Summary of the meeting between Commissioner Vălean and ECSA Board of Director Members, Messrs Claes Berglund, Philippos Philis, Martin Dorsman - 20 February 2020, European Shipping Week:

ECSA
- EU is 40% of world fleet - must safeguard competitiveness
- Maritime ETS - unknown at the moment: scope, functioning, which ships - ECSA has no clear answers now, but willing to cooperate clearly
- Drive to decarbonise is clear - but many solutions still need to be found
- Short-sea shipping - clearer solutions – OPS, batteries
- Long-sea shipping - no clear solution on the table, it will take many years to have workable solutions
- Industry has already reached 30% reduction through technical and additional 15-20% through operational measures (e.g. change from analogue to electric engine – all vessels delivered since 2014)
- Majority of shipowners care and are investing in sustainability
- To reach 2050 targets - need alternative fuels and worldwide infrastructure
- IMO - key role, sometimes slow but very impactful
- Other important issues: Brexit, piracy, labour shortage – working on initiatives to make the profession attractive

CAV
- Proud of EU maritime sector
- Pressure is clearly increasing to contribute to environmental and climate sustainability - need a basket of measures to reach these goals
- Alternative fuels – issue of availability of fuels and infrastructure
- Impact of ship longevity needs to be considered
- Important to have good understanding of how the sector works to prepare right measures