



FONASBA - ECASBA MEETINGS

**THE DANIELI HOTEL, VENICE
TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2012**

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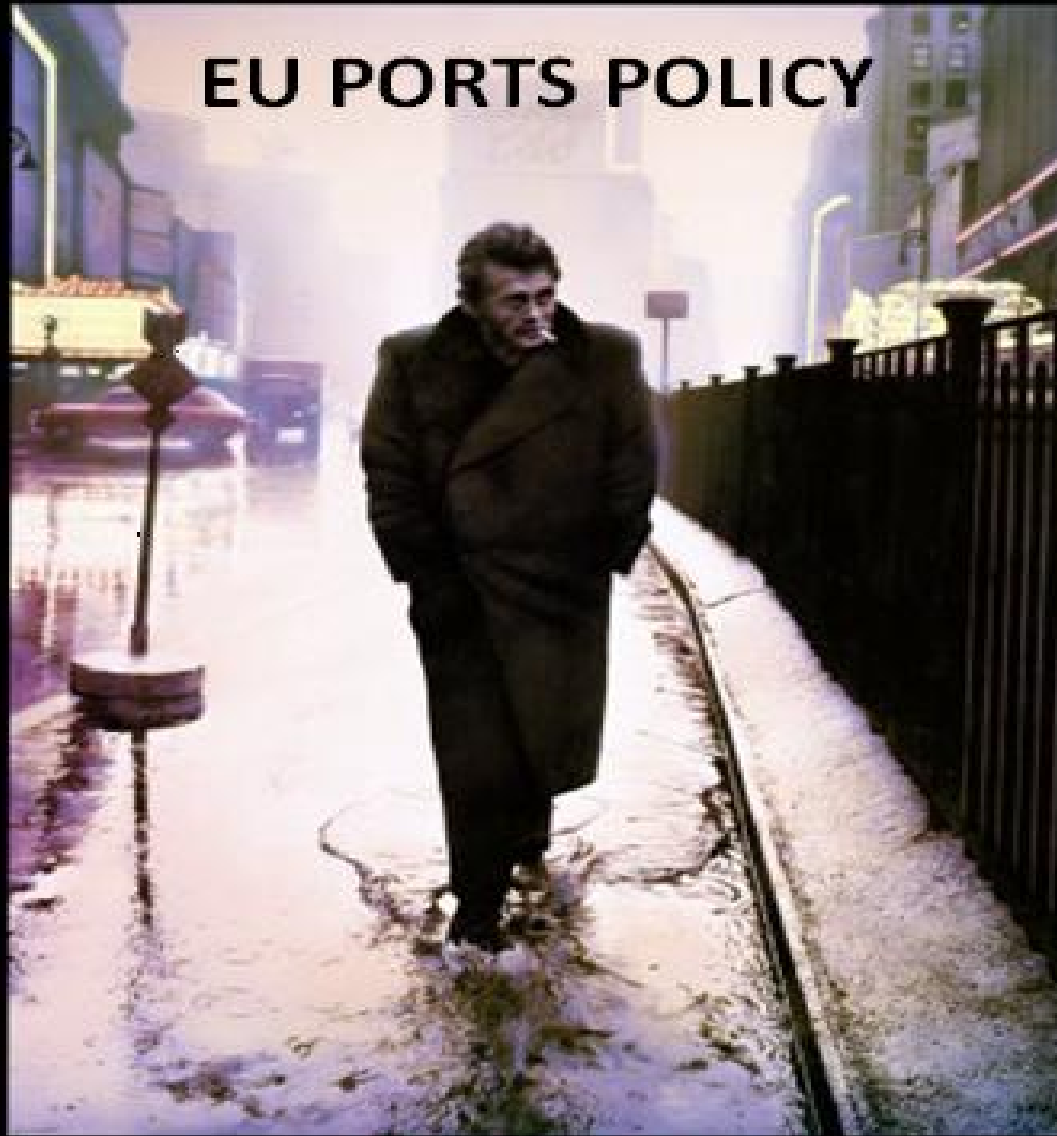
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHIPOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHED IN 1965 - BRUSSELS

