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EU Integrated Maritime Policy and the Netherlands' EU presidency program

Information for the MSEG IMP and
IMP attachés

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EU Integrated Maritime Policy

- The EU Integrated Maritime Policy seeks to provide a more coherent approach to maritime issues, with increased coordination between different policy areas. It focuses on:
 - Issues that do not fall under a single sector-based policy e.g. "blue growth" (economic growth based on different maritime sectors).
 - Issues that require the coordination of different sectors and actors e.g. marine knowledge.

Specifically it covers the following cross-cutting policies:

- Blue growth, Marine data and knowledge, Maritime spatial planning, Marine Strategy for clean and healthy seas*, Maritime security and surveillance, Sea basin strategies & ocean governance.



The Blue Growth agenda was adopted in the Limassol declaration in 2012 under the Cypriot presidency



TRIO presidency NL - Slovakia - Malta

- The Strategic Agenda agreed by the European Council in June 2014 forms the bedrock of the Trio's programme.
- The three Presidencies will be guided by the Agenda's five priorities: a Union of jobs, growth and competitiveness; a Union that empowers and protects all its citizens; working towards an Energy Union with a forward-looking climate policy; a Union of freedom, security and justice; and the Union as a strong global actor.
- For marine and water issues IenM has worked together with Slovakia and Malta on a "rolling" agenda: **Blue Thread**.



NL presidency and the EU IMP

1. Jobs, growth and competitiveness;
2. Energy Union with a future oriented climate policy;
3. A Union activating society and protecting its' citizens;
4. A Union of Safety, freedom, and justice;
5. The Union as a strong global player.

1. Blue Growth agenda, size of the blue economy, benchmark maritime clusters;
2. Energy Union: (focus cooperation offshore wind North Sea) and roadmap ocean energy;
3. Engage maritime clusters, knowledge institutes and civil society with IMP events;
4. European maritime security and surveillance (EU MSS);
5. Ocean governance talks and Arctic strategy.



What is on the agenda in Brussels i.r.t. IMP?

On going dossiers a.o.

- Shipping dossiers – a.o. Port Regulation and short sea shipping files
- Energy Union
- REFIT Natura 2000 Birds & Habitats Directive
- COMAR Council working group Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction
- Fisheries

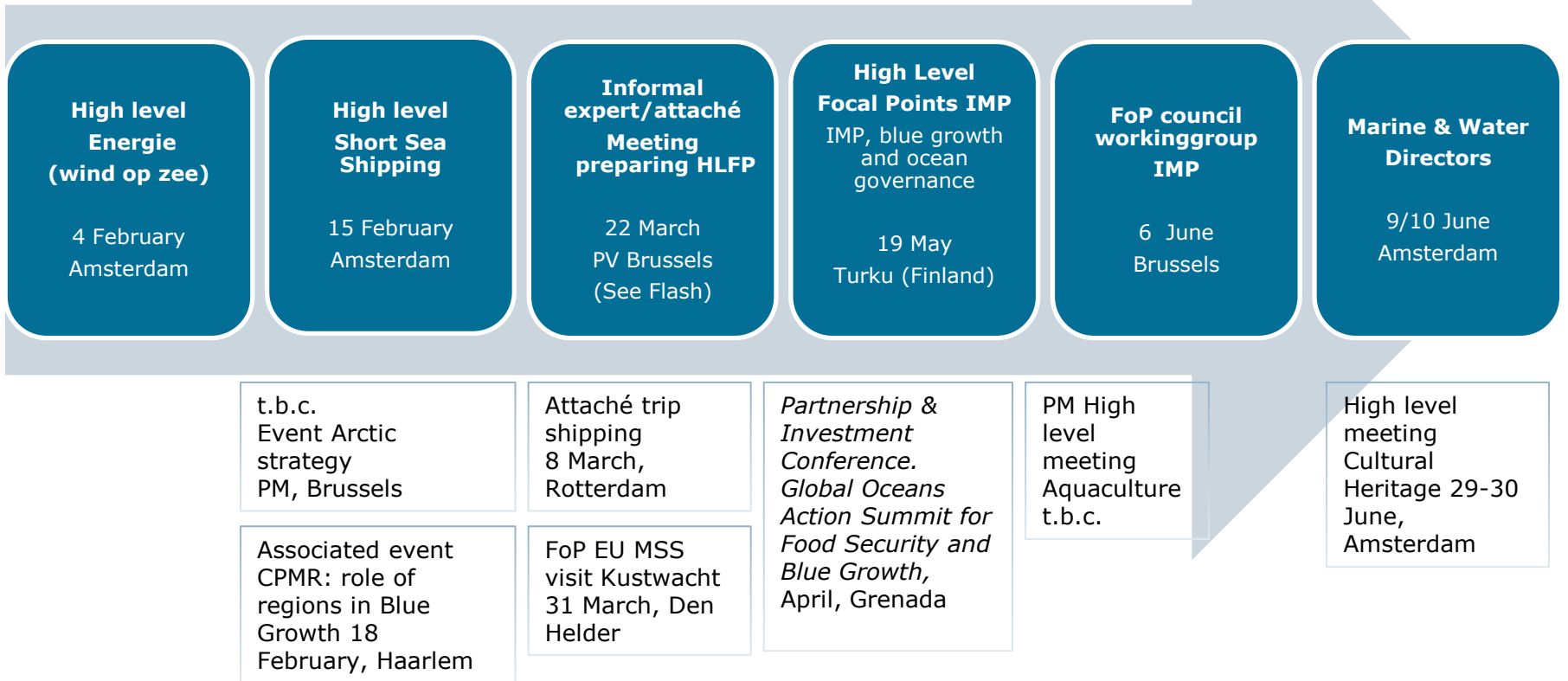
Expected initiatives by European Commission

- A European Border and Coast Guard to protect Europe's External Borders (15.12.2015)
- Arctic Strategy (expected February)
- Ocean Energy Roadmap (expected February)
- Ocean Governance (expected early 2nd quarter)





IMP moments during the Dutch PCY





European Maritime Days 18-19 May 2016

Finland/Turku

Investing in smart and sustainable solutions for Blue Growth

- The conference will provide a strong input to shape future policies and practical steps needed to drive transformational change in the blue economy and the wider maritime agenda.
- Focus on blue growth, ocean governance, clean energy, skills development, service innovation and sustainability solutions.
- Throughout, there will be a particular focus on specific regional challenges and opportunities.
- Brings together stakeholders, scientists and policy makers.

NL contribution

1. High Level Focal Point IMP 19 May
 - Discussing results of the EMD conference and next steps
2. Workshop “working towards blue growth in *the golden square*”
 - Intervision session 18 May t.b.c. by Commission
3. MSP challenge 2050
 - side event 20 May t.b.c.
www.mspchallenge.info



High Level Focal Points IMP

Goals:

- Reconveying and activating the high level focal point group to help steer the EU Integrated Maritime Policy;
- Discuss the outcome of the European Maritime Days (clean energy, blue growth, ocean governance, skills and joint actions);
- Focusing on the role of the group and discussing the joint agenda with EC and EP (Searica Intergroup).

Events

- 18 + 19 May European Maritime Days
- **19 May** - High Level Focal Point IMP meeting (after EMD closure – working dinner);

Output

- Opinion of the high level group on ocean governance to steer the discussions in the Council working group FoP IMP.
- Discuss agenda for the next steps in EU IMP & Blue Growth;
- Discuss future meetings HLFP IMP during EMD by Malta in Poole (2017), outlook at agenda's EMD in Burgas (2018) and Lisbon (2019).



Thank you for your attention!

More information?

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