

07.07.2016 – Association of European Vehicle Logistics (ECC) Maritime & Ports Working Group meeting, Rotterdam



Last July 7th, FEPORT was invited to participate to ECG's Maritime & Ports Working Group meeting held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. To begin with, representatives from the Port of Rotterdam presented the Port's activities in relation with the vehicle logistics sector.

Other speeches were given by ECG members and a representative of the Green Award Foundation. Common areas of interest between FEPORT and ECG such as Ports Regulation, Pilotage Exemption certificates and the need to boost National Authorities' acceptance of electronic documents in logistics were discussed too.

The meeting was followed by a pleasant boat tour in the Port of Rotterdam.

"FEPORT and ECG have clear interest in intensifying their cooperation because we believe in the benefits and added value deriving from seamless, resilient and sustainable supply and logistics chains.

FEPORT and ECG members are convinced and engaged with other organizations to reach this goal but we also need to join forces with institutional actors and Member States to succeed" commented Lamia Kerdjoudj-Belkaid, FEPORT Secretary General.

08.07.2016 - Infrastructure - TEN-T - European Commission gets go-ahead for €6.7 billion investment in transport projects

The EU Member States have formally approved [the list of 195 transport projects](#) that will receive €6.7 billion of EU funding

under the 2015's calls for proposals of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

Individual project grant agreements will now be prepared by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA) and signed with the project beneficiaries by the end of the year.

12.07.2016 - Slovak Presidency priorities discussed in TRAN Committee

M. Roman Brecely, Minister for Transport, Construction and Regional Development in charge of transport issues from the Slovak Presidency presented the priorities and objectives for the coming months during the meeting of the Transport Committee (TRAN) held last July 12th.

Ongoing revision of aviation safety rules and the preparation of EU positions for the next ICAO and IMO meetings, will also be among the priorities of the Slovak Presidency.

13.07.2016 - Public consultation on the Revision of the Port Reception Facilities Directive (2000/59/EC)

The consultation aims at collecting your views on a possible revision of Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues ("the PRF Directive").

The Commission has identified a range of potential shortcomings in the implementation of the Directive, confirming that the current system is not optimal and that a revision might be the preferred option to address these shortcomings.

The [questionnaire](#) is addressed to all stakeholders who are concerned by the implementation of the PRF Directive. The consultation period starts from 13/07/2016 until 16/10/2016.

14.07.2016 - Trade Contact Group Plenary meeting

On 14th July, the 43rd meeting of the Trade Contact Group Plenary meeting took place. 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. Importantly, the meeting of 14th July was the first meeting of the TCG Plenary since the Union Customs Code (UCC) came into force on 01 May 2016.

The primary discussion of the meeting regarded the state of play of the UCC. All actors agree that amendments will be required to the legal texts related to the UCC over time.

The primary topic for FEPORT on this issue is the criteria for a guarantee waiver as stipulated in the Delegated Acts of the UCC.

FEPORT has called for the a clear communication (or, if required, amendment) which would ensure that the criteria is in line with Authorised Economic Operator – Customs (AEO-C) status, thereby reducing administrative burdens and providing certainty for operators.

Coming meetings

IMO meeting on VGM - London	05-09.09.2016
ICHCA Seminar - London	12.09.2016
ICHCA Technical Committees meetings - London	13-14.09.2016
DTLF Plenary Meeting - Brussels	20.09.2016
FEPORT Port Policy Committee - Brussels	20.09.2016
IDC World Congress - Miami	24-27.09.2016
FEPORT Customs and Logistics Committee - London	26.09.2016
INEA Motorways of the Sea (MoS) workshop - Brussels	28-09-2016
Short Sea Conference, Barcelona	29-30.09.2016
AIVP Conference - Rotterdam	5-7.10.2016
Trade Contact Group meeting - Brussels	05.10.2016
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
ECG General Assembly - Hamburg	20-21.10.2016
FEPORT Second Annual Stakeholders Conference - Brussels	08.12.2016