

‘Accelerated Implementation, of EU Maritime transport Policy’
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Remarks by Herman de Meester (ECSA)

- Thank you for inviting and for the interesting presentations so far
 - From what have heard, there are different approaches and starting points, but no disagreement on e-maritime
 - Some observations, which are not meant as countering the presentation by Christos Pipitsoulis (DG TREN)
1. E-Maritime holds several involvements and aims:
 - Supporting authorities (a bit like MARNIS concept)
 - Supporting operations
 - for authorities
 - for business
 - Supporting commercial activities and trade
 2. Consultation of stakeholders on e-Maritime is certainly a good idea and necessary:
 - 1st Clarify what is e-Maritime, in clear language, what are the boundaries and the framework; NOT too broad and complex; can always extend later in development when required
 - 2nd Only then consult on requirements of all stakeholders
 3. The bottom line is gain – real gains for business AND for authorities
 4. Questions come to mind like competitiveness and international support (e.g. IMO) and development of standards
 5. Things to keep in mind:
 - Good use of data for real needs
 - Not for the sake of collecting and “nice to have”
 - This irrespective of whether automated or not
 - Aspects of responsibilities and liabilities involved, e.g. for and between the ship- the ship-owner- the authority(ies)
 - The concept and aim is exchange of information, but there may well be tendencies towards one way reporting
 6. Links with the FLAGSHIP Project
 - Could immediately identify 5 sub-projects with a direct potential link
 - Condition monitoring
 - Condition support
 - Communication ship-shore
 - Rule compliance
 - Real time planning of logistics & positioning of full and empty containers