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Subject: Meeting of the Maritime Directors – Brussels, 2 March 2017
Summary points

1. Maritime year and European Shipping Week

There was vast appreciation of inspiring ESW events and flagship conference and unanimous support for the Maritime year 2017 and Valetta Declaration.

2. State of play of the Fitness check of maritime transport legislation

The Commission gave a presentation on the preliminary results of the open public consultation for the five safety related pieces of legislation, and the Maritime Directors welcomed the overall first indications.

3. Reporting formalities: progress on the eManifest and the single window

The Commission presented the indicative findings of the Reporting Formalities directive evaluation and the state-of-play of the eManifest project.

A large majority of the Maritime Directors confirmed their support for the review of the RFD. It was generally acknowledged that the harmonisation goals have not been reached and further work is necessary particularly on standardised data mapping and reporting forms.

Need for future-proof solution was mentioned as being one of the requirements.

The eManifest project is considered being a good way forward on developing and testing harmonised solutions while waiting the revision of the RFD.

4. EMSA: evaluation first results and state of play with Coastguard cooperation

The Commission's presentation was welcomed.
5. European Sustainable Shipping Forum – major ongoing developments

The Commission's presentation was welcomed.

6. AOB – Hosting of the LRIT IDE

The future hosting of the LRIT-IDE in EMSA was addressed and the issue will be raised again in a future meeting.