# 7th ESSF Plenary Meeting

**Brussels, 24 January 2017**

*Charlemagne Building, Lord Jenkins room*
*(Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels)*

**Annotated AGENDA**

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<td>1. Magda Kopczynska, Director, Directorate MOVE – D Logistics, maritime &amp; land transport and passenger rights</td>
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<td>2. Georgios Christofi, Head of Unit, Environment and Capacity Building, EMSA</td>
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<td>3. Sandro Santamato, Head of Unit, DG MOVE - D.1 Maritime Transport &amp; Logistics</td>
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| 09:15 | **2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 6th the Plenary ESSF meeting and the Agenda of the 7th the Plenary ESSF meeting** |

**Actions:**
- Comments/Adoption of the minutes of ESSF Plenary 6 meeting, held on 28 June 2016
- Adoption of agenda for ESSF Plenary 7

**Documents:**
- Draft minutes
- Draft agenda

| 9.30  | **3. State of play on establishing Sub-group on Air Emissions from ships** |

**Actions:**
- oral information to be provided by the Commission, about the status of work in both sub-groups.
- questions and answers/discussion

**Documents:**
- No documents

| 09:45 | **4. MRV Shipping Monitoring and MRV Shipping Verification and Accreditation - State of play** |

**Actions:**
- oral information to be provided by the Commission, about the status of work in both MRV sub-groups.
- questions and answers/discussion
### 5. Sub-group on Financing

**Chairman of the Financing Sub-group: Szymon Oscisłowski**

- Update to the Final report from the Sub-group
- Discussion and Plenary decisions
  1. Approve the final report
  2. Agree on closing the sub-group

**Actions:**
- Commission will briefly introduce the Final report from the Sub-group
- Discussion on the Final Report,
- Approval of requests to the Plenary (see point 4 on page 5 of the Final report)

**Documents:**
Document nr 5a – Final Report

### 6. Motorways of the Sea – detailed implementation plan – Stakeholders consultations

**Brian Simpson – MoS Coordinator, DG MOVE – B.1 Transport Networks**

- Presentation (max 15 min.)
- Discussion and Plenary decisions

**Actions:**
- Mr Brian Simpson, the European Coordinator for Motorways of the Sea will feature a short presentation of the Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) and explain COM plans to further improve, shorten and make it more specific in its second version, which is planned for the second half of 2017
- Second DIP is going to be a political and strategic paper outlining the vision of the European Coordinator on future priorities and objectives of the EU Motorways of the Sea policy.
- Discussions on how priorities of ESSF could be reflected in the second DIP.

**Documents**
- Document nr 6 – DIP MoS

### Coffee break

### 7. Competitiveness

**Sub-group rapporteur: Patrick Verhoeven (ECSA)**

- Discussion on new suggested work packages
- Information about call for members
- Plenary decisions
### Actions:
- Rapporteur will provide a brief oral introduction to the submission from the Sub-group (max 5 min)
- Discussion on the suggested work packages (Important note: please read annex 1 and 2 to the submission)
- Approval of requests to the Plenary (see point 2 of the submission)
- Commission will provide speaking information about rules and plans for extending membership to the Competitiveness Sub-group to existing members of the Financing Sub-group.

### Documents:
- 7a - ESSF sub-group on Competitiveness – proposed new Work Packages

### 11:45 8. LNG as Marine Fuel

**Sub-group rapporteur: Martial Claudepierre (BV/IACS)**

- Progress report from the sub-group (max 5 min)
- EMSA guidance on LNG bunkering to port authorities and administrations (max 15 min)
- Discussion and Plenary decisions

### Actions:
- EMSA will present an information about progress in development of the EMSA guidance on LNG bunkering to port authorities and administrations, including results of the on-line questionnaire and results of the Workshop in EMSA on 1-2 December 2016)
- Rapporteur will provide a brief speaking introduction of the Progress report from the Sub-group (max 5 min)
- Discussion/Approval of the Sub-group recommendations to the Plenary and actions to be considered by the ESSF Plenary based on sub-group recommendations (see point 2 and 3 of the submission)

### Documents:
- Document 8a – progress report from the ESSF LNG Sub-group
- Document 8b – Information paper about EMSA Guidance on LNG Bunkering to Port Authorities and Administrations

### 12:15 9. The results of the EMSA Study on the Use of Fuel Cells in Shipping

**Tomas Tronstad (DNV-GL) – project manager**

- Presentation
- Discussion and Plenary decisions

Fuel Cells represent today a remarkably important technology. Their future is however somewhat linked with the future developments in Hydrogen as fuel for ships.

