



**PRESS RELEASE
[MARCH 2015]**

2E3S and FONASBA-ECASBA sign a collaboration agreement to promote short sea shipping, coastal shipping and inland navigation

On the 3rd of March in Brussels representatives of the Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping (2E3S) and the Federation of National Associations of Ship Brokers and Agents (FONASBA) signed a collaboration agreement to work together in developing projects that shall enhance short sea shipping, coastal and inland navigation worldwide. The Signing took place during the *ECASBA 2015 European Seminar*. ECASBA (the European Community Association of Ship Brokers and Agents), a sub-committee of FONASBA established in 1993 to represent European brokers and agents in their dealings with the European Union, will play a major role in the development and the progress of the agreement.

Under the agreement, FONASBA-ECASBA will work together with the Escola by promoting its courses and its project through its website and by promoting them across their membership base. Similarly 2E3S will contribute by ensuring visibility of FONASBA and its programmes in the professional courses, therewith increasing awareness and disseminating information about the EU transport policy, promoting the motorways of the sea, short sea shipping, coastal shipping, inland navigation and intermodality. Alongside the courses, for its part, 2E3S will also aid FONASBA in its efforts to position itself as a leader in the development of motorways of the sea, short sea shipping, coastal shipping, and inland navigation among the international institutions associated with the maritime industry.

The collaboration between the Escola and FONASBA will greatly contribute towards spreading the awareness of co- and multi-modal transport across Europe. 2E3S courses focus on the Mediterranean Motorways of the Sea, however their focus is pan-European and ensuring that professionals from across the continent attend the training will spread awareness of the Trans-European Transport Network, intermodal transport, short sea shipping, and EUs environmental policies.

FONASBA President Glen Gordon Findlay met with 2E3S Director Eduard Rodés to cement the collaboration on Tuesday in Brussels.

For more information contact the Escola at info@2e3s.eu.

*****END*****

About the Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping – 2E3S.eu

The Escola Europea de Short Sea Shipping - 2E3S.EU is a European training center and a reference for intermodal transport and logistics, promoting sustainable logistics in Europe through innovative courses. Its main goal is to promote intermodal transport as the basis for sustainable logistics in Europe



PRESS RELEASE
[MARCH 2015]

The organisation focuses its activities on three main areas: Project Office and Innovation, Training and Communication, Knowledge and Research.

The Escola started its activities in 2006 as a training centre for European professionals and students of logistics, transport management and international commerce. Years later, it gained experience and know-how in the areas of administration of national and international projects, communication, content creation, and promotion and development of logistics' clusters in collaboration with recognised European institutions.

The contribution of the Escola's partners is of the essence: the Port of Barcelona – the main partner–, the Ports of Rome, the Port of Genoa and Grimaldi Group Napoli and Grandi Navi Veloci. Since the beginning, the Escola works hand in hand with the European Shortsea Network and specifically with the national Shortsea Promotion Centers, which promote short sea and the Escola's activities on local levels.

About FONASBA

The Federation of National Associations of Shipbrokers & Agents (FONASBA) provides a united voice for the world's shipbrokers and agents. Founded in 1969, the organisation promotes fair and equitable practices and ensures that the needs of its members are understood at both a governmental level and across the maritime industry.

FONASBA has consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD) and the World Customs Organization (WCO). We also work closely with shipowning bodies BIMCO, Intercargo and Intertanko.

FONASBA's relationship with the European Commission is handled through a sub-committee, the European Community Association of Shipbrokers & Agents (ECASBA). ECASBA provides input into European seaport, port services, shortsea shipping, shipping safety and EDI policies as well as customs and administrative procedures.

Our membership is made up of 49 countries, represented by 43 national associations of shipbrokers and agents with a further 6 countries represented by associate or candidate members. Individual companies are also eligible to join.

All members of national associations which make up FONASBA are encouraged to obtain the FONASBA Quality Standard, proving their financial standing and commitment to quality.

The European Community Association of Ship Brokers and Agents (ECASBA) is a FONASBA sub-committee established in 1990 to represent European brokers and agents in their dealings with the European Union.