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**Maritime Safety and
Competitiveness.
A Policy Perspective**

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Focus of IACS intervention .

- The Global Nature of Safety and Environmental Protection
- Classification Societies as members of Maritime Clusters
- Flag States and Recognised Organisations
- Regulatory Development reflecting the Risk Reality.

Our oceans are interrelated.

- Maritime transport is international
- Quality shipping is not regional
- Pollution is not regional
- Policies and regulations must recognize the above

Maritime Clusters

- Clusters breed winners
- Clusters share knowledge
- Classification societies are technical competence centres in clusters.

The responsibility of the Flag State

- All IMO members are responsible for ensuring compliance of ships registered under their flag.
- Flag States may delegate compliance control to Classification Societies

Regulatory Development – The way forward

- Parameters defined by societal expectations
- Sustainability, social responsibility, growth
- Holistic approach means setting priorities
- Risk assessments as tool for policy making and regulatory development

Conclusion:

The Classification Societies have competence and resources.

And – we are ready to assist you and the European Maritime Community in reaching the goals of the European Union..