

# **HIGH LEVEL MEETING SHORT SEA SHIPPING**

**15 February 2016**



Dear colleagues and sector representatives,

Welcome at the High Level Meeting on Short Sea Shipping, held as a part of the Dutch Presidency of the European Council. And what could be more appropriate than to have our meeting in the Europe-building, which is built on Amsterdam's historic naval dockyard. The location of the Europe-building was once part of the IJ-river and is now reclaimed land. The nearby National Maritime Museum, in which we will close our day, is originally a sea warehouse dating from 1656. This setting underlines the long standing importance of shipping for the Dutch.

It is on these historic grounds that we today strive for (re)stimulation of short sea shipping in the EU. The capacity of this sustainable transport mode is, in our opinion, not yet fully utilised. By providing an insight in the opportunities and challenges the sector faces, and by assessing how these challenges could be seized and overcome, we want to strengthen the short sea sector throughout Europe.

We will start our meeting on short sea shipping with contributions on short sea in general, the future of EU Shipping and the industry's perspective on the subject. After this, we will take up the gauntlet ourselves and constructively work together in finding answers to a diverse range of subjects. At the end of the afternoon, a high level panel will discuss on the conference findings. Hopefully, our conclusions will contribute to a bright future for short sea. We will close our meeting in the National Maritime Museum with drinks and guided tours. Finally, ECSA, Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners and the Port of Amsterdam have kindly invited us to dinner at the museum.

I thank you very much for coming to our meeting and I am looking forward to your inspiring input. Let's hoist the sail now the wind is fair!

Yours faithfully,

Brigit Gijsbers  
DIRECTOR MARITIME AFFAIRS,  
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

## PROGRAMME

### High Level Meeting on Short Sea Shipping

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2016

**8.45 – 9.15** Registration

**9.30 – 11.00** **RIJNROOM**

Opening words and plenary start of the meeting by chair **Ms. Brigit Gijsbers**, Director Maritime Affairs, Netherlands

Key note speaker **Mr. Mark Frequin**, Director-General for Transport and Mobility, Netherlands

Intermezzo: Film Short Sea Shipping in Europe

Key note speaker **Mr. Fotis Karamitsos**, Deputy Director-General DG Move, European Commission

Key note speaker **Mr. Niels Smedegaard**, ECSA President and CEO of DFDS

Presentation of ECSA Short Sea Shipping brochure

Closure

**11.00– 11.20** Coffee break

**11.30 - 12.30** **First session of Workshops** (four workshops run parallel)

1. Maritime Single Window - a future perspective  
*Towards a Single Window*  
**LIFFYROOM, first floor**
2. Innovative financing: tool for sustainable shipping investments  
*Demonstrate and explore possibilities*  
**ELBEROOM, first floor**
3. Best Practices in short sea shipping  
*Successful business cases illustrated*  
**SAVA, VIDA, EMAJOGIROOM, ground floor**

4. Blue Growth & Maritime Spatial Planning  
*Impact on short sea shipping*  
**THEEMSROOM, first floor**

**12.45 - 14.00** Lunch break, **MOEZELROOM**

**14.15 - 15.15      Second session of Workshops**

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**15.15 – 15.45** Coffee break

**16.00 - 17.00      RIJNROOM**

Plenary presentation of the feedback from the workshops

Panel discussion on workshop results and meeting findings.

Panel members **Ms. Tineke Netelenbos, Mr. Enrico Pujia, Mr. Mark Frequin, Mr. Brian Simpson, Mr. Andreas Nordseth**

Concluding remarks

**17.00 – 17.30** Transfer to nearby National Maritime Museum

**17.30 - 19.00      Cocktail** in the National Maritime Museum

**19.30 - 22.00**

**Dinner** offered by the Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners (KVRN), the European Community of Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and Port of Amsterdam

## **Information Workshops**

### **Maritime Single Window (MSW) - a future perspective**

This workshop will start from the assumption that the Maritime Single Window based on the Directive 2010/65 is successfully realized and operational in the relevant EU member states and that we want to progress further in line of the SW concept.

