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Executive Summary

Alert No. 392: ECSA publishes Study on the implications of applying the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) to international shipping.

As part of the so-called “climate objective” (already) announced by the European Commission and the EU Parliament to reduce emissions from ships by at least 40% by 2030 by extending the so-called “Emission Trading System” (ETS) to the maritime sector, the *European Community Shipowners' Association* (“ECSA”)¹ has published a special [Study](#) that analyzes the possible implications for the sector.

The document, produced in collaboration with the *International Chamber of Shipping* (“ICS”) - entitled: “*Implications of application of the EU Emissions Trading System (“ETS”) to international shipping, and potential benefits of alternative Market-Based Measures (“MBMs”) - examines both the potential advantages and disadvantages of applying the EU Emissions Trading System to our sector.*” In doing so, it identifies possible risks of incorporating international shipping into a regional ETS, and demonstrates why policy instruments such as Market-Based Measures (MBMs) – including alternatives such as a global fuel levy – are already under active consideration at IMO.

This study has been prepared at a critical time for international shipping as the global community considers options for additional measures to ensure the ambition set out by the IMO’s Initial Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships, adopted in April 2018, can be met. Concurrently the European Union (EU) is considering the application of the EU’s Emission Trading System (EU-ETS) to maritime transport.

In addition, the document also reports a survey that attempts to assess the **long-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on global shipping**. In fact, the economic damage resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 crisis have led the Commission to present a **recovery plan** that identifies the maritime sector as a possible recipient of funds for the economic recovery of the entire sector.

¹ See the *press release* published on the *website* of ECSA and available at the following link:
<https://www.ecsa.eu/index.php/news/eus-2030-climate-target-ecsa-publishes-study-implications-eu-ets-shipping>

Alert No. 393: “European Green Deal” Call for tenders: EUR 1 Billion investment to boost the green and digital transition.

The European Commission has launched the [European Green Deal call for tenders](#), funded by the [Horizon 2020](#) program with **EUR 1 Billion** to be allocated to **research and innovation projects** that address the climate crisis and contribute to protect Europe’s unique ecosystems and biodiversity.

The aim of the call for tenders, as can be seen from the *press release*², is to **foster European recovery from the COVID-19 crisis** by transforming the challenges on the environmental front into opportunities for innovation.

The projects financed by this call for tenders should bring tangible benefits in **ten sectors**: **(i)** increase climate ambition (the *so-called “cross-sectoral challenges”*); **(ii)** clean, economic and safe energy; **(iii)** circular and clean economy industry; **(iv)** efficient energy buildings; **(v)** sustainable and smart mobility; **(vi)** “From producer to consumer” strategy; **(vii)** biodiversity and ecosystems; **(viii)** toxic free environment and zero pollution; **(ix)** strengthening knowledge; **(x)** empowering citizens.

The deadline for submission is **January 26th, 2021**. The beginning of the selected projects is scheduled for autumn 2021. A **virtual information event** is scheduled from **22nd to 24th September 2020**, featuring the [European Research and Innovation Days](#).

Alert No. 394: Quarterly Note on employment trends, results are on-line for the second quarter of 2020.

The “[Quarterly Note on Employment Trends](#)”, covering the second quarter of 2020, is available on the *website* of the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies³. The latter has been developed by the Ministry itself in collaboration with ISTAT, INPS, INAIL and ANPAL.

The Note contains an **in-depth analysis of the hiring and termination of employment daily trend**, in order to account for the effects of the health emergency by COVID-19.

In the period under review, the overall picture shows: “*an exceptional decrease both in terms of the economic situation (-11.8%) and on an annual basis (-17.0%), as a result of the reduction in hours worked following the significant disruptions induced by the health emergency. The employment has been developed during a strong decline in economic activity levels, with GDP marking an economic decrease of 12.8% in the last quarter*”.

Also attached to the Note are the data regarding: [reworked historical series](#), [Oros historical job positions series](#), and [INPS-Uniemens historical series](#).

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² See the *press release* published on the *website* of the European Commission Representation in Italy and available at the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/italy/news/20200917_bando_di_gara_green_deal_europeo_1miliardo_di_investimenti_per_dare_impulso_alla_transizione_it

³ See the *press release* published on the *website* of MIT and available at the following link: <https://www.lavoro.gov.it/notizie/pagine/nota-trimestrale-sulle-tendenze-dell-occupazione-ii-trimestre-2020.aspx/>

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