders be it on the users' side or the providers' one had an opportunity to raise awareness about their concerns, expectations and their positions in the framework of the discussions regarding the Global Block Exemption Regulation and the Ports Regulation. More recently, Tallinn Digital Days have highlighted the need for the maritime cluster to embrace digitalization to improve its connectivity with other legs of the multimodal chain.

We are looking forward to continuing the efforts and the debates in the framework of the multimodal year in 2018. Digital and physical connectivity between different modes and nodes must remain high on the agenda. FEPORT will definitely support an inclusive approach of multimodality.



**Third Annual Stakeholders' Conference**  
30th November 2017, Brussels

**Maritime logistics chains and the "perfect storm"**



How can EU companies be the "winners" in the new world ?

*Dear guests, Dear colleagues, Dear readers,*

*On November 30th, 2017, we have held the third edition of the Annual Stakeholders' Conference. We have been delighted to welcome you all as the overarching topic we have proposed for discussion this year "Maritime logistic chains and the "perfect storm" is relevant for many industries.*

*Our particular warm thanks to our 30 speakers from across the global stakeholder network, ranging from representatives of the European Commission to the World Economic Forum and the OECD International Transport Forum who provided differing perspectives on the interdependence of global supply chains and the opportunities and challenges posed by the fourth industrial revolution. They allowed us to measure the importance and potential or real impacts of enabling/impeding regulatory frameworks.*

*In this regard, several speakers contended that additional regulation needs to be implemented to safeguard competition from distortion, and to ensure European businesses are not hindered from innovating, thus assisting them in remaining dominant global players going forward. Other key thematic areas of discussion, amongst others, included issues accompanying the rise of big data - 'the new oil' - and the future of workers, who will increasingly find employment*

*opportunities in skilled positions in an era of automation and digitalisation.*

*Given the great amount of information and important statements that have been shared by our speakers, we have decided to give you access to an extensive version of the summary of the discussions ([click here](#)).*

*We hope that you will find the report interesting and look forward to welcoming you for the fourth edition of the Annual Stakeholders' Conference end of 2018.*

*We wish you and your families a happy holiday season and all the best for 2018.*

**FEPORT Team**

## **01.12.2017 – Air Emissions from Ships sub-group meeting, Brussels**



A Sub-group on Air Emissions from Ships was established under the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF) aiming to provide expert knowledge in assessing and measuring air pollutant emissions from the sector, the technologies available to address them. The Sub-group is to provide support for the cost-effective implementation of relevant policies in the maritime sector, with priority on Council Directive 1999/32/EC, in order to achieve the projected health and environmental benefits for EU's citizens.

The ESSF provides a platform for a structural dialogue, exchange of technical knowledge, cooperation, and coordination amongst relevant maritime industries' stakeholders, Member States authorities and the Commission and its services to better address the environmental sustainability challenges confronting the EU maritime transport sector.

The contribution of maritime transport emissions to the air quality in the Member States can be considerable. Support in assessing this impact, the location and scale of these emissions and technical solutions to address them would be mutually beneficial to the shipping community, regulators and society at large.

The meeting focused on, amongst other topics, the preparation for the 2020 0.50% sulphur content requirement for maritime fuel. The meeting also included discussions on general aspects related to air emissions from ships, such as experience with ship emission modelling/monitoring.

## **04.12.2017 – Council adopts new Anti-Dumping rules, Brussels**



**Council of the European Union**

Following an adoption by the European Parliament on November 15th, the Council has also approved new rules to help protect the EU against unfair trade practices. The formal signature by the Council has taken place in Strasbourg on 13th of December and the text is expected to enter into force by 20th December 2017.

The new legal framework removes the former distinction between market and non-market economies for calculating dumping while maintaining the same level of protection for producers. The Commission will now need to prove the existence of a "significant market distortion" between a product's sale price and its production cost. On that basis, it will be allowed to set a price for the product by referring for example to the price of the good in a country with a similar level of economic development or to relevant undistorted international costs and prices.

The Commission will also draft specific reports on countries or sectors describing distortions. In line with current practice, it will be for EU firms to file complaints, but they will be able to use the Commission's reports to support their case.

You can check the text of the Regulation [here](#).