But how to advance? Where do we start? There seems to be a limitless list of possibilities.

For instance do we have to concentrate on ICT and harmonize data and connect MSW's. Or do we tackle the harmonization of the safety, customs and immigration legislation as to reporting moments? Or do we add meaningful functionalities and do we re-use cargo information for connecting transport.

Today we start writing a new chapter towards seamless digital services for Short Sea Shipping and all its transport connections. Therefore we will in this workshop prioritize 5 steps to take as of now and deduce who is best equipped to be the initiator. We will do this together, interactively. The results will be taken to plenary but will also be presented to the next EU Maritime Directors meeting.

### **Innovative financing: tool for sustainable shipping investments**

The European Investment Bank (EIB) and Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment will present the development of the Green Shipping Financing Tool in the Netherlands. Goal of this innovative financing tool is to increase access to finance and to reach more attractive finance for greening investments in short sea shipping. EU guarantee support of the CEF debt instruments and the European Fund for Sustainable Investments (EFSI) are expected to catalyze greening investments in short sea shipping on more attractive terms. The Green Shipping Financing Tool is a co-production of the European Commission, EIB and Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, in cooperation with the Royal Dutch Association of Shipowners and Netherlands Investment Agency. In the workshop the design, conditions and method of the pilot with the Green Shipping Financing Tool will be presented. The EIB will show the state of play at EU level and will guide the financing directions to follow for greening of short sea shipping in the EU. The possibilities to incorporate the financing tool in other EU Member States will be explored and discussed in an interactive manner by the workshop participants.

### **Best Practices in short sea shipping**

In this workshop a best practice from the short sea sector will be presented and discussed in an interactive manner. Transport company A2B-online and several stakeholders of the logistical chain will discuss the key drivers of A2B-online with its 'short sea on low cost airline principle'. The stakeholders have cooperated closely, brought several modalities together and had attention for the economic, social and environmental aspects of their work. This case may inspire participants in how to seize existing opportunities for the short sea sector.

### **Blue Growth & Maritime Spatial Planning**

The workshop offers a unique possibility to get some hands-on experience with ecosystem based maritime spatial planning, land-sea interactions and the European blue growth agenda (clean energy; maritime, coastal and nautical tourism; aquaculture; blue biotechnology and deep sea mining).

As a serious game, the 24 workshop participants will be divided into three teams, representing three (imaginary) countries. Participants will be challenged to develop the maritime space in terms of sustainable blue growth and connect this to the challenges,

threats and opportunities for short sea shipping. The workshop provides for an experience, delving into the complexity of Maritime Spatial Planning processes. By taking part in the workshop, the Short Sea Shippers learn to anticipate on their future role therein.

Results of the workshop will also be shared with the community of Maritime Spatial Planners.



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Brigit C.M. Gijsbers**

Director Maritime Affairs  
Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment

#### **Earlier jobs:**

2010-2013: Deputy Director Public Transport and Rail  
2007-2010: Deputy Director Rail Transport Department (passenger and freight rail transport) in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment  
2005-2007: Deputy Director Freight Transport (rail, road and inland waterways) in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment  
2002-2005: Head of Unit in the Customs Legislation Department of the Ministry of Finance  
1996-2002: Manager within the Customs Organization in Rotterdam

#### **Study:**

Law at Leiden University

#### **Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment:**

Within this Ministry the Directorate-General for Mobility is responsible for the policy on road, rail, public transport, maritime and air transport and the study and realization of new infrastructure works.

The Directorate Maritime Affairs is responsible for the policy and legislation for maritime transport, transport on inland water ways and for new infrastructure in the (sea) ports en waterways in the Netherlands. The directorate is also responsible for the international relations with neighboring countries, with the EU and international organizations, such as IMO and IALA.





## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Mark Frequin**

Since September 2015, Mark Frequin is Director General for Mobility and Transport in the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. Mark is responsible for the policies on the entire transport portfolio: civil aviation, maritime affairs, public transport & rail, roads & road safety, and a temporary program to improve the use of the existing infrastructure.

From 2012 till 2015 Mark Frequin was Director General for Housing and Building in the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations. Before that he was Director General for Housing, Building and Integration in the Ministry for Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment. In the past Mark Frequin has held positions as Director General for Energy and Telecom in the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Director General of Post and Telecom in the Ministry of Transport, Acting Secretary General in the Ministry of Justice and Director of Primary Education, Director of Management and Policy and Acting Director of Secondary Education in the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

His educational background is in social geography and planning. Mark Frequin is chair of the association for government managers and author of two books on the cooperation work of civil servants and ministers.



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Fotis Karamitsos**

Mr Karamitsos is Director of the Logistics, Innovation, Co-modality and Maritime Transport Directorate (G) within the Directorate General Energy and Transport (DG TREN) of the European Commission.

The Directorate is responsible for the development and follow-up of the implementation of Maritime transport policy and Inland Waterways, but also Intelligent Transport Systems and GALILEO, Logistics, Coordination of Energy and Transport RTD. It also covers policy on Urban Transport and Clean Vehicles.

He is with the European Commission for the last 25 years, where he has worked on various Transport issues, as well on Telecommunications, Information society, Environment and Tourism.

Before joining the Commission he worked with the World Health Organisation's programme on Greater Athens Pollution Control and on the Greek Academic and Public Sectors.

He holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Transportation planning from the Technical University of Athens and from Leeds University.



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Niels Smedegaard**

2007-	President & CEO, The DFDS Group, Copenhagen, DK
2000-2006	President & CEO, e-gatematrix (a Gate Gourmet Group subsidiary), Atlanta, US
1995-2000	Executive Vice President & CFO, Gate Gourmet Group, Zurich, CH
1994-1995	Vice President, Head of Strategic Controlling, Swissair Associated Companies Zurich, CH
1993-1994	Vice President, Corporate Finance, SAS Service Partner, Copenhagen, DK
1990-1993	Manager, Corporate Finance, SAS Service Partner, Copenhagen, DK
1988-1990	Manager Treasury, SAS Finance, Copenhagen, DK
1988	MSc. Economy, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, DK
1987	MBA Exchange program, University of Texas, Austin, US

## **BOARD POSITIONS**

Chairman:  
The Bikuben Foundation  
ECSA (European Community Shipowners' Associations)

Deputy Chairman:  
Danish Shipowners' Association

Member:  
Interferry  
TT Club  
Denmark-America Foundation  
Kollegiefonden Bikuben  
FrederiksbergFonden

Subsidiaries of the DFDS Group



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Tineke Netelenbos**

Tineke Netelenbos is president of the Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners and of the Task Force for the Maritime Labour Market. She is member of the Board of ECSA, the European Community Shipowners' Associations and member of the Board of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers. She is a member of the Advisory Board of MARIN, President IT platform (ECP), President Advisory Council ports of Wadden islands, Member Cyber Security Council and Member High Level Consultation Ministry of Economic Affairs.

### **The Kok cabinets**

During the second Kok cabinet (1998-2002) she served as minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management. In 1994 Netelenbos was appointed as secretary of state for education in the first Kok cabinet (1994-1998).

### **More background**

Tineke Netelenbos was elected to the Second Chamber of Parliament in 1987, following appointments to the Haarlemmermeer municipal council, regional government and the PvdA (the Dutch Labour Party) Board. She served as her party's spokesperson for education, as chair of the education parliamentary commission and of the public health parliamentary commission.



