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# INVITATION



CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

on

**MARITIME CLUSTERS IN  
LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES**

27 April 2009

**Prague – Czech Republic**

A Maritime Equipment Manufacturers  
Business Oriented Meeting With

**Best Practices Presentations  
Contact Exchange  
Network Opportunity**



# PROGRAMME

9:30 – 10:00      *Workshop Registration*

**10:00 – 11:00      **Welcome and Opening Addresses****

*Opening:*              Martin Říman, Minister for Industry and Trade (tbc)

*Keynote Speech:*      Joe Borg, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

*Welcome Address:*      Corrado Antonini, Honorary Chairman of the Community of European Shipyards' Associations (CESA)

*Opening music:*      Composed specially for the Prague Conference by the Czech contemporary Composer Lukáš Matoušek (\*1943)

*Press Conference*

**11:00 – 13:00 Panel 1 – Best Practices & Future Strategies for Maritime Clusters in Landlocked Countries**

*Introduction:* Mr. W.M. van Gulpen, Chairman of European Maritime Equipment Council (EMEC)

*Presentations:* ***Clusters within the Maritime Industry***

Jean-Noël Durvy, Director, European Commission, DG ENTR, D – Innovation Policy

Patrick O’Riordan, European Commission, DG ENTR, H 1 - Defence, Aerospace & Maritime Industries

Authors of the Commission Study on Maritime Clusters - November 2008

***Best Practices from the Landlocked Countries***

Cluster Representatives from the Landlocked Countries

***Examples of Maritime Industry Practices in the Past, Today and Tomorrow***

Clemens Strasser, Vienna Model Basin Ltd., Austria

**13:15 – 14:45 Lunch**

**14:45 – 16:00 Panel 2 – Panel Discussion between Business Stakeholders from Public and Private Sector: Under which Conditions and in which Domains can the European Maritime Industry reach innovative Excellence?**

*Moderation:* Niko Wijnolst, Chairman of the Dutch Maritime Network, Rotterdam

*Discussion:* Business and Public Sector Representatives from the EU Member States, Croatia & Switzerland  
Jean-Noël Durvy, Director, European Commission, DG ENTR, D - Innovation Policy  
Patrick O’Riordan, European Commission, DG ENTR, H1 - Maritime Industries

*Coffee Break*

**16:00 – 16:20 Conclusions and Closing**

*Conclusions:* Niko Wijnolst, Chairman of the Dutch Maritime Network, Rotterdam

*Closing:* Marek Mora, Government of the Czech Republic, State Secretary for European Affairs

**17:00 – 20:00 Boat Trip and Dinner on the Vltava River as Conclusion of the Workshop and Possibility for further Contact Building**

Maritime Equipment Manufacturers Business oriented Meeting to understand  
the new European Maritime Business and Innovation Initiatives with  
a special Focus on Maritime Clusters in Landlocked Countries

Venue:

**Lichtenštejnský Palace**  
U Sovových mlýnů 4/506  
Praha 1 - Malá Strana  
Czech Republic

Conference Languages: CZ, SK, HU, DE, FR, EN

Registration until: **23 March 2009**

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