## **05.12.2017 – SAGMaS meeting, Brussels**

The 49th meeting of the SAGMaS took place on 5th December. SAGMaS (Stakeholder Advisory Group on Maritime Security) is a trade consultation body which meets regularly with the



Commission and MARSEC (Member States) to assist the Commission regarding its activities related to maritime and port security.

The 49th SAGMaS meeting focused on safety for passenger and ferry services. The Commission informed SAGMaS that this is an issue that is currently being examined by the Commission.

### **05.12.2017 – Priorities and Draft program of the Bulgarian Presidency in the transport sector**



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Council - format „Transport”, which was held on December 5th, in Brussels

With regard to intermodal issues and networks, the Bulgarian Presidency announced that it intends to open the second “Mobility Package” and will begin to work at expert level on the revision of the Directive on the establishment of common rules for combined transport. Future solutions in the field of intermodal transport will be further discussed at the Ministerial Meeting of Transport Ministers on March 19th-20th, 2018 in Sofia under the theme “Multimodal Transport for Europe”.

The financing of the rail transport will be discussed by stakeholders in a discussion forum on “Financing rail transport in the context of the multiannual financial framework after 2020” to be held on January 31st 2018 in Brussels. The rail transport will also be the focus of a high-level expert summit on “European Union Support for the Rail Transport Development in Bulgaria and the Western Balkans: current opportunities and future prospects” to be held on April 13th, 2018 in Sofia. The discussion on the draft Council conclusions on a “Single European Rail Traffic Management System” which will be presented for adoption by the Council of Ministers of Transport will



Priorities and draft program of the Bulgarian Presidency in the transport sector have been presented to the transport ministers of the European Union during the EU Transport, Telecommunications and Energy

be finalized within the framework of the Bulgarian Presidency.

In the field of maritime transport, following the submission of the European Commission’s proposal for a Port Reception Facilities Directive, which is planned at the end of 2017, work on it will be launched within the Maritime Transport Working Group. During the Bulgarian Presidency, the country will host the traditional “European Maritime Day” event, to be held in Burgas from May 31st to June 1st, 2018, and the European Maritime Policy Conference in the period of 3rd-5th May 2018 in Varna.

### **05.12.2017 – Council’s conclusions on the progress of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for transport**

The conclusions take stock of the implementation of both TEN-T and CEF for transport to date, and examine the future investment needs and priorities for EU transport infrastructure.

In the conclusions, the Council acknowledged the important role played by the European Coordinators and welcomed the adoption of the new European Deployment Plan for ERTMS, as well as recognizing the potential of rail freight corridors to develop cost-efficient measures for optimizing the use of the TEN-T network.

Council insisted on the need of ensuring that no discriminatory or restrictive measure are imposed on EU transport operators providing services in neighbouring countries as part of the connection operations of the TEN-T network with the infrastructure of neighbouring countries.

So far only 9% of all investments mobilized through EFSI have benefitted the transport sector, despite the fact that CEF-transport made the largest contribution to the creation of the EFSI guarantee. However that until November 2017, EFSI has supported 53 operations contributing to transport objectives triggering a total of € 22.3 billion in related investment.

In order to mobilize innovative financial instruments for transport, the Council called the Commission to further mobilise public and private finance towards the completion of the TEN-T core network by 2030 and the creation of better synergies



between transport, energy and telecom projects. Finally, the Council acknowledged that in order to guarantee a long-term impact on the Market, EU infrastructure investment instrument needs to provide stability to all stakeholders.

### **06.12.2017 – GLEC EU Plenary meeting, Amsterdam**

On 6th of December, FEPORT participated in the Global Logistics Emissions Council EU Plenary meeting in Amsterdam. During the meeting, FEPORT gave a quick overview of the recently finalised first revision of the EEEG Guidelines. The meeting included updates from the various GLEC working groups and focused primarily on a review of GLEC's strategy. FEPORT has stressed that ultimately any methodology must be straight forward and built upon existing information.

The GLEC Framework provides a harmonised methodology for calculation of CO2 emissions along multimodal logistics chains. It is an industry-led collaboration which aims to make carbon accounting work for industry and is composed of all actors throughout the logistics chain.