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Brian Simpson**

#### **Previous assignments**

1974–1989: PE teacher in Liverpool  
1981–1986: Councillor, Merseyside County Council  
1981–1986: Deputy Chair, Liverpool Airport  
1987–1991: Councillor, Warrington Borough Council  
1987–1989: Deputy Chair of Finance Committee and Chair of the Policy Review Committee, Warrington Borough Council  
1989–1999: Member of the European Parliament, representing Cheshire East  
1991–2004: Socialist Group Spokesperson for Transport and Tourism  
1992–1994: Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Republics of (former) Yugoslavia  
1994–1999: Chair of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway  
1997–2004: Chair of the Performance and Policy Review, PPS to the Deputy Prime Minister  
1999–2004: Member of the European Parliament, representing the North West Region  
2004: Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport  
2004–2006: Director, North West Rail Campaign  
2008–2009: Socialist Group Spokesperson for Transport and Tourism

#### **Current tasks**

Since 1989: Member of the European Parliament Socialist Group/ Labour Party  
Since 2009: Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats  
Since 2009: Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism  
Since 2009: Member of the Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand  
Since 2009: Substitute of the Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community  
Since 2009: Member of Conference of Committee Chairs  
Since 2006: Substitute of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

- Vice-President of the Heritage Railway Association
- President of the Warrington, Halton and St. Helens branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Life Governorship of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- President of the Golborne Cricket Club

On 1st July 2014 Mr Simpson became the European Coordinator for the [Motorways of the Sea](#) .



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Enrico Maria Pujia**

### **Main activities and responsibilities**

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR PORT AUTHORITIES  
SUPERVISION AND MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY AND INNER WATERWAYS,  
MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

#### **FOCAL POINT at:**

- Short Sea Shipping MS meetings;
- Integrated Maritime Policy MS meetings.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE at:**

- The high level steering group on emissions reduction.

#### **COORDINATOR for:**

- EU projects;
- Seaways projects.

### **Publication**

- 83 articles on several national and international main maritime field magazines also related to University Studies (Bologna *Alma Mater* University);

### **Education**

"La Sapienza" University of Rome – ITALY

- Faculty of Political Science -

**University degree on 'Political science'**

### **University specializations**

- Economy and Transport Policy' (University La Sapienza, 1997);
- International Laws on Levies' (University La Sapienza , 1991/92);
- High Officials specialization at the SSPA Italy.



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Andreas Nordseth**

#### **Occupation**

Jan 2009: Director General, Danish Maritime Authority  
2003: Deputy Director General, Danish Maritime Authority  
1999: Head of Division for Maritime Education and Training, Danish Maritime Authority  
1997: Chief Examiner for Masters and Mates, Danish Maritime Authority  
1991: Consultant on Maritime Education and Training Examiner for Masters and Mates  
1989 – 1991: Maritime Lecturer at Copenhagen Nautical College  
1986 – 1989: Assisting Maritime Lecturer  
Studying for Maritime Lecturer  
1986: Serving as 2nd Lieutenant of the Reserve, Royal Danish Navy  
1985: Training Officer, Danish training ship "DANMARK"  
1984: Assisting Maritime Lecturer, Copenhagen Nautical College  
1983: Deck Officer, East Asiatic Company

#### **Education**

1982: Shipmasters' Diploma, Copenhagen Nautical College  
1984: 2nd Lieutenant, Nautical Officer of the Reserve, Royal Danish Navy  
1989: Maritime Lecturer, Technical University of Denmark

#### **Various positions**

Chairman of Consultative Shipping Group

Board positions:

- World Maritime University
- MDCE (Maritime Development Centre of Europe)
- EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency)
- The Danish Maritime Fund
- The Association for Promotion of Shipping
- Advisory Board for Executive MBA in Shipping & Logistics, Copenhagen Business School

**Address**

The meeting will take place in the Europe building, Kattenburgerstraat 7, 1018 JH in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

This venue is located in the centre of Amsterdam.