

# Strategic Goals and Recommendations for the EU's Maritime Transport Policy until 2018



## Intended to address

- Pressures from Globalisation and Competition (particularly quality shipping relocating overseas)
- The various current crises (particularly economy and energy-related)



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# Human Resources

- Facilitate lifelong career prospects
- Enhance the image of shipping and careers at sea and promote labour mobility
- Support the work for fair treatment of seafarers
- Promote better use of ICT to assist on-board healthcare, distance learning and personal communication

# Human Resources

- Implement Simplification measures to reduce the administrative burden on Masters and officers on board ships.
- Implement the ILO 2006 Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) to improve conditions on board ships
- Strike a balance between work conditions of EU seafarers and the competitiveness of the EU fleet

# Quality Shipping as a Key Competitive Advantage

- Improving the Environmental Performance
- Maritime Transport Safety
- Maritime Transport Security
- Maritime Surveillance



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# A Key Element of EU Energy Security

- 90% of oil is transported by sea
- Increasing trend towards transport of natural gas in a liquefied form by tankers (LNG)
- Recent disruptions in the supply of gas and oil over land underline the importance of LNG infrastructure

# Working Together on the International Scene

- Concerted action at EU level is crucial in several fora (eg. WTO, IMO, ILO, WCO)
- EU needs to be visible within the IMO
- Better mechanism for rapid ratification of IMO conventions at world level

# Sea Transport Services for Business and Citizen in Europe (1)

- Establish a maritime transport space without borders (through simplified customs procedures etc.)
- Ensure the right conditions for attracting investment flows to the port sector
- Facilitate better connection of islands and long-distance intra EU passenger transport

# Sea Transport Services for Business and Citizen in Europe (2)

- Examine economic instruments for “getting the price right” (eg. Taxes, charges etc) to encourage users to make use of short sea shipping alternatives
- Address the issue of passenger rights for users of ferry and cruise services.

# Maritime Research and Innovation

- Challenges to come up with new ship designs and equipment to improve safety and environmental performance
- Adequate ICT inspection and monitoring tools should be developed