Majority of current applications of Fuel Cells use “reforming” of other low flashpoint fuels (including LNG and Methanol). The technology is under development.

COM/EMSA participates in the IGF Correspondence Group on Fuel Cells in the context of current IGF discussions at IMO.
### 12:45-14:15 Lunch Break

### 14:15 10. Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems

*Sub-group rapporteur: Mark Penfold (ABS Europe)*

a. Progress report from the sub-group

b. Discussion and Plenary decisions

**Actions:**
- Rapporteur will provide a brief speaking introduction to the submission from the Sub-group (max 5 min)
- Discussion/Approval of the Sub-group recommendations to the Plenary (point 2 of the submission)

**Documents:**
Document 10a – progress report of the EGCS Sub-group
http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetailDoc&id=29309&no=5

### 14:45 11. Port Reception Facilities

*Sub-group Rapporteur: Peter Van Den Dries*

a. Progress report from the sub-group

b. Discussion and Plenary decisions

The Commission is currently undertaking an Impact Assessment for revision of the PRF Directive. The measures considered for the revision aim at improving adequacy of PRF, enforcement of the delivery obligation, providing effective incentives for delivery and reducing the administrative burden associated with the PRF system.

The PRF Subgroup has been consulted during the IA process on the proposed measures and options for the revision and their expected impacts, and the input will support the Commission in drafting its IA Report, with the legislative proposal for the revision expected to come out during the second semester of 2017.

**Actions:**
- Rapporteur will provide a brief speaking introduction to the submission from the Sub-group (max 5 min)
- Discussion/Approval of the Sub-group recommendations to the Plenary (point 2 of the submission)

**Documents:**
11a - progress report about PRF Sub-group
http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetailDoc&id=29310&no=6
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Having in mind large number of ESSF developments and achievements since 2013, such as:
- number of submissions to the IMO addressing legal gaps for use of LNG and scrubbers
- cooperation with ISO with regard to LNG related standards
- contribution to development of *EMSA the Sulphur Inspection Guidance* in support of enforcement of the Sulphur Directive
- contribution to development of the Implementing Decision *EU 2015/253 laying down the rules concerning the sampling and reporting under the Sulphur Directive*
- contribution to development of the set of delegated and implementing acts that pave the way to the implementation of the MRV Regulation
- development of the concept for the *Green Shipping Guarantee Programme* and the *Vademecum for a better utilisation of EU instruments*
- providing economic analysis for 2015 Impact of Low Sulphur Requirement (based on ECSA Survey).

Having also in mind ongoing initiatives, most with which is going to be concluded by the end of this year, such as:
- development of the EMSA guidance for LNG bunkering for Port Authorities and Administrations
- development of guidance on various aspects of the MRV system implementation
- planned launching of the new sub-group on Air Emissions from Ships
- providing assistance to the future revision of the PRF Directive, and as such providing direct input to the impact assessment for such a revision

Taking into account the above ESSF actions and those presented during the meeting, the Commission would like to invite ESSF members to consider issues, problems or challenges in context of the current ESSF mandate aimed at fostering sustainable maritime transport, which could be potentially addressed by the ESSF in the remaining timeframe (by 30 June 2018) or beyond, if decided necessary.

The members' suggestions will be addressed and discussed at the next ESSF Plenary meeting, planned to be held in June 2017.

| 16.15 | **13. The CEF project CompMon 'Compliance monitoring pilot for Marpol Annex VI'**  
*Ward Van Roy from Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences*

Different targeting systems (sniffers installed on fixed platforms or mobile devices) are currently being tested in the framework of the project, in order to provide cost efficient port controls of those ships that are more likely to violate the SECA rules. Such systems are being tested in Finland, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Therefore, the final purpose is to secure a level playing field for those vessels sailing in the SECA and which are complying with the SOx limitations.

You can find more information on the dedicated website:  
[http://compmon.eu/about_compmon](http://compmon.eu/about_compmon) and project fiche:  
This is the only Action under CEF addressing compliance and enforcement with SECA rules and will be finalised at the end of this year.

**Actions:**
- Presentation about the results of the project
- Discussion

**Documents:**
Reports from the study available here: [http://compmon.eu/reports](http://compmon.eu/reports)

| 16.50 | Concluding remarks and closing of the meeting |