



The **MARITIME PLATFORM**, based in Hamburg and Berlin, was founded in February 2014 as the Maritime LNG Platform and now represents an association of around 100 national and international companies, ports, associations and initiatives. The platform has set itself the goal of achieving a significant reduction in emissions such as SO_x, NO_x, CO₂ and particulate matter through the use of LNG (Liquid Natural Gas), and thus to achieve cleaner, as well as more economical, maritime and inland waterway transport.

In addition, however, climate protection continues to play an increasingly important role to shape the maritime transition. Not only because of the ambitious IMO climate targets to reduce CO₂ emissions by 2050 compared to 2008, but also because of technical developments of the fuels and propulsion technologies (ethanol, battery, hydrogen), the pure focus on LNG is too narrow for the platform's claim to help shape the future of shipping.

LNG will remain "the" driver for more environmentally-friendly (and climate-friendly) shipping and will see the role it plays strengthened; however, this will apply less so to fossil-based LNG as part of a gradual approach, which will initially involve its blending and, ultimately, complete replacement with so-called synthetic LNG, which is also referred to as e-fuel, and with biofuels.

Based on the experience gained with the introduction of LNG, it is now a matter of not repeating the mistakes of the past and now providing guidance for the various fuels and technologies to the shipping industry, but also to politics and ports in particular. In this way, the Maritime Platform is tackling major challenges in terms of infrastructure, industrial development, legal regulations and the creation of political frameworks.

For the first time, the FuelEU Maritime Regulation at EU level has set mandatory maximum levels for the CO₂ intensity of the energy used on board, which are primarily intended to encourage the switch to alternative fuels such as LNG, biofuels and e-fuels. These legal frameworks must now be successfully put into practice. Already during the legislative process, the Maritime Platform advocated an ambitious and at the same time pragmatic regulation and informed its members about the process and the relevant contents.

With the German government's hydrogen strategy, only a first step has been adopted. Hamburg in particular, as the headquarters of the platform, will develop into "the" hydrogen location. This is where the platform can and will be able to provide valuable impulses. Similar to the beginning of the LNG debate in 2014, the platform will act as a partner and point of contact for politics and industry in order to provide impetus for the maritime industry.

The platform's approach is multinational and cross-competitive and bundles existing know-how, including from other European countries, such as Norway, Sweden or the Netherlands.



How a Platform membership benefits you and your business activities

- Regular first-hand information and expertise
- Regular exchange with political decision-makers on all levels as well as pro-active involvement in political decision-making processes, incl. development of position papers
- Free expert advice and support for submitting funding and subsidy applications
- Contribute to internal and external expert panels and working groups
- Internal networking events to promote your business activities, foster co-operation and innovation
- Free participation in our sector conferences
- Access to networking events: events with third parties and matchmaking events
- Access to the members of our Council of Experts

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