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EU News

European Parliament adopts package of Anti-Money Laundering legislation

The European Parliament has adopted a package of three pieces of Anti-Money Laundering legislation. The new laws aim to ensure that people with a legitimate interest, such as journalists, civil society, competent authorities, and supervisory bodies, will have access to beneficial ownership information held in national registries and interconnected at EU level. The laws also give Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) more powers to analyse and detect money laundering and terrorist financing cases as well as to suspend suspicious transactions.

The new laws include enhanced due diligence measures and checks on customers' identity, after which so-called obliged have to report suspicious activities to FIUs and other competent authorities.

A number of new requirements have been put in place for higher-value segments of the boating and yachting sector. This includes access of FIUs to 'watercraft registers' and specific measures for the sale of crafts for non-commercial purposes for a price of at least 7,5 million EUR (or equivalent in national currency). This includes reporting of such transactions and information on customers. EBI has been involved in providing input to the legislative process and achieved some notable improvements. The original aim was to have the same value thresholds for cars as for boats (200,000 EUR). This would have led to a much larger impact and bureaucratic requirements for many boat dealers. This was changed to 250,000 EUR for cars and the 7,5 million EUR for watercraft.

The legislation also contains enhanced vigilance provisions regarding ultra-rich individuals (total wealth worth at least EUR 50 000 000, excluding their main residence), an EU-wide limit of EUR 10 000 on cash payments, except between private individuals in a non-professional context.

To supervise the new rules on combatting money laundering, a new authority - the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AMLA) - will be [established in Frankfurt](#). The laws still need to be formally adopted by the Council before publication in the EU's Official Journal.

New EU rules to on packaging and packaging waste

The new EU Packaging and Packaging Waste regulation aims to tackle constantly growing waste, harmonise internal market rules and boost the circular economy. It was approved by the European Parliament in April. The rules include packaging reduction targets (5% by 2030, 10% by 2035 and 15% by 2040) and require EU countries to reduce, the amount of plastic packaging waste. To reduce unnecessary packaging, a maximum empty space ratio of 50% is set for grouped, transport and e-

commerce packaging; manufacturers and importers will also have to ensure that the weight and volume of packaging are minimised.

Under the new rules, all packaging (except for lightweight wood, cork, textile, rubber, ceramic, porcelain and wax) will have to be recyclable by fulfilling strict criteria. Measures also include minimum recycled content targets for plastic packaging and minimum recycling targets by weight of packaging waste.

The Council of the EU needs to formally approve the agreement before it can enter into force.

EUROMOT FAQ on Cyber Security Resilience Act

EUROMOT, the association of global manufacturers of engine manufacturers, has published an FAQ on the EU Cyber Resilience Act. The impact of cyber-attacks through digital products has increased in recent years. The Cyber Resilience Act aims to impose cybersecurity obligations on all products with digital elements whose intended and foreseeable use includes direct or indirect data connection to a device or network.

This may also be of interest to EBI members too and can be accessed [here](#) with thanks to EUROMOT.

UN Tourism Members advance agenda for Europe

Europe's national tourism authorities convened in Albania for the 70th meeting of the UN Tourism Commission for Europe, with discussions focused on post-pandemic tourism recovery. The meeting emphasised sustainable tourism development and collaborative strategies to boost economic growth while preserving cultural heritage. As active members of UN Tourism, EBI remains vigilant in monitoring tourism trends and initiatives within the organisation, ensuring alignment with nautical tourism industry objectives and priorities.

Commission Members adopted key frameworks and criteria to support the Agenda for Europe, ensuring a regional focus tailored to address specific needs. Looking ahead, preparations for World Tourism Day 2024 in Georgia and future meetings were discussed, underscoring a commitment to advancing Europe's tourism sector in spite of global challenges.

EBI in Action

EBI Manifesto released ahead of EU Elections

In anticipation of the upcoming EU elections in June 2024, EBI has unveiled its manifesto aimed at shaping the policy landscape for boating and nautical tourism in Europe. Titled "Navigating Tomorrow:

A vision for a sustainable boating industry #MadeInEurope,” the manifesto outlines a comprehensive strategic approach to drive economic prosperity, sustainability, and innovation in the industry.

