

# WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT EUROSHORE

"Euroshore-meetings are ideal networking occasions. At some of these, I was able to do business with other members."

Wim Hulshof, ex-commercial director  
ATM Moerdijk, the Netherlands

"The meetings of Euroshore are very interesting for the exchange of ideas and technologies. Particularly these assemblies followed by visiting the installations of one of the members are quite enriching."

Oyenike Shobowale, regional manager African  
Circle Pollution Management Ltd, Nigeria

"Some time ago, I lost a shipping line that was a regular client of my port reception facility for the discharge of oily waste in Gibraltar. Why? The Italian Coast Guard in the previous port in Italy obliged the vessel to discharge its waste in Italy, because my port reception facility was not listed in the IMO-database. A call to the Euroshore-secretariat solved my problem. 48 hours later, my company was on the official IMO-list."

Darren Laguea, ex-COO Nature Group Gibraltar

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Euroshore as an international association of port reception facility providers in Europe and beyond provides environmental services to the shipping industry.



# WHO IS EUROSHORE?

Euroshore is an international trade association of port reception facility providers, founded in 1998 with members in Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Romania, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Its main objective is to promote the interests of companies active in ships' waste management.

## ◆ WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF EUROSHORE?

Euroshore has clear goals in the framework of ship waste business awareness and regulations:

- ▶ to promote to the shipping industry the use of port reception facilities that protect the environment through efficient and environmentally sound disposal of ship's waste
- ▶ to promote the use of its members' port reception facilities
- ▶ to promote relevant international policy, procedures and standards of competence for the collection and processing of ships' waste

## ◆ EUROSHORE GOES FOR:

- ▶ accessible and affordable port reception facilities
- ▶ clear rules
- ▶ zero discharge
- ▶ Stronger waste recycling business



## ◆ OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

- ▶ Maritime transportation is a growing market.
- ▶ Ship-generated waste is increasing.
- ▶ Stronger consciousness on environment matters and increasing political concern results in tighter regulation
- ▶ More control of ships' waste management : increasing traceability requirements, secured discharging becomes compulsory, and higher financial and penalty risks



## ◆ EVOLUTION

Ever since there has been shipping there has been ships' waste. It took until the second half of the twentieth century before the disposal of waste at sea was properly recognized as a problem. Starting with the 1954 OIpol convention, where "prohibited zones" were established extending at least 50 miles from the nearest land in which the discharge of oil or of mixtures containing more than 100 parts of oil per million was forbidden. Contracting parties had to take all appropriate steps to promote the provision of facilities for the reception of oily water and residues.

## ◆ LEGISLATION

For several years now, rules regulating the handling of waste on-board ship, its disposal at sea, and discharge to shore reception facilities have been in place. The most important of these are: MARPOL 73/78 and Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities (PRF) for ship-generated waste and cargo residues, which impact ports and shipping.

### ▶ The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships, the MARPOL 73/78 Convention

According to the MARPOL Convention Annex V, discharge of waste outside of Special Areas such as the North Sea and Mediterranean is only allowed when more than 12 nautical miles from the coast. Although the dumping of all waste, except food waste, is prohibited in Special Areas, no improvement with regard to ship-source marine litter has been found in the North Sea. Unfortunately a significant proportion of ships still do not deliver their waste to port reception facilities.

### ▶ EU Directive 2000/59/EC on Port Reception Facilities for Ship-generated Waste and Cargo Residues

This Directive requires all ships in European waters to deliver their waste to port reception facilities. Ships are also obliged to deliver waste to port when leaving the European Union. Unfortunately a significant proportion of ships still do not deliver their waste to port reception facilities.

