



# Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

## Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Focal Points and Short Sea Promotion Centres for Shortsea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea (E01080)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Abbreviation:** SSS

**Policy Area:** Transport

**Lead DG:** MOVE - DG Mobility and Transport

**Type:** Informal, Permanent

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** Assit the Commision in all matters relating to short sea shipping promotion and facilitation and motorways of the sea

**Task:** Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives  
Coordinate with Member States, exchange of views

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## Additional Information

### Activity Report

Agenda FOP and SSS meeting 20/09/2017

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### Activity Report

Agenda of the 5th meeting of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum , 26 January 2016, CCAB, Brussels

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### Activity Report

Agenda of the the Joint Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea Focal Points and Short Sea Promotion Centres meeting, 29-30 October 2014, Brussels Summary report of the meeting of the the Joint Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea Focal Points and Short Sea Promotion Centres meeting, 29-30 October 2014, Brussels

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### Activity Report

Agenda and summary report of the meeting of 18 December 2013 in Brussels (joint meeting) - Joint Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea Focal Points and Short Sea Promotion Centres

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### Activity Report

Agenda and Summary report of the Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea Focal Points meeting, 4 June 2013, Brussels

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### Activity Report

Agenda and Summary report of the Meeting of 21-22 November 2012 in Brussels (joint meeting) - Joint Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea Focal Points and Short Sea Promotion Centres.

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### Activity Report

Meeting of 19-20 April 2012 (Focal Points only)- The meeting was organized in Helsingor/Denmark in cooperation with the Danish presidency. Around 40 participants from Member States and the industry took part in the meeting. The meeting was structured in 3 sessions: 1. Short Sea Shipping promotion and EU funding, 2. Clean shipping, 3. EU initiatives facilitating Short Sea Shipping. Presentations were given by the Commission, SSS industry representatives and EC project contractors.

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### Activity Report

Meeting of 16-17 November 2011 (joint meeting) - Around 80 participants from Member States, Shortsea Promotion Centres, TEN-T projects, Commission, the industry as well as representatives for the maritime administration of the United States of America took part in the meeting. It was the first time that US representatives participated in the Focal Points meeting, as a consequence of a Memorandum of Cooperation signed on 1st July 2011. The following topics were addressed: 1. Short Sea Shipping promotion and funding programmes, 2. Environmental issues, 3. Motorways of the sea financed under the trans-European Network Programme. Presentations were given by the Commission, representatives of the Member States and the United States and the European Maritime Safety Agency.

### Activity Report

Meeting of 9-10 December 2010 (joint meeting) - Around 80 participants from Member States, Shortsea Promotion and the industry took part in the meeting. A keynote speech was given by the Flemish Minister for Mobility. The following discussions were structured in four sessions: 1. Policy measures in Short Sea Shipping, 2. Promotion and funding programmes, 3. Environmental issues, 4. Motorways of the sea. Presentations were given by the Commission, representatives of the industrial sectors and Member States. A visit of the port of Zeebrugge was also organised by the Belgian presidency at the occasion of the meeting.

### Activity Report

General information - The Commission organises the Short Sea Shipping (SSS) and Motorways of the Sea (MoS) Focal Points (FoP) Meeting twice a year, one of which is being usually organised in co-operation with the Member State which holds the EU Presidency. For the second annual meeting, the Joint meeting, the Commission invites in addition to the FoPs the Short Sea Promotion Centres (SPCs).

## **Selection Procedure (members)**

Group is composed of representatives of the 27 EU Member States where members are nominated by the national appropriate authority; the Shortsea Promotion Centres that need membership nomination & recommendation by the national maritime authorities/national Focal Points for Shortsea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea; the Focal Points of candidate countries and EEA countries, who are appointed by their national ministries (the name of the person appointed is communicated to the European Commission through their respective permanent mission to the European Union); the Maritime Industry Forum in its role of observer in accordance with the Communication on Shortsea Shipping COM (2004)453 final, article 7.1 (the representatives of the Maritime Industries Forum are nominated by its Secretariat). Since January 2012, Croatia is an observer members State. All these participants have been identified as the most qualified persons to coordinate the activities for the promotion of Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea at national level.

## **Internal Rules of Procedure**

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

## Members

### Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Agência Portuguesa do Transporte Marítimo de Curta Distância (Short Sea Portugal)	Trade and business associations	Portugal	Member
BIURO PROMOCJI ZEGLUGI MORSKIEJ BLISKIEGO ZASIEGU (SPC POLAND)	Trade and business associations	Poland	Member
Bureau de Promotion du Transport Maritime à Courte Distance (BP2S-SPC France)	NGOs	France	Member
CENTRUL NATIONAL DE PROMOVARE A TRANSPORTULUI INTERMODAL (CNPTI)	NGOs	Romania	Member
Danish Shipowners Association	Trade and business associations	Denmark	Member
Estonian Logistics and Transit Association (LTA)	Trade and business associations	Estonia	Member
Freight Transport Association (FTA)	Trade and business associations	United Kingdom	Member
Intermodal Transport Cluster (KIP)	NGOs	Croatia	Member
Malta Shortsea Promotion Centre (MSPC)	NGOs	Malta	Member
Rete Autostrade Mediterranee Spa (RAM Spa)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
Shortsea Promotion Center Bulgaria (SPC Bulgaria)	Trade and business associations	Bulgaria	Member
Shortsea Promotion Centre Belgium (c/o PBV) (SPC Belgium)	NGOs	Belgium	Member
Shortsea Promotion Centre Finland (SPC Finland)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	Finland	Member
Shortsea Promotion Centre Spain (SPC Spain)	Trade and business associations	Spain	Member
Shortsea Services AS (SPC Norway)	Companies/Groups	Norway	Member
SSPA Sweden AB	Professional Consultancies	Sweden	Member
Turkish Chamber of Shipping	Trade and business associations	Turkey	Member
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### Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authority(ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authority(ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authority(ies)	Member

Croatia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

## Type E - Other public entity

### Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 52

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 18

Type D - Member State Authority: 28

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0

### Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0