Key objectives of the manifesto include advancing environmental sustainability, renewing European competitiveness, facilitating European-based tourism across borders, revitalising Europe's inland and coastal infrastructure, and reducing administrative burdens.

EBI is actively engaging with candidates for the EU parliament before the elections and will continue communication with the EU Commission and elected Members of the European Parliament post-election. The manifesto reflects EBI’s commitment to building a resilient and innovative boating industry and calls on candidates in the EU elections to support its objectives.

For more information and access to the full Manifesto, visit the following [link](#). We urge members and stakeholders to share the Manifesto within their organisations and national candidates for the EU elections.

Boating Industry unites to forge Environmental Footprint Standard: Upscaling LCA as the solution

EBI, together with the consultancy firm Quantis, is pioneering a landmark Environmental Footprint Standard. 16 leading recreational boat manufacturers and 8 industry associations are collaborating to develop the industry's environmental footprint methodology tailored for boats under 24 meters.

Aligned with EU regulations, this standard aims to tackle climate change and minimise environmental impact across the entire life cycle of boats. Through a two-phase approach, the project will establish a science-based methodology and subsequently implement it with a comprehensive database and user-friendly tool. This will enable manufacturers to conduct eco-design, reduce environmental impact, and transparently communicate the environmental footprint to stakeholders, consumers, and regulators.

The project has already gathered a strong support from the EU Commission and it is structured to ensure industry compliance with evolving environmental legislation while staying ahead of regulatory developments. Led by EBI and supported by its strategic partner ICOMIA, this collaborative effort represents a significant step towards a sustainable future for the boating industry.

Please find the press release with detailed information [here](#).

EBI joins Maritime Strategy discussions ahead of EU Elections

EBI recently participated in an event led by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Catherine Chabaud, shaping the future of Europe's maritime industry. Hosted at the European Parliament, the gathering brought together MEPs, media and industry leaders to discuss a potential Maritime Industrial Strategy.

Key figures including MEP Catherine Chabaud of Renew and Christophe Tygat, Secretary General of SEA Europe, emphasised the urgent need for policy action to enhance the competitiveness of European shipyards and maritime equipment manufacturers. The discussions centred on the importance of sustainable and digitalised vessels in safeguarding Europe's trade stability, economy, and strategic autonomy. Moreover, participants highlighted the necessity for a common maritime strategy to address challenges such as the need for technological leadership and regulatory support. MEPs reiterated the significance of expediting a unified Maritime Strategy, stressing its pivotal role in shaping Europe's maritime future.

One notable proposal emerged from the event: the establishment of a potential "Blue Coalition" or "Blue Pact," aimed at promoting Europe's technological sovereignty in the maritime sector. Such an initiative could consolidate Europe's global leadership in shipbuilding.

As active participants in these discussions, EBI remains committed to leveraging this momentum beyond the upcoming EU elections. We will continue working closely with policymakers and stakeholders to advocate for policies that support the growth and sustainability of the recreational boating industry as part of the maritime sector.

EU workshop on harmonisation of boater's licences in Europe

The complexity surrounding boater's licences in Europe took centre stage at a recent workshop co-hosted by the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG Move) and the consultancy Panteia. It is a topic of great importance both nationally and within the European community. The diverse array of national frameworks governing the license certificates poses a significant challenge in establishing a unified regulatory framework. This fragmentation not only creates obstacles to the formation of a cohesive system within European countries but also cannot ensure open borders and enhance safety standards.

The European Commission, in collaboration with Panteia, is implementing a study in order to address the problem, with the goal of framing the actual European situation and finding possible solutions. The first phase of the study that concluded with the workshop, showed the results collected by the surveys that have been circulating around industry stakeholders and the general public/boaters. A different array of stakeholders and national organisations, including several EBI members, gathered

to discuss the current situation and the actual issues and needs caused by the fragmented national frameworks. During the workshop, the need for a unified regulatory approach was emphasised to streamline operations and enhance safety standards across EU member states. Most participants agreed that the best way forward would be to make the International Certificate of Competence ([UNECE Resolution 40](#)) compulsory for all EU countries.

