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EUROPEAN SHIPPING WEEK 3-6 MARCH 2015 Brussels

The European Towage Industry in the spotlight during high profile Brussels shipping event

The first European Shipping Week ("ESW") was initiated by the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) with the major purpose of making the main European Institutions aware of the strong added value, the concerns and challenges of the European shipping industry.

A quote from the event's website available at <https://www.europeanshippingweek.com> illustrates the set up and the involvement of the ETA in the steering group together with major interest groups in the European shipping sector as well as with DGMove of the European Commission:

European Shipping Week will take place over the course of the week of 2-6 of March 2015 and will feature a variety of events. European Shipping Week is intended to be a platform where policy-makers from the main EU institutions will meet and engage with European shipowners and other stakeholders from the shipping sector. The focus will be on shipping, in all its different aspects.

European Shipping Week is the brainchild of the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) and is run by a Steering Group made up of Europe's main shipping organisations as well as the European Commission and Shipping Innovation. The shipping organisations involved on the Steering Group include: ECSA; Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe; European Community Association of Ship Brokers and Agents (ECASBA); Interferry; the European Dredging Association; the World Shipping Council, as well as the **European Tugowners' Association**.

ESW is organised by Shipping Innovation – the professional organisers of the highly successful London International Shipping Week (LISW).

The weeklong event will offer a unique opportunity and platform to the ETA representatives to meet with the major legislative actors in Europe from the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Council.

ETA Chairman Peter Vierstraete supports the idea of launching a "mini symposium" during the ESW on safety issues of particular concern to towage operators by introducing the ETA's Guidelines for Safe Tug Operations which will be available for publication and presentation by then, now being finalised by the Nautical Technical Committee.



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