

## EU Maritime Transport Policy Prospects and Challenges

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- 2. Economic value of EU shipping
- 3. EU maritime strategy and the 'Athens Declaration'
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# 1. Introduction to ECSA

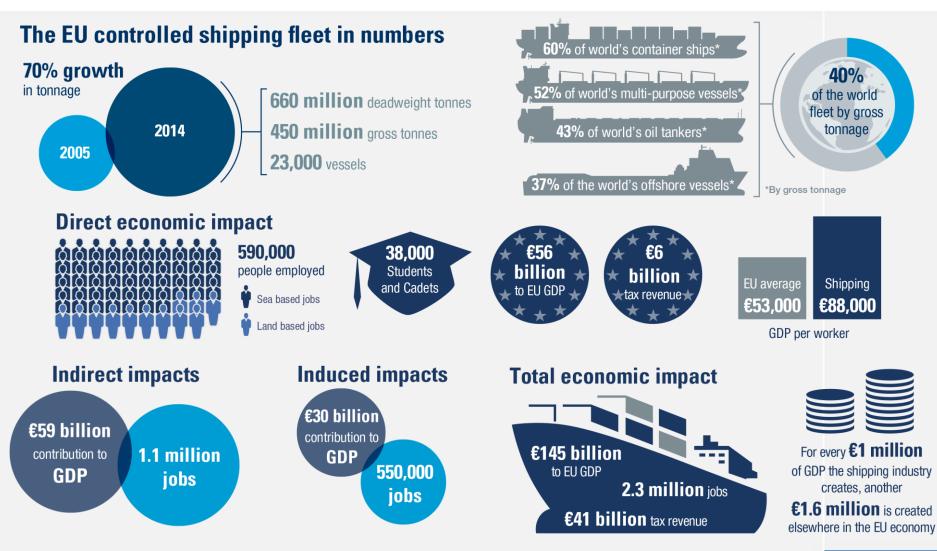


- Established in 1965
- National shipowner associations EU + Norway
- All trades all sectors
- Based in Brussels interlocutor EU institutions
- Partner in EU maritime social dialogue
- Network with other shipowner interest organisations



# 2. Economic value of EU shipping





Source: Oxford Economics (2014)



# 3. EU maritime strategy and the 'Athens Declaration'



#### Informal meeting EU shipping ministers - Athens, 7 May 2014





### Key messages

- 1. European shipping in globalised markets
- 2. Human resources, seamanship and maritime know-how
- 3. Quality shipping as a key competitive advantage
- 4. Working together on the international scene
- 5. Exploiting full potential of short-sea shipping and sea transportation services for business and citizens
- 6. Europe should be the world leader in maritime research and innovation



### Institutional changes





# 3. Shipping policy



- a) Competition policy
- b) EU and global trade
- c) Maritime security
- d) Trade facilitation
- e) Ports and logistics



### a) Competition policy







### b) EU and global trade







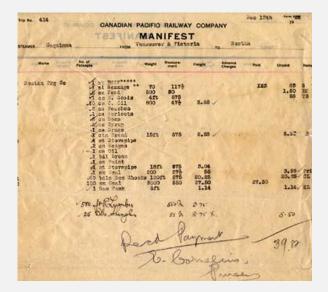
### c) Maritime security







### d) Trade facilitation

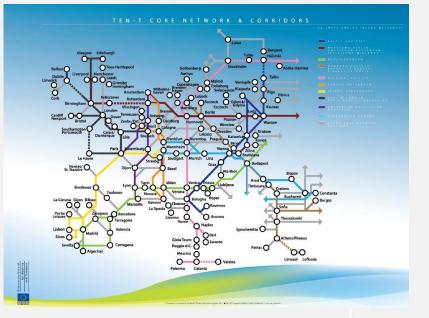






### e) Ports and logistics







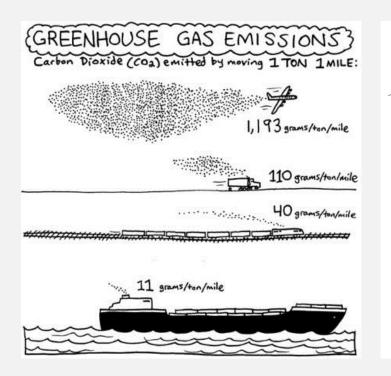
# 4. Safety and environment



- 1. Air emissions
- 2. Ballast water management
- 3. Ship recycling
- 4. Passenger ship safety
- 5. Places of refuge



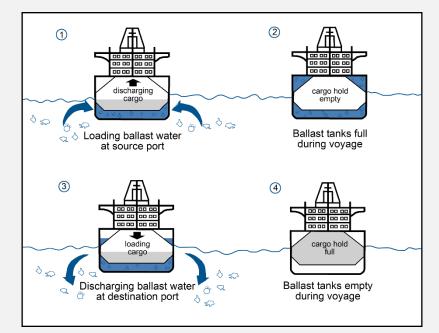
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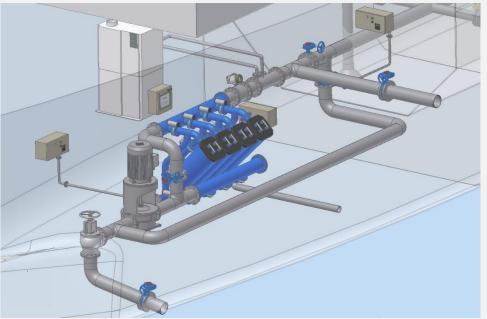






### b) Ballast water management







### c) Ship recycling





# d) Passenger ship safety





## e) Places of refuge





# 5. Social affairs



- 1. Attractiveness maritime careers
- 2. STCW recognition
- 3. Application EU social Directives



### a) Attractiveness maritime careers





### b) STCW recognition







### c) Application EU social Directives





# 6. Conclusions



- Policy framework for shipping is diverse and complex
- Tensions between international and EU ambitions
- Athens Declaration' good basis for future EU policy
- Sustaining competitiveness EU shipping is first priority
- Shipping lobby must be visible, united and pro-active





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