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European maritime companies and organisations call the EU Commission to fully integrate the shipping industry in the upcoming Electrification Action Plan

Dear Commissioners,

We, the undersigned organisations committed to the electrification of the European maritime industry, welcome the forthcoming Electrification Action Plan as a key opportunity to accelerate Europe's transition towards a resilient, competitive and electrified shipping economy.

The electrification of ports, terminals and vessels must be a central part of this Plan. Ports are strategic industrial and energy hubs and their rapid electrification is essential to strengthen Europe's competitiveness and energy security. Accelerating maritime electrification in Europe is also needed to achieve the [Clean Industrial Deal](#)'s objective of increasing the share of electricity in final energy consumption to 32–33% by 2030.

However, significant barriers, such as lengthy permit-granting procedures, insufficient grid capacity, and the limited deployment of storage and flexibility solutions continue to delay electrification. This slows down the uptake of mature electrification technologies like shore-side electricity and battery-electric vessels, putting Europe's climate and energy objectives at risk and perpetuating its dependence on fossil fuels.

We therefore call on the Commission to ensure that the Electrification Action Plan:

- **Recognises maritime electrification as a strategic priority** within Europe's broader electrification agenda, positions ports as key nodes for energy system integration and grants them priority status for grid access.
- **Accelerates the electrification of ports and deployment of shoreside electricity**, via streamlined permit-granting procedures, anticipating future demand, and the deployment of flexibility and electricity storage technologies.
- **Creates incentives to accelerate the electrification of European vessels**, such as the introduction of a dedicated shipping electrification target and the use of green criteria in public procurement rules. The Plan should also support the development of a robust European maritime industry, including for marine batteries.
- **Mobilises public and private investments in maritime electrification projects** and addresses the persistent fiscal imbalance between electricity and untaxed fossil fuels.

The Electrification Action Plan is a great opportunity to follow up on the [Port and Industrial Maritime Strategies](#) and accelerate the electrification of the sector. By introducing ambitious maritime electrification measures into it, the Commission can send a clear signal that the industry is moving towards electric and accelerating its transition to a clean, integrated, and future-proof energy system.

We, Europeans, cannot afford to miss this opportunity. The European Commission must ensure that the electrification of the shipping industry is strongly supported and accelerated in order to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and guarantee our energy security.

Yours sincerely,

Signatories



