



European Economic and Social Committee

Public presentation of EESC's opinion

Maritime piracy: strengthening the EU response

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Program

Note: interpretation will be available from and into English, French, Greek and Portuguese.

14h ***Welcome coffee***

14:30 ***Presentation of the EESC's opinion and EP reports on maritime piracy***

Introduction and moderation by Stephane Buffetaut, President of the Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society section (TEN) of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Anna Bredima, Member of the TEN Section Bureau of the EESC, rapporteur of the opinion on maritime piracy, and Vice-President of the Employers Group (10')

Georgios Koumoutsakos, Member of the European Parliament (7')

Peter van Dalen, Member of the European Parliament (7')

15:00 ***Position of the European Commission on maritime piracy***

Maria Damanaki, EU Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs (10')

Marjeta Jager, Director for Policy Coordination and Security at DG MOVE (10')

15:45 *Short statements* (3' each)

Moderation by Anna Bredima, rapporteur of the EESC opinion on maritime piracy

Maurice Mullen, Irish Presidency of the EU, Maritime Director at the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

Allan Graveson, Senior National Secretary at Nautilus International

Peter Swift, Steering Group Chairman at the Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Response Programme

Philippe Alfonso, Political Secretary for Maritime Transport at the European Transport Workers' Federation

Giles Noakes, Chief Maritime Security Officer at BIMCO

Paola Lancellotti, Secretary General at the European Shippers' Council

Alfons Guinier, Secretary General of the European Community Shipowners' Associations

John Boreman, Marine Director at Intertanko

Peter Hinchliffe, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Shipping and representative of the campaign SOS – SaveOurSeafarers

Jesper Steen Pedersen, Head of Sector of Instrument for Stability at DG Development and Cooperation of the European Commission

Hugues Eudeline, independent international consultant on maritime safety and security

John Kirkup, ATALANTA Liaison Officer to EU Military Staff at the European External Action Service (EEAS)

Thorsten Bargfrede, Senior Strategic Planner – Counter Piracy at the EEAS

John W. Bird, Department of Homeland Security Attaché, US Missions to the European Union and NATO

Philip Wareham, Treasurer of the European Maritime Law Organisation and Legal Director at Hill Dickinson LLP

Andrew Bardot, Secretary General at the International Group of Protection & Indemnity Clubs

Alessandra Zampieri, Head of the Maritime Affairs Unit at the Joint Research Centre

16:45 *Debate*

17:30 *Concluding remarks*

Anna Bredima, rapporteur of the EESC opinion on maritime piracy

17:45 *Cocktail*