

EU Maritime Transport Policy Prospects and Challenges

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Summary

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1. Introduction to ECSA

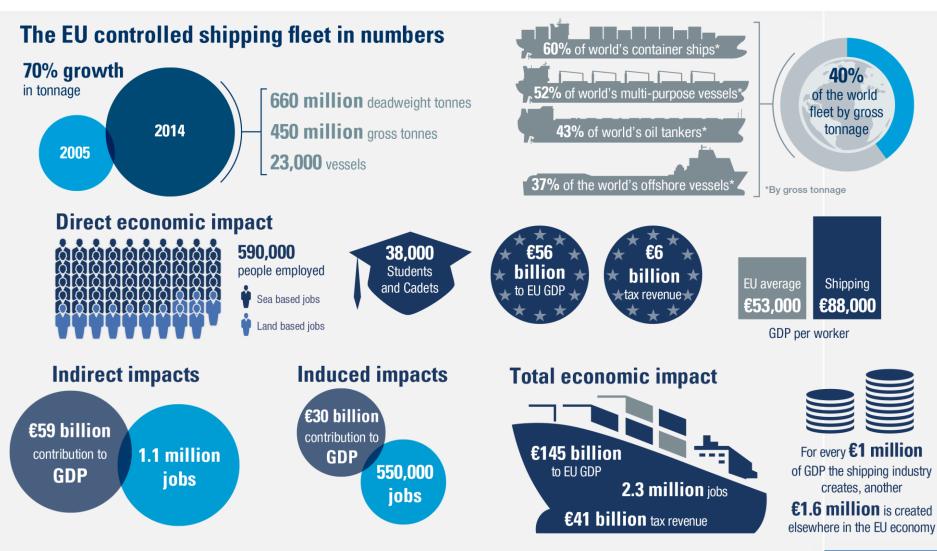


- Established in 1965
- National shipowner associations EU + Norway
- All trades all sectors
- Based in Brussels interlocutor EU institutions



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



ECSA response

- 1. Sustain EU leadership in global shipping
- 2. Improve environmental performance, without losing competitive edge
- 3. Tap into the wealth of maritime skills and know-how
- 4. Establish a truly internal market for shipping and ports
- 5. Continue EU leadership in promoting free trade and secure seas



Next steps

- Formal conclusions at June 2014 Transport Council
- European Commission to prepare mid-term review of EU maritime transport strategy by spring 2015



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







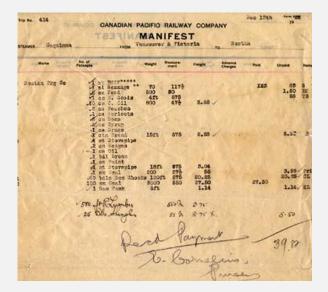
c) Maritime security







d) Trade facilitation

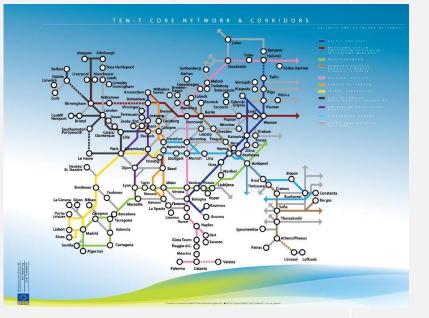






e) Ports and logistics







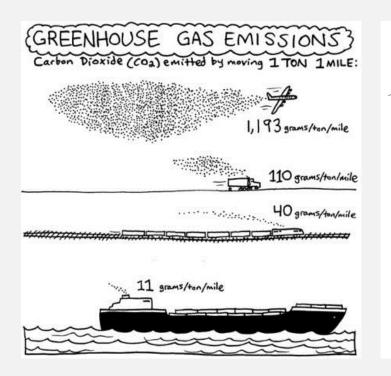
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- 1. Air emissions
- 2. Ballast water management
- 3. Ship recycling
- 4. Passenger ship safety
- 5. Places of refuge



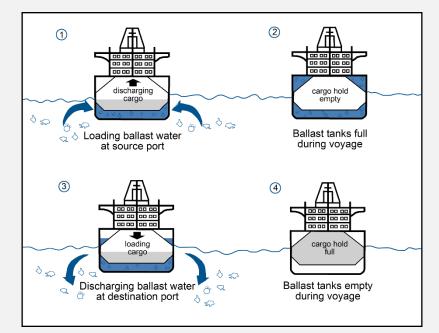
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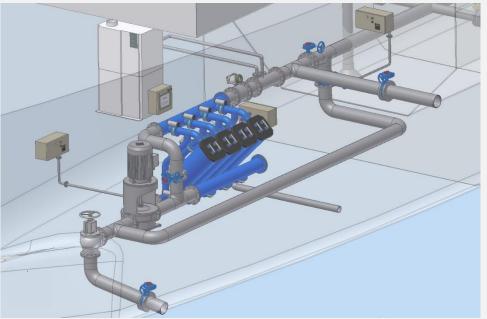






b) Ballast water management







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
- 4. Schengen Visa Code



a) Attractiveness maritime careers





b) STCW recognition







c) Application EU social Directives





d) Schengen Visa Code





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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