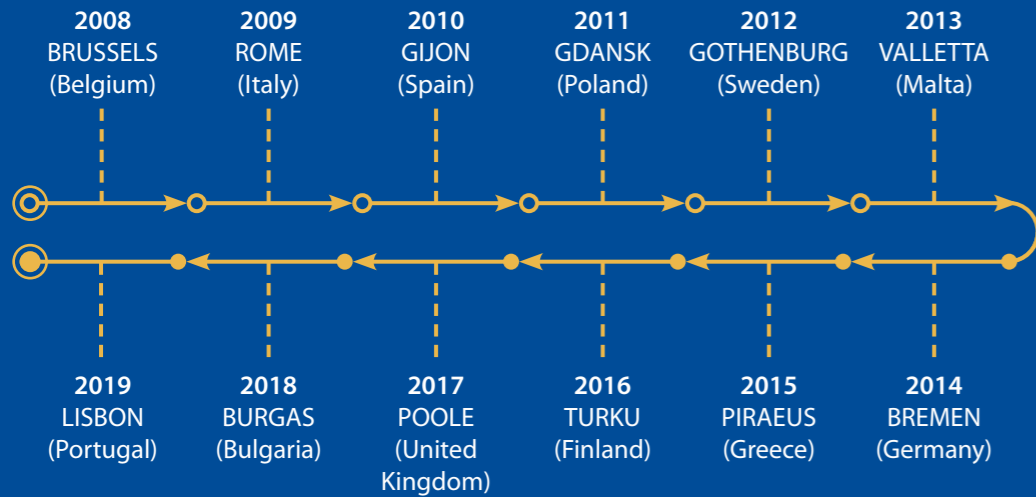


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# European Maritime Day

Bringing our Maritime Community Together

Maritime Affairs

## Forging Long-Lasting Partnerships

Launched in 2008 by the President of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU, the European Maritime Day (EMD) Conference raises the visibility of maritime sectors and supports an integrated approach to maritime affairs.

This annual platform welcomes Europe's growing maritime community, with industry professionals from across the EU joining policymakers to discuss, debate and exchange best practices. Their combined skills, knowledge and commitment are central to **maximising Europe's competitiveness at global level**, stimulating the creation of jobs, adapting to climate change and protecting our ecosystems.

Participants come from ports, shipping industries, clusters, environmental associations, trade unions, scientific and research institutions, education, and local, regional, national and European authorities, amongst others.

## Europe's largest maritime event

At the heart of EMD is a stakeholders' Conference held around the 20th May in a different city each year.

High-level sessions and stakeholder workshops attract delegates and experts from across Europe and beyond. Speakers, including Ministers, Commissioners, CEOs and experts, discuss the spectrum of **opportunities and great challenges that our seas present, share best practices, and develop new synergies**.

Exhibitions, public happenings and networking events are also held in the host city during the Conference. These generate opportunities and foster innovative ideas for the future wellbeing of our seas and our cities.

On and around May 20, parallel events also take place all over Europe. Local stakeholders bring EMD to life in their communities, with high-level roundtables and workshops, visits, guided tours, cleanups and litter picks, open door events for the general public and activities aimed at schoolchildren.

## Do you want to participate?

**The Integrated Maritime Policy must develop hand in hand with its stakeholders, and European Maritime Day illustrates this shared commitment.**

**Maritime stakeholders around Europe are invited to share their experiences and participate in the programme:**

### How do I get actively involved?

- 1. Organise a public workshop** – you can organise a workshop at the Conference centre, which would be your responsibility from start to finish.
- 2. Hold an exhibition booth** – you can prepare and hold a booth at the Conference centre.
- 3. Organise an event anywhere in Europe** – you can organise events such as workshops, maritime projects and activities, open door days at ports, harbours, museums and aquaria, environmental actions, or university or school projects.

**All proposals should be submitted via the application form available on the EMD website.** All applications will be subject to a qualitative assessment, the main criteria being the contribution of the event to the goals of the Integrated Maritime Policy and to the main theme of the Conference.

<http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday>

### How many Europeans are aware that:

The European Union is the world's number one maritime power. It is the global leader in **shipping, ocean energy** and **maritime tourism**.

EMD brings the European Commission's work closer to the people, by underlining the importance of our seas for global competitiveness, sustainable economic growth and **job creation**.

### A buzzing environment

EMD offers the conditions for a lively debate between all maritime stakeholders and provides impetus to the maritime community in the host country and across Europe.

EMD has helped create networks between stakeholders working in all Member States.

It has brought European cities on board to generate **participation**, and its **proximity to citizens and stakeholders** has made it the perfect tool to raise understanding and foster vital partnerships.

### Just want to attend?

**Register on the EMD website, free of charge!**

Join us in May at the EMD Conference to discuss key issues with the maritime community, **expand your networks** and enjoy some traditional local food.