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Measuring the European Maritime Sector

What is the European maritime sector really worth in terms of direct employment and turnover? This is the question not only the ENMC but the whole maritime community has been addressing again and again since the end of 2011. After having collected data from all national clusters represented in the network, we came to the conclusion that the difficulties to overcome are too huge for a single association and that such a study (necessarily long and costly) has to be driven by the European Commission as independent body.

On March 7th 2014, upon the recommendation of EC Commissioner Damanaki, the ENMC presidium met representatives of DG Mare and the Cabinet of the Commissioner, in order to present the terms of reference drafted by the ENMC and summarizing all preliminary ENMC decisions and comments regarding a study on the weight of the European Maritime sector.

The meeting was constructive and made clear that there is a common understanding on the necessity to have reliable figures and exhaustive data at disposal to shape future policies. Given the complexity of the survey to be made **the Commission will work on the launch of a pre-study by end of this year**, meant to identify and then make proposals to solve the main identified difficulties (definition of the scope of maritime economy, methodology for the data collection...). Furthermore the European Commission undertook to cooperate with the ENMC at every stage of the process.

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