

**Meeting of the**  
**Maritime Affairs Subgroup of the European Parliament , Intergroup on**  
**Sustainable Development (EPISD)**  
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on the Quality Coastal States initiative**

Mr Chairman, Members of the European Parliament, representative of the European Commission, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In today's meeting on the Quality Coastal States initiative I would like to present you:

- ⇒ priorities of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU in maritime transport and
- ⇒ Slovenian activities on 3 rd Maritime Package

**SI PRIORITIES:**

- SI priority in maritime transport is to focus on maritime safety, the priority is to achieve the goals of the 18 months programme of three presidencies (German, Portugal and Slovenian presidency).

- We are making our efforts towards quick and successful work on legal maritime acts in the Council. For achieving this goal we would like to closely cooperate with Member States, Commission and European Parliament.
- We would like to continue the work on the restart of the European satellite navigation project, GALILEO.

### THIRD MARITIME PACKAGE:

Sea transport presents, regarding the volume of cargo, one of the safest transport modes. Slovenia is trying to continue developing high safety in maritime transport. In this context we are working on dossiers from the third maritime package:

- We are continuing the discussion on two last proposals, on which the Council still didn't reach the political agreement, these are:
  - Proposal for a Directive on compliance with flag State requirements and
  - Proposal for a Directive on the Civil Liability and Financial guarantees of shipowners.

On the forthcoming TTE (Transport) Council in April there will be a political debate on both proposals.

- We would also like to achieve a progress on the proposals, on which the Council already reached the political agreements under the

German presidency. For these proposals we would like to set dates with the European Parliament for the second reading, namely for the following proposals:

- Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system,
  - Proposal for a Directive establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector and
  - Proposal for a Directive on port State control.
- For the proposals, on which the Council reached the political agreements under the Portugal presidency, these are:
- Proposal for a Regulation on the liability of carriers of passengers by sea and inland waterways in the event of accidents and
  - Proposal for a Regulation and a Directive on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organisations

we would like to prepare common positions.

Beside the above mentioned activities Slovenia is continuing with work on Blue book on maritime policy and in that framework we are going to organise a meeting of Member States` focal points on the 22 of April 2008.

Besides this we are also intensively working on the coordination of European Community positions on IMO matters, for instance, IMO/MEPC Coordination meeting will take place on 17. and 18. March 2008.