



European Shortsea Network Conference 2025 Walking into a new era

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Grand Hyatt Athens - Greece **Organised by SPC Greece**

DRAFT PROGRAM

09.00-09.30: **Registration – Coffee**

09.30-09.35: **Welcome Address**

✓ Mr. Charalambos Simantonis, President, Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association I President, European Shortsea Network

Opening Speeches

(awaiting final confirmation)

Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas, European Commissioner for Sustainable Transport & Tourism

Mr. Vassilis Kikilias, Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Republic of Greece

Mr. Christos Dimas, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Republic of Greece

Mr. Takis Theodorikakos, Minister of Development, Republic of Greece

Ms. Marina Hadjimanolis, Deputy Minister of Shipping, Republic of Cyprus

✓ Mr. George Alexandratos, President, Hellenic Chamber of Shipping

Union of Greek Shipowners Representative

Mr. Dionysis Theodoratos, President, Greek Shipowners Association for Passenger Ships

10.30-10.45: **Keynote Speech**

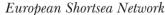
✓ Ms. Gesine Meissner, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space

10.45-11.00: **Keynote Speech** TBA

11.00-12.00: Session 1 – Connecting Europe: The Power of Intermodality

- ✓ Mr. Apostolos Kamarinakis, President, Hellenic Ports Association (ELIME)
- ✓ Mr. Ralf-Charley Schultze, General Manager and Chairman of International Union for Road-Rail Combined Transport (UIRR)
- ✓ Prof. Stratos Papadimitriou, Dept. of Maritime Studies & Director of the Transportation Systems Laboratory, University of Piraeus







- ✓ Ms. Iro Doumani, General Manager, Hellenic Federation of Road Transport (OFAE) Greece I Vice President, International Road Transport Union (IRU)
- Mr. Konstantinos Papageorgiou, President, Hellenic Logistics Association (EEL) (TBC)
- Ms. Isabelle Ryckbost, Secretary General, ESPO (TBC)

Moderator: TBA

Q&A

12.00-12.30: Coffee Break

12.30-13.30: Session 2 – Shipping Legislation in an EU Context

- ✓ Mr. Panos Zachariadis, Technical Director, Atlantic Bulk Carriers
- ✓ Vice Admiral HCG Christos Kontorouchas, First Deputy Commandant Hellenic Coast
 Guard
- √ EMSA Representative (name tba)
- Mr. Rene de Vries, (State) Harbour Master, Port of Rotterdam Aurhority (TBC)
- ✓ Moderator: Mr. Stavros Chatzigrigoris, Advanced Engineering Services & Technical Director, Zodiac Maritime

Q&A

13.30-14.30: Session 4 – Financing the green transition

(awaiting final confirmation)

- Mr. Kostas Oikonomou, Head of the Shipping Finance Dept., Attica Bank
- European Investment Bank Representative
- Mr. Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, CEO, Skaramangas Shipyards
- ✓ Damen Maritime Ventures Representative (name tba)
- ✓ Moderator: Mr. George Xiradakis, President, Association of the Banking & Financial Executives of Hellenic Shipping I Founder & Managing Director, XRTC Business Consultants

Q&A

14.30-15.15: Lunch Break

15.15-16.00: Session 4 – Fragmented Europe: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts and Divides

- ✓ Professor Angelos Syrigos, Member of Greek Parliament I Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy at the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
- ✓ Moderator: Mr. George Koumoutsakos, Permanent Delegate of Greece to UNESCO