Participants delved into the economic significance of the boating industry, underlining its total value of approximately 16 billion euros. With varying degrees of boating activity observed across countries, the workshop underscored the urgency of harmonising regulations to facilitate smoother operations and ensure clarity for boaters navigating different jurisdictions.

As part of the study, the two surveys will remain open to provide feedback to the European Commission. EBI urges all stakeholders to respond to and share the surveys.

- General public: [EUSurvey – Survey \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Industry: [EUSurvey - Survey \(europa.eu\)](#)

EU Commission initiates study on Digitalising CE-Mark Certificates: Survey now open

The EU Commission is having an independent study conducted to assess the possibility of digitalising conformity assessment certificates with a central database for all CE-marked products. This would also include certificates for recreational boats under the RCD.

The specific objectives of an IT solution would be to:

- Ensure product safety by making market surveillance easier and thus reducing fraud in conformity assessments;
- Trim the bureaucracy of managing CE-marking for all economic actors by reducing paperwork;
- Support customs control; and,
- Enable consumers and retailers to access reliable data about a product's CE marking.

A survey is being conducted to assess the data needs of the relevant stakeholders including notified bodies, manufacturers, distributors, importers, exporters. The deadline is 31st May. We encourage to forward this message to your members. Find the survey here: <https://rpaltd.co.uk/ce-mark-database/>

TEcoNaut Project drives European Recreational Boating towards Sustainability

[TEcoNaut](#), a large-scale EU funded project, aims to promote the use of sustainable composite materials in the nautical industry developed with cutting-edge technology, driving the race towards the ecological transition and the employment opportunities offered by sustainable boat building. With

a shared focus on promoting the use of sustainable composite materials, TECoNaut paves the way for ecological transition and sets a precedent for collaborative efforts in driving industry-wide change.

Through comprehensive initiatives ranging from identifying skills gaps to developing specialized vocational training courses, TECoNaut aims to equip industry professionals with the knowledge and expertise needed to embrace sustainable practices.

Read the full press release [here](#).

EBI in the News



[EU funds for skilled labour for green transition in European boating sector](#)

[EBI reaches out to EU assembly voters on boat sector issues and hurdles](#)

[EBI Launches Manifesto Ahead of EU Elections: Charting the Future of Boating and Tourism in Europe](#)



[EU consultation of industry and boaters on mutual recognition of private boater licenses](#)

[Boating industry comes together to develop landmark environmental footprint standard](#)



[EU project launches to help green marine industry](#)



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Funding

Funding: Mission Ocean Call for Expression of Interest

[Mission Ocean](#) invites applications from communities of actors aligned with the mission's goals.

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- **Objective:** The call aims to gather projects focused on protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems, preventing pollution of oceans and seas, and advancing the sustainable blue economy towards carbon-neutrality and circularity.
- **Support Offered:** Selected projects will receive technical assistance and feasibility studies to support their initiatives.
- **Application Deadline:** Until 24 May 2024
- **More Information:** to access the Call for Expression of Interest, visit the [Service Portal](#).

Funding: Bio-based materials and products for biodegradable in-soil applications

- **Programme:** HORIZON
- **Application Deadline:** 18 September 2024
- **Objective:** This project aims to deploy sustainable bio-based materials for soil applications, aligning with Circular Economy goals. Objectives include innovative production processes and safe biodegradability to combat environmental pollution.
- **More information:** [Link](#)

Funding: Joint Call on Consequences of Changing Marine Lightscapes

- **Funding Source:** JPI Oceans
- **Overview:**
 - **Funding:** €3,700,000
 - **Duration:** Mar 2024 - Jun 2028
 - **Type of Action:** Joint Call, Infrastructure Sharing

The Joint Call on Consequences of Changing Marine Lightscapes aims to address critical gaps in understanding the drivers and ecological impacts of changing marine lightscapes due to Coastal Darkening and Artificial Light at Night.

Projects should focus on topics such as biodiversity, biogeography, biogeochemistry, photobiology, ecophysiology, ecosystem functioning, food web architecture, and ecosystem services. The call is open to eligible research partners and/or industry partners from participating countries, with associate partners from non-funding countries also allowed.

- **Application Deadline:** 30 May 2024.
- **More information,** including eligibility criteria and submission details, please refer to the call text available [here](#).

