

Key Dates

- March 9th 2010 Waterborne SG and mirror group meeting,
- Le Havre March 10th & 11th 2010 "Journées port et environnement" Le Havre
- May 19th 2010 Waterborne General Assembly Gijon
- May 20th 2010 European Maritime Day, Gijon

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Le Havre event to signal strategic maritime research direction

The event "Journées port et Environnement", which takes place in Le Havre on March 10th and 11th 2010, will be preceded by an important Waterborne meeting on March 9th. Attended by senior members of the maritime community and the European Commission, this high level event will provide an opportunity for the wider Waterborne community to present its long term research needs and priorities. Waterborne provides a single voice for the whole of the EU maritime community and four key members of this group will present their visions for the future:

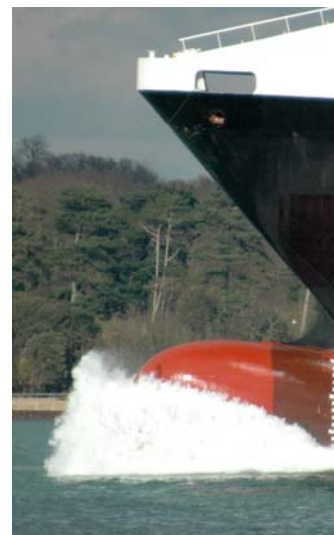
The EU Barge Union (EBU) will be represented by Jean-Raymond Le Moine who will discuss the measures

adopted by the river shipping companies and their expectations of the port authorities in the future.

Dirk Wouters of the EU Dredging Association (EuDA) will speak on building with nature - ports, harbours, dredging and the environment

Mirna Cieniowicz of the European Boating Industry will speak about the current challenges facing the leisure marine industry and the technological responses that are available.

Mr Jacques Paul de Genavir of ECSA will speak for the Armateurs de France.



Waterborne - keeping Europe ahead

What is Waterborne?

Waterborne is a European Technology Platform and is the body which defines the long term strategic research needs of the whole European maritime industry. This ranges from shipbuilders, operators and owners, through to barges and the leisure marine industry. These needs have been captured in a number of key documents, starting with the Waterborne Vision 2020 which describes where the mari-

time industry expects to be in the year 2020. These visionary goals are presented in three major groups:

- Safe, sustainable and efficient waterborne operations
- A competitive EU maritime industry
- Management and facilitation of growth and change

The technologies needed

to achieve these goals are described in detail in the Waterborne Strategic Research Agenda .

Finally, the sequencing of the research needs and the way in which they will deliver the long term objectives, is presented in the Waterborne Implementation Road Map.

All documents are available on the Waterborne web site www.waterborne-tp.org



Project CASMARE

Project CASMARE has been established with the support of the Waterborne partners in order to ensure the continuous updating of the EU maritime research agenda and its implementation plans. CASMARE is an EU funded co-ordination action and will consult widely throughout the maritime community to ensure that all the stakeholders' needs are understood and captured in the long term plans.

CASMARE aims to provide support to the maritime community in planning the

implementation of the Waterborne research strategy. It will continue to raise awareness of maritime research needs and to build a broad consensus amongst the community with a special emphasis on engagement with national programmes and industrial research.

CASMARE will maintain oversight of research and development results from other EU programmes and assess their impact on the Waterborne implementation plan.

Waterborne is just one of a number of EU technology platforms. CASMARE will expand the platform's horizons beyond maritime transport by building links with other transport platforms and research networks. Much closer links with the marine science community are seen as particularly important and steps are being taken to ensure a synergistic approach towards defining the research future, specifically through project EMAR2RES.



Project EMAR2RES

Project EMAR2RES is a support action funded through the EU transport research budget. It is intended to identify common points of interest between the marine science commu-

nity and the maritime transport industries. The main contractors in the project are the Community of European Shipyards Associations (CESA) who are representing the Water-

borne partners, and the European Science Foundation Marine Board, representing the science community.

Project VISIONS-OLYMPICS

Project Visions Olympics is a competition based project aimed at encouraging young people to think creatively about the needs of the maritime industry. More than 90% of EU goods travel by water at some stage and the ongoing competitiveness of this fundamentally important industry is based on innovation and creativity.

Visions-Olympics has the following aims:

- To offer out of the

box concepts and ideas for the future of EU maritime transport

- To develop these ideas in an environment where innovation is encouraged in a risk free environment
- To build bridges between universities and industry
- To enhance the skills of future em-

ployees in a competitive environment

- To provide targeted dissemination to industry

The registration of student teams has now closed and those teams have until the end of April to submit their ideas. Evaluation will complete in August and the final winners will be announced in September. See www.visions-olympics.eu for more information

