Mid-term report on the implementation of the EU Maritime Transport Strategy until 2018

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Facts - Trends - Challenges
Facts and Trends

- Rapid growth of world economy
- 80% of global trade in terms of tonnage is transported by sea
- Shipping volumes soared
- Wave of newly built vessels entering the market
Facts and Trends

2009 Economic crisis

Drastic reduction of transport volumes

Overcapacity

Larger vessels + horizontal alliances
Challenges
- New port infrastructure
- Regulatory framework
- Transparency of public funding
- Non-discriminatory access to services

Handling of bigger ships

- Speedier execution of formalities
- Better operational coordination of logistics
- Digitalisation

More concentrated volumes of cargo

- Corrective actions contributing to the "greening" of shipping

Higher pressure on environmental resources

- Attract and train sufficient number of EU seafarers

New vessel technology
Five areas
Accomplishments and Outlook
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Safety and Security

Digitalisation and simplification for more efficient waterborne transport

Environmental sustainability & Decarbonisation

A stronger global player

Raising the profile & qualifications of the seafarers & maritime professions
Safety and Security Accomplishments

- Priority given to enforcement of existing EU in international rules and implementation of measures under 3rd maritime safety package (2009) in many fields, e.g.:
  - Flag state compliance, Port State Control, Maritime Information and Exchange system (SafeSeaNet), Places of refuge, Accidents investigations, Passenger ship safety, Liability and compensation for damages by shipping activities, Marine equipment, Security inspections, SOLAS regime, Piracy.

- Revision of the mandate of EMSA (2013)
Safety and Security
Outlook

- Pursue efforts so that the EU retains one of the world's most stringent legislative frameworks to prevent and respond adequately to maritime accidents.
- Make sure that legislative framework is lean and fit for purpose through evaluations of existing EU legislation
- Renewed focus on security, multiple threats emerging.
Digitalisation and simplification

Accomplishments

- **Blue Belt**: formalities for Regular Shipping Services simplified
- Identification of EU goods through a **Customs Goods Manifest**
- Agreement reached between European Parliament and Council on new **Ports Regulation**
- New **TEN-T** guidelines and **CEF** boosting the creation of a network of multimodal transport corridors
Establishment of the EU single window: complete as early as possible in 2017 the first phase of the project (i.e. inclusion of the so-called "eManifest" in the Single Window prototype created by EMSA).

In a second phase work on developing a European Maritime Single Window.

Evaluation of legislative framework in 2016

Continuation of work in the Digital Transport & Logistics Forum (DTLF)

Modernising the application of State Aid rules to the public financing of port infrastructures
Environmental sustainability & Decarbonisation

Accomplishments

- MRV Regulation: Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of CO₂ emissions from large ships using EU ports as of January 2018
- GHG reduction targets for the maritime sector
- Upgrading actions and REFIT evaluation of the Port reception facilities Directive
- Introduction of a 0,1% sulphur emission limit in SECAs since 2015 and 0,5% in all EU waters as of 2020
- European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF)
- Deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure by 2025
Environmental sustainability & Decarbonisation

Outlook

- Promotion of voluntary "green charging" schemes by EU ports
- EU support of global MRV system adoption by IMO, to be followed by review/revision of EU scheme
- Removal of obstacles to the adoption of cleaner fuels
- Support for development of 'green' infrastructure through CEF
- Co-funding of R&I into alternative propulsion systems through Horizon 2020
- Further alignment of Port Reception facilities with MARPOL Convention
A stronger global player

Accomplishments

- Cooperation and active presence from Member States and Commission in IMO and ILO – Significant results on safety and environmental issues
- Bilateral dialogues with China, Japan, Norway, Brazil and the US.
- Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) concluded with multiple South- and North-American, as well as Asian countries.
- Community Guidelines for State aids for maritime transport
A stronger global player

Outlook

- Ongoing negotiations on FTAs with Japan and the US
- EU support for the inclusion of an annex on the liberalisation of maritime transport services, as well as market access commitments in the ongoing plurilateral TiSA (Trade in Services) agreement
- Continuation of the work in international organisations
Seafarers and maritime professions

**Accomplishments**

- ILO Maritime Labour Convention incorporated into EU law and enforced by means of two other Directives
- Inclusion of EU seafarers in EU labour law Directives
- Task Force on Maritime Employment & Competitiveness
- EU support for social partners' projects
- International training standards incorporated into EU law
- Favorable taxation regime for EU seafarers
Seafarers and maritime professions

Outlook

- Strengthening cooperation between education- and employment side in order to fill skills gaps, through EU funding schemes.
- Work started on two REFIT evaluations: the Directives on the minimum level of training of seafarers and on the mutual recognition of seafarer certificates. Open public consultation to be launched soon and external studies contracted.
- Support of the work of the European social dialogue committee for maritime transport.