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## *Fit for the Future*

### *Research and Development for the European Waterborne sector*

24.01.2019, 09:30-11:30

European Parliament Brussels  
Room ASP 5G1

The ability of society and industry to address global challenges and meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the COP21 objectives will determine the world of tomorrow and the life of future generations. Waterborne transport, logistics and the blue economy are key for Europe to achieve the environmental, transport, energy, societal agendas.

In order to implement the EU's ambitious vision towards 2030 and beyond the Waterborne community in Europe is committed to make significant investments in research, development and innovation (RDI) as well as in education and training in the entire supply chain. The Waterborne Technology Platform, bringing together all waterborne stakeholders: shipbuilders, shipowners (both maritime and inland navigation), maritime equipment manufacturers, ports, logistics, service providers, classification societies, universities or research institutes. ([www.waterborne.eu](http://www.waterborne.eu)) has developed a Strategic Research Agenda, which establishes the goals and priorities on research to achieve a smart, sustainable, safe and clean waterborne Europe.

The objective of this event will be presenting the content of the Strategic Research Agenda and discussing with policy makers and other stakeholders about the needs and importance of the Waterborne community regarding research and development.

Participants are kindly requested to register as soon as possible on [www.searica.eu](http://www.searica.eu) in order to guaranty and organise the access to the EP. The day of the conference, participants are kindly requested to present themselves at 09:30 in order to avoid delays.

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## Draft Agenda

**09:00 – 09:30 Registration – security check**

**09:30 – 09:40 Welcome remarks**

Ms Gesine MEISSNER, MEP, President of the SEARICA Intergroup

**Setting the Scene**

**09:40 – 09:50 The European Waterborne Sector and Research and Development**

Mr. Henk PRINS, Chair of the Waterborne Technology Platform

**09:50-10:00 Research and development and the Waterborne sector**

Mr. Jean-Francois AGUINAGA, DG RTD, Head of Unit for Surface Transports

**10:00 – 10:40 Decarbonization, Digitalisation and Logistics– steps towards 2050**

**Moderated by Mr José Faria (tbc), Member of the Intergroup, followed by a Q&A session**

Mr. Peter van Terwisga, Director Group's Research, Damen Shipyards Group

Valenciaport (name tbc)

Ms Magda KOPCZYNSKA, DG MOVE, Director for Waterborne Transport

**10:40 - 11:10 The future of a sustainable Blue Growth and Inland Waterway Transport**

**Moderated by a Ricardo Serrao Santos, Searica Vice-President on Marine Knowledge (tbc), followed by a Q&A session**

Ms. Kathrine ANGELL-HANSEN, Strategic Director JPI Oceans

Ms. Karin de SCHEPPER, Director, Inland Navigation Europe

Mr. Bruno GEORGES, Secretary-General, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

**11:10 – 11:25 Strategic Research Agenda for the European Waterborne Community**

Handover of the Strategic Research Agenda 2050 of the Waterborne Technology Platform and the vision towards 2050 of “Inland waterways transport and ports in Horizon Europe”

**11:25 – 11:30 Conclusions**

Conclusions by Gesine Meissner