### **07.12.2017 – GLEC EU Plenary meeting in Amsterdam: FEPORT engages in a constructive strategy review with other parties of the supply chain**

Last December 1st, FEPORT announced the alignment of the revised EEEG Guidelines with the GLEC framework (1).

As previously communicated, APM Terminals, Contship Italia, EUROGATE, HHLA, Hutchison Ports and PSA have agreed on a first revision to the EEEG Guidelines (2). The revision of the guidelines took place in cooperation with FEPORT's Environment, Safety and Security Committee.

The updated version of the Guidelines takes into consideration the latest scientific developments, such as revising emissions factors, whilst also aligned the guidelines with the GLEC Framework. This ensures that operators have the necessary tools at their disposal to calculate their emissions in line with other key players in the logistics chain.

FEPORT is committed to ensuring that the guidelines are updated

periodically to take into consideration further developments.

FEPORT President, Mr. Gunther Bonz, stated *"the revision of the EEEG Guidelines signifies an important development in terminal operators' commitment to addressing carbon emissions in a proactive manner"*. Mr. Bonz continued, *"As an industry, we are working with our partners throughout the logistics chain to ensure emission reductions are handled in a cooperative manner, with each operator being ultimately responsible for their own emissions"*.

FEPORT Secretary General, Ms. Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, commented: *"What is now needed is cooperation with the European institutions, other players in the supply chain as well as authorities, be it at local or national level, to ensure a coordinated and consistent approach to this important topic."*

*"We believe that the work (3) with GLEC has proven to be a good first step in this regard, and we look forward to further cooperation in the future"*.

*"On December 6th, 2017, FEPORT has participated in the EU plenary meeting of GLEC and has committed to continue to work with other industries currently taking action to reduce their emissions"*.

*"We believe that methodologies, created by the industry and for the industry, are the best way to proceed for calculating emissions, but this implies real proactivity from industry"*, concluded FEPORT Secretary General.

You can check the final EEEG Guidelines [here](#).

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(1) **What the GLEC Framework** is one universal and transparent way of calculating logistics emissions across the global multi-modal supply chain. The GLEC Framework builds on existing methodologies such as CEN 16258, Clean Cargo Working Group, IATA RP 1678 and SmartWay, as well as outputs from the EU funded project COFRET and the US National Cooperative Freight Research Program. The GLEC Framework version 1.0 is backed by industry and other key stakeholders and was launched in June 2016. Read more [here](#).

(2) The EEEG Guidelines, first published in 2012, was created to provide container terminal operators with advice and instruction on the elements to be included and excluded in reporting greenhouse gas emissions, as part of terminal-level carbon footprinting and analyses.

(3) [Press Release: SFC and FEPORT sign an MoU to incorporate the most appropriate existing methodologies for port terminals in the GLEC Framework](#)



**11.12.2017 – European Ports Forum, Brussels**

On December 11th, FEPORT attended the first meeting of the European Ports Forum. The Forum is a tripartite structure meant to allow trade organizations, the European Commission and transport attaches to discuss policy and competitiveness issues affecting European ports and the maritime transport and logistics sector.

The agenda of the first meeting included items such as implementation of the Ports Services Regulation, the General Block Exemption Regulation and the Commission's Blue Growth Strategy, as well as the market potential of ports and inland waterways and a presentation from the International Transport Forum on port-based greenhouse gas incentives.

In his opening speech, Mr. Hololei stated that the aim of the Forum is to support efficiency, sustainability and competitiveness in ports. EU ports sustain around 3 million jobs in the EU. Global political changes, protectionism, alliances, digitalisation, vertical integration, growing vessels sizes, environmental issues are all challenges facing the port sector which has to constantly adapt. Mr. Hololei stressed that the Port Unit will now concentrate on enforcement – no new legislation in next years to come. In terms of new initiatives, DG MOVE Director General mentioned that there is a need to embrace digitalisation to optimise logistics chain.

The Commission will propose a revision of the Reporting Formalities Directive in spring 2018 – this will be based under the principle that information should be reported once and shared between authorities. It will also look into creating a European maritime single window environment that can be gradually expanded to all transport modes.

The Commission is also working on recognition of edocuments through a legislative text expected in spring 2018. This will ensure easier communication of docs between all actors. Interoperability, cyber security, equal treatment are absolutely essential in discussions on electronic transport documents.

