



Register of 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 legislation or in policy definition
Coordinates with Member States, exchange of views

Composition: National Administrations
Candidate country (Transport)
Third Country (Transport)
Association (Transport)
Corporate (Transport)
Academia (Transport)
Research Institute (Transport)

Publication in RegExp: 03 Oct 2005

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Additional Information

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

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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 SeaFocal 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 SeaFocal 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

Organisation

| Name of Organisation | Category | Countries/Areas represented | Membership Status |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| Mission of Iceland to the European Union | Candidate country | Iceland | Member |
| Mission of Macedonia to the European Union | Candidate country | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | Member |
| Mission of Montenegro to the European Union | Candidate country | Montenegro | Member |
| Mission of Norway to the European Union | Third Country | Norway | Member |
| Mission of Serbia to the European Union | Candidate country | Serbia | Member |
| Mission of Turkey to the European Union | Candidate country | Turkey | Member |
| SPC Belgium - Promotie Binnenvaart Vlaanderen - Short Sea promotion centre Belgium | Association | Belgium | Member |
| SPC Bulgaria - International modal Business Group - Shortsea Promotion Centre Bulgaria | Corporate | Bulgaria | Member |
| SPC Croatia - KIP Intermodal Transport Cluster (KIP) | Association | Croatia | Member |
| SPC Cyprus - Cyprus ShortSea Promotion Centre (CSPC) | Association | Cyprus | Member |
| SPC Denmark - Maritime Development Centre of Europe (MDCE) (MDCE) | Association | Denmark | Member |
| SPC Estonia - Estonian Logistics and Transit Association (LTA) | Association | Estonia | Member |
| SPC Finland - Turun yliopisto - University of Turku | Academia | Finland | Member |
| SPC France - Bureau de Promotion due Transport Maritime à Courte Distance (BP2S) | Association | France | Member |
| SPC Germany – Verein zur Förderung des Kurzstreckenseeverkehrs (VFKSV) | Association | Germany | Member |
| SPC Greece - Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association (HSSA) | Association | Greece | Member |
| SPC Ireland - Irish Maritime Development Office (IMDO) | Research Institute | Ireland | Member |
| SPC Lithuania - Vilnius Gediminas Technical University – Competence Centre of Intermodal transport and logistics (VGTU-CCITL) | Academia | Lithuania | Member |
| SPC Malta - Malta Shortsea Promotion Centre (MSPC) | Association | Malta | Member |

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| SPC Norway - Shortsea Services | Corporate | Norway | Member |
| SPC Poland - Stowarzyszenie Biuro Promocji Żeglugi Morskiej Bliskiego Zasięgu | Association | Poland | Member |
| SPC Portugal - Agência Portuguesa do Transporte Marítimo de Curta Distância (APTMCDC) | Association | Portugal | Member |
| SPC Romania - Centrul National de promovare a Transportului intermodal (RIA) | Association | Romania | Member |
| SPC Spain - Asociación Española de Promoción del Transporte Marítimo de Corta Distancia | Association | Spain | Member |
| SPC Sweden - Maritime Forum / Sjöfartsforum | Association | Sweden | Member |
| SPC Turkey – Short Sea Shipping Turkey | Association | Turkey | Member |
| SPC United Kingdom - Freight Transport Association (FTA) | Association | United Kingdom | Member |
| Maritime Industries Forum (MIF) | Association | European | Observer |

National administrations

| Country | | Membership Status |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Austria | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Belgium | 1 Public Authorit(y-ies) | Member |
| Bulgaria | 1 Public Authorit(y-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 | 1 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 |

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| 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 |

Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

Statistics

Number of Members: 55

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| Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Organisation: | 27 | | |
| National administrations: | 28 | | |

Number of Alternate Members: 0

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| Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Organisation: | 0 | | |
| National administrations: | 0 | | |

Number of Observers: 1

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| Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest: | 0 | female: 0 | male: 0 |
| Organisation: | 1 | | |
| National administrations: | 0 | | |