

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (INTA)

THE SEA AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND THE EU

The sea is considered an opportunity of economic growth for the EU since it provides millions of jobs and added value worth hundreds billions euro. What are possible instruments and actions for further development of the Blue Economy concerning sustainable transport, trade, tourism, ports and fishing?

Dear Delegates of the Committee on International Trade,

We are proud to welcome you to the Euromed Session in Napoli, our own city. Our names are Leonardo and Claudio and we are going to guide you during the committee meetings.

As you probably already know, the issue we are going to deal with is Blue Economy and how to improve it, a question that, since we all come from the Mediterranean area, touches us directly.

The sea represents for EU a huge opportunity to develop our economy, creating more jobs and stimulating international trades. Our role in writing the resolution will be to focus our efforts on five main aspects of the problem: trade, transport, ports (that can all be considered as shades of one only side of Blue Economy), coastal tourism and fishing.

The following links are only a good starting point for your preparation, that we hope will be adequate to the requirements. So do not study only what we gave you, but look for more material!

Anyway, if you need any support don't hesitate to contact us and ask us any question.

We are looking forward to meeting you all in October,

Your CP and Co-CP,
Leonardo Filippone and Claudio Villone

GENERAL:

Here are some useful links for you to have a better overall view of the issue (also pay attention to the further hints inside the following documents):

https://www.oceanprosperityroadmap.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2.-State-of-the-Blue-Economy_briefing-paper_WOS2015.pdf

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/blue_growth_en

Interesting information about current funding policies by EU can be found at

https://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/magazine/en/policy/small-businesses-can-drive-blue-growth-and-put-europe-road-recovery (focus on the table inside)

From the Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Online Magazine, a document about how to increase the participation of the new generations to the growth of Blue Economy

https://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/magazine/en/policy/careers-blue-economy-how-close-skills-gap-and-make-marine-and-maritime-sectors-more

TRADE/TRANSPORTS/PORTS

Data regarding inland waterways

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Inland_waterway_transport_statistics

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/bibliotheque/briefing/2014/130684/LDM_BRI\(2014\)130684_REV1_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/bibliotheque/briefing/2014/130684/LDM_BRI(2014)130684_REV1_EN.pdf)

Concerning ports, there are two main Organizations you should know about:

ESPO (European Sea Ports Organization)

EFIP (European Federation of Inland Ports)

COASTAL TOURISM

A generical overview:

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/sites/maritimeaffairs/files/docs/body/coastal-and-maritime-tourism_en.pdf

About funding:

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/sites/maritimeaffairs/files/guide-eu-funding-for-coastal-tourism_en.pdf

FISHING

Concentrate mainly on CFP (Common Fisheries Policy)

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp_en

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Fisheries_Policy