

Meeting report with GERMAN PILOT ASSOCIATION 5 FEB 2020

Participants:

- German Pilot Association:

- [REDACTED]
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- CABINET :

- [REDACTED]

Main points for discussion:

- This was basically a courtesy visit. No specific items or problems were raised in the meeting, but the German Pilot Association appreciated the possibility to have regular dialogue with the Cabinet to follow the latest developments on maritime policy.
- [REDACTED] was here to listen as the Member responsible for Maritime had to excuse herself due to illness.
- With regards to the extension of the EU ETS to maritime, the German Pilot Association sought confirmation that DG CLIMA would be in the lead on the file. In terms of content, they did not express any strong position on the ETS except from the importance to liaise with the discussion at the IMO level. The Pilot association recalled the importance of Global measures to address sector that have a global dimension to not hinder competitiveness.
- The German Pilot Association presented their fleet. They indicated that they are currently thinking about alternative fuels / alternative propulsion for new boats, which will enter in service. They do not consider LNG to be the best option due to safety concerns, but are contemplating the possibility to use H2 in conjunction with fuel cells. They also showed how studies proved that Pilots can also reduced emission in harbour areas.
- The Pilot association asked for information on the position of the revision of the TEN-T network. [REDACTED] referred to the public consultation closed, the ongoing-targeted consultation to limited stakeholder and the official kick off the revision scheduled for May.