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Establishment of River-Sea Shipping Committee of EBU in Rotterdam

Recently EBU's Board of Directors has decided to accept ERSTU as corresponding member and proposed the setting-up of the EBU's River-Sea Shipping Committee. Following this decision on the 17th of September the Committee has been established and will be chaired by Mr. Alexei Klyavin, President of the Russian Chamber of Shipping.



The first meeting of the River-Sea Shipping Committee took place in the premises of EBU in presence of the Secretary General of EBU, Theresia Hacksteiner, and ERSTU's President, Thomas Maaßen. Guests of the inaugural meeting of the River-Sea Shipping Committee were also the Vicepresidents and members of ERSTU's Board of Directors.

Secretary General of EBU, Theresia Hacksteiner, during her address to the new EBU's Committee
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ERSTU's President and EBU's Secretary General underlined the importance of setting-up of this new Committee for the improvement of the conditions for the development of the river-sea shipping in Europe.

In this first meeting the members of the new Committee discussed about the targets, the tasks for the short and long term plan and the Rules for the Committee.



The Chairman of the Committee, **Alexei Klyavin**, (picture left) having a huge knowledge of river-sea shipping in his country and abroad, intends to improve its role at a Pan-European level. He will be supported by Dr. Wolfgang Hebenstreit, Press Speaker of ERSTU, as newly nominated secretary of the committee.

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Members are Wolfgang Nowak, IMPERIAL Transport Solution-Business Unit Director-Short Sea-Special Services-International, and Ralf Uebachs, Managing Director of the Rhenus Maritime Services GmbH.

All participants of the inaugural meeting wished this team many success and very good results for the improvement of conditions for the development of the European river-sea shipping.

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The European Barge Union (EBU) represents the majority of the inland navigation freight and passenger carrying industry in Europe. Its members are the national associations of barge owners and barge operators as well as international associations in the field of inland navigation and related areas.

EBU's main objective is to represent the interests of the inland shipping industry and Rivers-Sea shipping industry at a Pan-European level and to contribute to the development of a sustainable and efficient Pan-European transport system.

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