

SEAFARERS MATTER

FOR A FAIR
SHIPPING SECTOR
IN EUROPE

A conference on how
to make the European
shipping sector a
generator of wealth
and EU-based employment

28 February 2017 ▪ Brussels ▪ Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel ▪ Av. Louise 71

PROGRAMME

08:15–09:00 **Coffee and registration**

09:00–09:10 **Opening session**

Welcome by Philippe Alfonso, *Political Secretary for Maritime Transport, ETF*

09:10–09:20 **Introduction**

by Mark Dickinson, *General Secretary, Nautilus International*

09:20–09:30 **Screening of the animated film: *Seafarers Matter!***

09:30–09:50 **The reality of working in the maritime transport sector**

Prof. Capt. Syamantak Bhattacharya, *Director, School of Maritime Science and Engineering, Solent University*

09:50–11:15 **ROUND TABLE 1:**

Why should we protect EU employment in the maritime transport sector?

Introduction: Alain Vidalies, *French Minister for Transport, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

Moderator: Richard Clayton, *Chief Maritime Correspondent at IHS Markit*

Panellists: Steve Todd, *RMT National Secretary, UK*

Agnes Jongerius MEP, *S&D, NL*

Magda Kopczynska, *Director, Waterborne Transport, DG MOVE*

Brian Simpson, *European Coordinator for Motorways of the Sea, European Commission*

Claire Flécher, *Doctor of Sociology at the Universities of Lille 1 and Paris 10 Nanterre*

11:15–11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45–13:15 **ROUND TABLE 2:**

Enhancing labour rights and investing in training for tomorrow

Moderator: Nigel Lowry, *Lloyd's List, Athens*

Panellists: Patrick Verhoeven, *Secretary General, ECSA*

Jean-Louis Colson, *Head of Unit, Social Aspects & Passenger Rights, DG MOVE*

Elisabeth Morin-Chartier MEP, *EPP, France*

Santiago Ordás Jiménez, *Director, the Nautical Academy, Barcelona, Spain*

Marko Šuljić, *student, Maritime Faculty, Rijeka, Croatia*

13:15–13:30 **Closing speech**

by Isabelle Thomas MEP, *S&D, France*

13:30–14:30 **Networking lunch**

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