In the second part of the meeting the European Commission requested from ITF, ESPO and FEPORT to present main initiatives regarding environmental friendly initiatives.

ITF presented an overview of ITF's work on "Addressing Shipping Emissions GHG Emissions: Lessons from port-based incentives". The presentataion offered an opportunity to explore how port

based incentives can decrease maritime based emissions.

EPSO provided an overview of the good practices on greening being carried out by different ports.

FEPORT explained how private port companies and terminals are investing significantly in green equipment, training and renewable energies.

The next meeting is expected to take place in Spring 2018.

**13.12.2017 – ALICE Plenary, Brussels**

FEPORT participated in the ALICE Plenary meeting of 13th December. The meeting focused on

the reformulation of the ALICE roadmap and the strategy and focus of ALICE for the next 2-3 years.

ALICE Plenary members voted to work towards the creation of the physical internet for transport by 2030 and zero emissions from freight transport by 2050. Of importance, the ALICE Plenary also voted in favour of the creation of a dedicated working group on sustainability (previously sustainable, safe and secure supply chains).

The European Technology Platform ALICE is set-up to develop a comprehensive strategy for research, innovation and market deployment of logistics and supply chain management innovation in Europe. ALICE is based on the recognition of the need for an overarching view on logistics and supply chain planning and control, in which shippers and logistics service providers closely collaborate to reach efficient logistics and supply chain operations.

**15.12.2017 – Work programme of the incoming Presidency**

Please [click here](#) to access information from the Bulgarian delegation on the Work programme of the incoming Presidency.





**20.12.2017 – EU Operators’ Forum, Brussels**

Last December 20th, FEPORT attended the EU Operators’ Forum on the protection of public spaces. Relevant stakeholders had the opportunity to gather available guidance, develop recommendations and discuss and share good practices in regard to protection against terrorist attacks. The private sector plays a crucial role in this regard and establishing a dialogue and a forum between them and with the public authorities is a first important step in identifying ways that European Union can support Member States in their task of protecting public spaces.

The establishment of the Operators’ Forum is one of the actions in the Commission’s Action Plan to support the protection of public spaces that was adopted on 18th October.

**EVENTS AND INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY FEPORT**

**14-15.03.2018 – The 3rd Port Technology Container Terminal Automation Conference: Automated Intelligence & AI**



[The 3rd Port Technology Container Terminal Automation Conference: Automated Intelligence & AI](#) is due to take place on March 14-15, 2018 in London.

The 2017 conference saw over 120+ attendees from 85+ global companies and 30+ speakers and moderators participate. [Download the 2017 conference report & attendee list from April’s event.](#)

In 2018, key industry issues will be debated by global ports and terminals, shipping liners, industry bodies, research agents, consultants, contractors, as well as technology, solution and equipment providers. They will address challenges surrounding process automation, big data analytics, predictive decision making, cyber risk security and many more facets of the fully

automated terminals of the future.

Secure your place now at the introductory rate of £499! If you [book and pay before November 30, 2017](#), you will receive a £500 discount.

**Coming meetings**

**Industry meetings**

<b>ELP lunch debate on the future of Multimodal Freight Transport, Brussels</b>	<b>30.01.2018</b>
<b>SAGMAS, Lisbon</b>	<b>28.02.2018</b>
<b>Social Dialogue, Brussels</b>	<b>07.03.2018</b>
<b>DTLF Plenary, Brussels</b>	<b>22.03.2018</b>
<b>European Shipping Industry Stakeholders Forum, Varna, Bulgaria</b>	<b>03-05.05.2018</b>

**Institutional meetings**

<b>European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels</b>	<b>11.01.2018</b>
<b>European Parliament Plenary Session</b>	<b>15-18.01.2018</b>
<b>European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels</b>	<b>22-23.01.2018</b>
<b>European Parliament Plenary Session</b>	<b>05-08.02.2018</b>
<b>European Parliament Transport Committee meeting, Brussels</b>	<b>19-20.02.2018</b>
<b>Council of the European Union, Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council meeting, Brussels</b>	<b>26.02.2018</b>
<b>European Parliament Plenary Session</b>	<b>28.02-01.03.2018</b>

