

Social Partners Joint position

Strengthening Europe's Maritime Technology Sector through the Clean Industrial Deal

industriAll Europe and SEA Europe jointly call on the European Commission to strengthen European industrial sectors and recognise the critical importance of maritime manufacturing industry and its supply chain for Europe's defence, strategic autonomy, global maritime leadership, green and digital transitions, and overall economic prosperity. Given its strategic significance, shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing must be explicitly included in the Clean Industrial Deal and fully addressed by the related key policy instruments.

Recommendations for the Clean Industrial Deal

To secure the future of Europe's maritime technology sector, SEA Europe and industriAll Europe propose the following key measures:

- **Recognise the Maritime Technology industry as Strategic**
 - The Clean Industrial Deal must explicitly designate the maritime sector as strategic, acknowledging its pivotal role in decarbonising Europe and bolstering economic security and resilience.
- **Develop a "Good Industrial Jobs Compass" for a Just Transition**
 - Ensure workers' right to training and their just transition and Support companies, particularly SMEs, in their efforts to upskill and reskill workers in the maritime technology industry. This can be achieved through investments and EU-wide sector-specific educational and training programmes, as well as the mutual recognition of training and qualifications across EU member states.
 - Develop a just transition policy framework to support anticipating and managing the changes underway in the maritime industries with access to quality training for all workers at its core.
- **Support Social Dialogue and Worker Participation**
 - Promote and strengthen social dialogue structures and trade union rights at all levels.
 - Ensure public funding supports quality jobs and respects the autonomy of social partners.
 - Strengthen workers' rights to information, consultation, and participation in decision-making processes, especially during transformational shifts.
- **Foster Market Growth and Business Opportunities**
 - Include measures that strengthen both supply and demand within the maritime and blue economies to drive sustainable growth.
- **Promote European-built ships**
 - Consider conditionalities in EU financial instruments or tax incentives for shipowners to buy ships made in EU, and prioritize European-built vessels in public procurement and licensing for important maritime projects.

- **Ensure European Control Over Supply Chains**
 - At its core, the Clean Industrial Deal should support European control over supply chains. Public funding (e.g., grants) should prioritize European-controlled companies, especially for strategic maritime technologies.
- **Reward corporate sustainability**
 - Ensure the development and the implementation of maritime-specific corporate sustainability standards in the framework of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and promote responsible corporate conduct along the supply chain.
- **Guarantee Access to Strategic Policy Initiatives**
 - The maritime sector must benefit from initiatives such as the Industrial Decarbonisation Accelerator Act, the European Competitiveness Fund, the revised Public Procurement Directives, and other key instruments.
- **Inclusion of the Industrial Maritime Strategy**
 - As recognised European Social Partners for the Maritime Technology Sector, SEA Europe and industriAll Europe call for a Clean Industrial Deal that make reference to the Industrial Maritime Strategy as one of its key deliverables, in order to align its objectives and apply its instruments to the maritime manufacturing sector. It should support European control over supply chains and facilitate the relocation in Europe of strategic manufacturing where viable, competitive, and necessary for economic security.