- ◎ **REPRESENTING THE EUROPEAN SHIPPING SECTOR**
- ◎ **DAILY CONTACTS WITH EU INSTITUTIONS : COMMISSION, MEMBER STATES (COUNCIL), EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**
- ◎ **EUROPEAN SHIPPING ACTIVE IN ALL SHIPPING SERVICES**
- ◎ **EUROPEAN SHIPPING CONTROLLING 40% OF THE GLOBAL MERCHANT FLEET**

EU PORTS POLICY



JAMES DEAN

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BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS



EU PORT POLICY

History - Slow Process

- ⊙ **DECEMBER 1997 - GREEN PAPER ON SEA PORTS AND MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE**
- ⊙ **FEBRUARY 2001 - COMMUNICATION “REINFORCING QUALITY SERVICE IN SEA PORTS” : A KEY FOR EUROPEAN TRANSPORT” DIRECTIVE ON MARKET ACCESS TO PORT SERVICES**
- ⊙ **NOVEMBER 2001: 1ST READING IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (PLENARY)**
- ⊙ **JUNE 2002: TRANSPORT COUNCIL**



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- ⊙ **JUNE 2002: TRANSPORT COUNCIL**
- ⊙ **COMMON POSITION**
- ⊙ **MARCH 2003: 2ND READING IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (PLENARY)**
- ⊙ **SEPTEMBER 2003: DECISION CONCILIATION COMMITTEE/COUNCIL**
- ⊙ **OCTOBER 2003: CONFIRMATION BY THE COUNCIL**
- ⊙ **NOVEMBER 2003 – REJECTED IN PARLIAMENT PLENARY**
- ⊙ **OCTOBER 2007 : SOF LAW COMMUNICATION**
- ⊙ **2012 REVIVAL EU PORT POLICY**



REVIVED PORT POLICY

COMMISSION CONSULTATION:

- ◎ **PILOTAGE – PECs**
- ◎ **PORT LABOUR CONDITIONS**
- ◎ **GENERAL: PORT EFFICIENCY & CHANGES?**



PORT SERVICES: KEY ITEM FOR ACTION

TOWAGE

- ◎ **NOT A SERVICE OF GENERAL ECONOMIC INTEREST**
- ◎ **IN PRACTICE NORMAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE**
- ◎ **IN SOME PORTS: PROBLEMS IN PRACTICE SUCH AS IMPOSITION OF NON WORKABLE CONDITIONS ON POTENTIAL NEW OPERATORS**



PORT LABOUR

- ◎ **MONOPOLIES ON PORT LABOUR (BY LAW AND IN PRACTICE)**
- ◎ **MANDATORY USE OF DOCKERS FROM POOLS OR UNION MEMBERS**
- ◎ **MANDATORY COMPOSITION OF GANGS**
- ◎ **INADEQUATE COMPOSITION OF GANGS**
- ◎ **BAN ON MULTI-SKILLING & MULTI-TASKING**



PORT LABOUR

- ◎ **OVERMANNING**
- ◎ **A NECESSITY FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY**
- ◎ **LIMITED WORKING DAYS/HOURS**
- ◎ **PROHIBITION OF SELFHANDLING**
- ◎ **RESTRICTIVE WORKING PRACTICES ALL OVER**
- ◎ **HIGH & UNREASONABLE LABOUR COSTS**
- ◎ **ETC...**



PILOTAGE

- ⊙ **NOT A PUBLIC SERVICE**
- ⊙ **PILOT: ADVISES THE MASTER BASIS LOCAL KNOWLEDGE & MASTER DECIDES**
- ⊙ **SAFETY ARGUMENT NOT TO BE ABUSED**
- ⊙ **COSTS OFTEN EXCESSIVE**
- ⊙ **PECs/ CUMBERSOME/IRRELEVANT PROCEDURES, ENGLISH AS EXAM LANGUAGE**
- ⊙ **USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES: E.G. SHORESIDE PILOTAGE**
- ⊙ **PROFESSION TO BE REVIEWED**

JOHN WAYNE

A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT A MAN'S GOT TO DO





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