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# Towards Sustainable Ship Recycling Roles of stakeholders

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About ECSA: The European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), formed in 1965, comprises the national shipowners' associations of the EU and Norway. ECSA aims at promoting the interests of European shipping so that industry can best serve European and international trade and commerce in a competitive and free business environment, to the benefit of both shippers and consumers. The European Economic Area maintains its very prominent position with a controlled fleet of 40% of the global commercial fleet.



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# **INTRODUCTION TO ECSCA**



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- **Est. 1965 – Brussels**
- **National shipowners' associations EU + Norway**
- **Spokesman of the European Shipowners towards the EU Institutions**
- **Network with other shipping organisations**
- **European Shipping: key player / 40% of the world merchant fleet**
- **All trades—all sectors**



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# **SUSTAINABLE SHIP RECYCLING: ADDRESSING THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN SHIPOWNERS**



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## **HKC + EU SRR**

- **A swift ratification of the HKC is key: sets up the necessary and ambitious framework to deliver the required sustainable level playing field in ship recycling activities worldwide.**
- **Shipowners and Recycling Facilities equally have a corporate social responsibility to ensure that ships are dismantled in a sustainable way, also during the interim period before the entry into force of the HKC and the application of the EU SRR.**
- **HKC technical standards are broadly reflected in the EU Regulation on ship recycling. Distinction between EU and non-EU flagged commercial ships :**
  - Obligation for all ships calling EU ports to have IHM onboard
  - Obligation for EU ships to be recycled in EU approved recycling facilities
  - Exclusion of EU ships from scope of Waste Shipment Regulation
- **EU Regulation entered into force – Could play itself a role for a global sustainable ship recycling market.**



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# How to achieve a sustainable ship recycling market worldwide?

- Importance of having European shipowners, regardless of flag and before HKC enters into force, demonstrating a commitment to recycle their ships in facilities that are certified to be HKC compliant;
- Importance of supporting efforts made by recyclers to become HKC compliant, and economically viable, for inclusion on the list of EU-approved facilities;
- **PREREQUISITE:** European Commission to maintain an open and inclusive process when establishing the list of EU-approved facilities;
- Necessary available capacity on the EU list would create an equal competition level playing field worldwide, also with any HKC compliant yards outside the EU List.



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# **ADDITIONAL ECSA RECOMMENDATIONS**



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- **Observance and compliance with the Shipping Industry Guidelines on Transitional Measures for Shipowners Selling Ships for Recycling;**
- **Monitor any individual ship recycling operations and undertake any recycling project with a view at improving standards in line with the HKC**
- **Engage in dialogue with stakeholders, including environmental and social NGOs.**
- **Make publicity on shipping company's best practices and ship recycling policy for newbuilds and existing fleet.**





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# CONCLUSIONS



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- **Global level playing field to be maintained**
- **Commitment of all parties is required**
- **Proactive actions and responsible behavior required during the interim period**

Any questions?

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