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ECASBA PLENARY MEETING  
EUROPEAN SHIPPING WEEK/  
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# EUROPEAN SHIPPING WEEK

- What is it?
  - A week-long event in Brussels to increase awareness amongst Parliamentarians, Commissioners and high-level Commission staff of the value of the shipping sector to the economic well-being and future prosperity of Europe
- Why now?
  - To reach the new Parliamentarians and relevant Commissioners early in their term and try to drive the debate in the direction we want it to go
- Who are We?
  - The main European shipping associations: CLIA, ECSA, ECASBA, ETA, EUDA, Interferry and WSC, who comprise the Steering Committee

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- When is it?
  - The week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014. The Parliament will be in Brussels that week and a College of Commissioners is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>
- What is planned?
  - Similar to LISW, a high level conference and a dinner surrounded by events organised by the associations aimed at raising awareness of their own issues and concerns
- What is the programme?
  - The conference and dinner are planned for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, the rest of the week is free for association events

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- Does the event have support from the Commission?
  - Yes. The Steering Group includes representatives from DG-MOVE and the event has been publicly endorsed by the outgoing Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas. Support from the Latvian Presidency is also being sought
- What obligations fall upon ECASBA?
  - The only obligation on the members of the steering committee are to hold an event during the week. Joint events and support from one association to another are encouraged
- Are there any financial implications?
  - The only financial commitment on the members is that related to their own event

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- What other events are planned?
  - The individual associations are in the process of defining their events, ECASBA is ahead of the game in having already decided on its event
  - In addition to the conference and dinner (hosted by ECSA to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and the association events, it is proposed to hold a number of public events during the week (outdoor exhibitions, a photography competition, demonstrations of ship operations etc.) to broaden the appeal of the Week
  - The conference and any public events are being organised by a commercial conference organisation which is also taking the financial risk for these events.

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- What is ECASBA planning?
  - To hold its 2015 European seminar as part of ESW
- Would ECASBA participate in any other events?
  - Where other association's events are of interest to ECASBA, we will participate and provide support to the host association, for example by nominating speakers for their events
- Will there be any overlap between association events?
  - As mentioned earlier, it is probable that some associations will cooperate on some common issues, for example ship emissions. ECASBA has offered to work with WSC on an eMaritime event

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- What is the programme for the ECASBA seminar?
  - Broadly similar to that in previous years, comprising the ECASBA AP, the seminar, dinner and the FONASBA Execom meeting
  - It is possible that in order to make best use of time, facilitate delegate travel plans and avoid any conflicts with the conference, it is possible the format of the seminar will need to change
  - ECASBA will be responsible for organising the hotel, programme, speakers etc., as in previous years.
  - The Advisory Panel will continue to develop the seminar programme in coordination with the ESW Steering Group