Funding: €1 Billion for Alternative Fuels Infrastructure

- **Funding Source:** Connecting Europe Facility – Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)
- **Key Areas:** Ports: Funding for electricity, hydrogen, ammonia, and methanol bunkering facilities.

- **Objective:** The second phase of AFIF (2024-2025) aims to support accessible electric recharging points and hydrogen refuelling stations across the EU's main transport corridors and hubs, aligning with the objectives of new Regulation for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR) and ReFuelEU aviation and FuelEU maritime initiatives.
- **Application Deadline:** Proposals can be submitted before any of the three cut-off dates: 24 September 2024, 11 June 2025, and 17 December 2025.
- **More Information:** Detailed information about the funding opportunity can be found [here](#).

Funding: €2.2 Million for Future Fishing Vessel Development

- **Funding Source:** European Commission
- **Overview:** The EC has initiated a call for proposals to develop a demonstrator marine fishing vessel equipped with alternative propulsion technologies and innovative energy solutions. This project aims to significantly enhance the energy performance of current fishing vessels, reducing greenhouse emissions, and bolstering the sector's economic resilience.
- **Key Objectives:** Demonstrate the feasibility of chosen technologies and showcase results to stakeholders, including fishers, investors, coastal communities, and young people.
- **Application Deadline:** Until 11 June 2024, projects will be selected by the end of the third quarter of 2024.
- **More Information:** Detailed information about the funding opportunity can be found [here](#).

Funding: Interreg Euro-MED Thematic Projects Call

- **Funding Source:** Interreg Euro-MED Programme
- **Objective:** This call seeks to finance thematic projects aligned one of the following missions:
 - Innovative Sustainable Economy
 - Natural Heritage
 - Green Living Areas
 - Sustainable Tourism
- **Types of Projects:**
 - **Thematic Projects:** Divided into study, test, transfer, and strategic territorial projects.
 - **Governance Projects:** Comprising thematic community projects and institutional dialogue projects.
- **Application Deadline:** 12th June 2024.
- **More Information:** Detailed terms of reference, cooperation programme, and programme manual available on the [website](#).

Funding: Ocean Literacy EU4Ocean Challenge of the Year 2024

- **Funding Source:** EU4Ocean Coalition
- **Objective:** Submit a ocean literacy project proposal contributing to the Challenge of the Year 2024: "Be a Blue Citizen: Ocean, Citizenship, and Democracy". The EU4Ocean coalition

annually selects a Challenge of the Year to promote Ocean Literacy in the EU. The 2024 Challenge aims to connect ocean responsibility with citizens' roles in the democratic process for ocean health and sustainability.

- **Financial Support:** Up to €40,000 is available, with an expectation of funding 3 projects annually.
- **Application Deadline:** 12th June 2024.
- **More information:** Apply [here](#).

Project Pipeline: RLCF Alliance Open for Submissions

- **Overview:** The Renewable and Low-Carbon Fuels Value Chain Industrial Alliance ([RLCF Alliance](#)), from the European Commission [DG MOVE](#), dedicated to advancing renewable and low-carbon fuels in aviation and waterborne sectors, has launched a call for projects for its Alliance Project Pipeline. This aims to facilitate matchmaking between project promoters and partners along the value chain, as well as connect them with finance providers.
- Projects sought across various stages: from early-stage seeking partnerships to near-completed projects.
- Activities may include feedstock sourcing, production, distribution, and technology development.
- EU-based and international projects.
- Additional criteria for non-EU projects to demonstrate a significant link to EU value chains.

Projects can be submitted by members of the Alliance. Find out more on how to become a member (Free and accessible) and access the pipeline [here](#).

Up2Circ: First Open Call to support 47 projects on Circular Economy

- Description: Support of SMEs, action plan development, circularity training.
- Funding up to €50.000 per project.
- Find more information here: <https://up2circ.eu/first-open-call/>
- **Call opening:** April 1st, 2024
- **Call closure:** May 31st, 2024, 23:59 CET

EBI Calendar

25-26 May

EBI is part of [World Boating Day](#). Learn more in their website.

10-11 June

EBI General Assembly. Barcelona, Spain

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