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## FuelEU Maritime Regulation

# "EU sends a signal for climate protection on the high seas".

**Frankfurt, 23 March 2023** - The EU is making decisive progress in climate protection on the high seas: In the triologue negotiations on the FuelEU Maritime Regulation, the European Council, Parliament and Commission have agreed on ambitious targets that are to contribute to a rapid reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The EU shipping industry, as well as the manufacturers of marine engines, now have clarity on how greenhouse gas emissions are to be reduced by 2050 by means of alternative fuels.

The negotiators agreed on a more ambitious GHG reduction path than originally proposed by the EU Commission: starting in 2025 with 2 percent, shipping is to reduce its emissions by 80 percent by 2050. "The outcome of the negotiations shows that Europe accepts its role as a role model and is also willing to act accordingly. We very much support this," comments Carola Kantz, Deputy Managing Director of VDMA Power-to-X for Applications. The de facto quota now defined for renewable fuels of non-biological origin is admittedly quite low at 1 percent by 2031. "But it is a signal to the market that hydrogen and eFuels are needed quickly. That is why it is necessary to build up production capacities quickly now. Because the climate protection goals for shipping can only be achieved with alternative fuels," Kantz emphasises.

"International shipping must quickly achieve CO<sub>2</sub> neutrality. To do this, we need the right regulatory framework, and marine technology is ready for it," explains Peter Müller-Baum, Managing Director of VDMA Engines and Systems. The VDMA has accompanied the FuelEU Maritime Regulation very closely and among other things, together with the shipbuilding association VSM, has

presented the Power-to-X Roadmap for the Maritime Energy Transition, which you can download [here](#).

Do you have any questions? Peter Müller-Baum, Managing Director VDMA Engines and Systems and Power-to-X for Applications, telephone 069 6603 1378, [mueller-baum@vdma.org](mailto:mueller-baum@vdma.org), will be happy to answer them.

The VDMA represents more than 3,500 German and European mechanical and plant engineering companies. The industry stands for innovation, export orientation and SMEs. The companies employ a total of around 3 million people in the EU-27, more than 1.2 million of them in Germany alone. This makes mechanical and plant engineering the largest employer among the capital goods industries, both in the EU-27 and in Germany. In the European Union, it represents a turnover volume of an estimated 770 billion euros. Around 80 percent of the machinery sold in the EU comes from a manufacturing plant in the domestic market.

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The VDMA's Engines and Systems Association brings together suppliers and manufacturers of internal combustion engines for industrial applications. Typical fields of application for these engines include mobile machinery for construction and agriculture, for power and heat generation, and for railways and ships. The trade association sees itself as an information and communication platform as well as a political and technical lobby for its members. It bundles, analyses, processes and addresses topics relevant to the industry, provides comprehensive data and facts on what is happening in the market, communicates in the interests of its members and establishes networks in Germany, Europe and the world.