



## Side-session ENVIRONMENT

### A new era for ship recycling - tackling the risk of conflicting conventions

#### About:

As the Hong Kong enters into force the legal uncertainty will grow unless we get an alignment to the Hong Kong Convention and a clarity towards the Basel Convention. Without action, legal uncertainty is to impact EU market and, by extension the international shipping industry, as European ships fly many different flags. In addition, the EU 27 is party to the BC (incl the Ban amendment) while individual EU members states are party to the IMO.

The objective of the session is to address the legal unclarity between the applicable UN regimes and the respective EU regulations that deal with ship recycling. Given that the Hong Kong Convention enters into force in June 2025, any contradictions, more specifically on the Transboundary Movement Procedures for hazardous waste coming from the BC, need to be addressed.

This becomes even more pressing, since the amount of ships that will need to be recycled the upcoming years, will require more than double the global capacity that is available today.

The panel will examine how both UN Conventions can co-exist and align further with best practices worldwide, with the common understanding that the aim is to ensure that ships are being recycled globally in a manner that is environmentally sound and safe for the workers in the industry. In addition, the panel will be invited to discuss what regulators, industry and others can do to ensure that the global compliant capacity will become available at the soonest.

#### Speakers:

- **Karmenu Vella**, Former EU Commissioner for Environment
- **Harold Fotland**, CEO of Odfjell SE and Chair Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA)
- **Susan Wingfield**, Programme Management Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- **Christelle Rousseau**, DG Envi, European Commission
- **David Loosley**, Secretary General of BIMCO
- **Evangelia Pouili**, Malta Government
- **Johan Verlinden**, Belgian Government

**Moderation: Christine Korme, Executive Director, Norwegian Shipowners' Association**

**11:00-12:00**

**Auditorium 120**