

Outline of work programme

for a **Working Group** *on reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions from ships (WG Ships)* under the European Climate Change Programme (ECCP)

Introduction

The European Climate Change Programme (ECCP) is the Commission's main instrument to bring together all relevant stakeholders, to discuss and prepare the further developments of the EU's climate policy. Launched in 2001, the programme has hosted working groups on a variety of issues.

The forming of a working group on climate policies for international maritime transport is based on the commitment in the Climate and Energy legislation where the European Parliament and the Council have requested the European Commission to come forward with a proposal to include international maritime emissions in the EU's reduction commitment should there be no sufficient international agreement addressing these emissions through the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and/or the United Nations Framework Convention (UNFCCC) by the end of December 2011.

Objective

The overall objective of the group is to provide input to the Commission in its work to develop and assess options for the inclusion of international maritime transport in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment. More specifically, the group will be asked to provide input to the following indicative list of topics:

Monitoring

Scope (which emissions to cover)

Enforcement

Maintaining and enhancing competitiveness

Use of revenues from market-based measures

Evasion

Stimulation of action by others

Economic impacts

Level of reductions

Access to emissions reductions from other sectors (and vice-versa)

Expected output

The discussion and debates will inform the Commission's services during their preparation of a possible European proposal for the first quarter of 2012.

A public record of each ECCP meeting together with the materials presented will be made available on the DG Climate Action website.

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/index_en.htm

Working method and organisation

Each discussion topic will be introduced by a short presentation and/or paper prepared by experts in co-ordination with staff of DG Climate Action. Relevant papers will be made available to participants by e-mail prior to the meetings. Participants will be requested to make active contributions to the issues under discussion during the meetings.

Participants

Chair: European Commission, DG Climate Action

- Experts from all Member States
- Participants from the European Parliament
- 4 NGO representatives
- 15 Representatives of European Shipping Associations & Organizations
- 5 Representatives of International Shipping Associations & Organizations
- 4 Research Institute representatives
- 8 Representatives of other associations

Numbers are indicative and may change slightly.

Duration

It is envisaged that the group will convene 3 times (6 days in total) during 2011, during the period January to June. The indicative dates for meetings are: 8th and 9th February, 4th and 5th April and the 24th and 25th May 2011.

Correspondence

A functional email address has been created for this working group clima-eccp_ships@ec.europa.eu. Questions should be addressed to this email address or Anne HOUBAR (+32 2 299 2310)

Background material

- Commission roadmap to include maritime transport emissions in the EU's GHG reduction commitment "*Measures to include maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction commitment if no international rules agreed*".

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2011_en.htm#clim_act

- Study conducted for the European Commission by a consortia lead by CE Delft on the most feasible EU policy options to reduce international maritime GHG emissions titled: "*Technical support for European action to reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from international maritime transport*" (2009)

- http://www.cedelft.eu/ce/aviation_and_maritime_shipping/281?PHPSESSID=82d19abc56c624b3d822fa62cfd80a45

- Study made by the Federal Environment Agency of Germany, which assesses three options for integrating international ocean shipping into the EU ETS titled: "*Integration of Marine Transport into the European Emissions Trading System*".

<http://www.umweltdaten.de/publikationen/fpdf-l/3942.pdf>

- DIRECTIVE 2009/29/EC amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to improve and extend the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme of the Community.

<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:140:0063:0063:EN:PDF>

This Directive states that the Commission should make a proposal to include international maritime emissions in the Community reduction commitment, with the aim of the proposed act entering into force by 2013, should no agreement be reached that includes emissions in the EU reduction commitment in IMO/UNFCCC.

- "Full report of the work undertaken by the Expert Group on Feasibility Study and Impact Assessment of possible Market-based Measures" IMO MEPC 61 Inf. 2, August 2010.

<http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Documents/INF-2.pdf>

- "Pricing Carbon" A. Denny Ellerman, Frank J. Convery and Christian de Perthuis