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## **EuDA Annual General Meeting**

***Next revision of the Guidelines  
on State Aid to EU Maritime Transport***

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- **State Aid as a tool to achieve policy objectives**

- **Guidelines on State aid to maritime transport of January 2004**

**Objectives (Section 2.2) :**

- *safe, efficient, secure and environment friendly maritime transport*
- *encouraging the flagging or re-flagging to Member States' registers*
- *contributing to the consolidation of the European maritime cluster*
- *maintaining and improving maritime know-how*
- *protecting and promoting employment for European seafarers*



- **Guidelines on State aid to maritime transport**

## **Natural beneficiaries of tax advantages:**

- **Maritime carriers, within the meaning of Regulations 4055/86 and 3577/92**

## ***Natural eligible activity:***

***Transport of goods and persons by sea***



- **Guidelines on State aid to maritime transport**

**Extension to dredgers as long as they are “carriers”. Dredging as such is not covered**

**Not really an extension of the scope of the guidelines**

**The origin of the Commission interest linked to the presence of European seafarers onboard**

# ● Guidelines on State aid to maritime transport

**Guidelines to be reviewed after seven years of application (i.e., 2011)**

**Keep the present approach**

**Provide evidence that:**

➤ ***State aid is still needed***

➤ ***State aid has given the expected results (including on employment of Europeans)***



- **Issues to be covered by the review (first list)**

- **Eligibility of maritime-related services (dredging, towage, cable-laying, etc)**

- **Conditions for eligibility of such services**

- **Cruise ships**

- **Ring fencing**

- **Prevent circumvention of flag-share requirement**

- **Protection of Seafarers from European Member States (including EEA)**

- **Short sea shipping**



## Procedure

- **Study (perhaps not necessarily a formal impact assessment)**
- **Consultation of Member States**
- **Consultation of stakeholders**
- **Drafting**
- **Internal consultation**
- **Second round of external consultation**
- **Adoption**

**There is no timetable yet**