

# **Carbon Accounting in the Maritime Sector**

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### **Carbon and the maritime transport sector**





### Total CO2 emissions by vessel types, tons, January 2012-March 2023

**3-4%** of Global GHG emissions

14,5% of EU GHG transport emissions

World fleet, three main vessel types, monthly CO2 emissions per ton-mile, January 2012–March 2023 (Gram/ton\*nautical mile)



### **EU MRV**

- 135.9 MT 2022\* (\*Data NOT OFFICIAL still being assessed and analysed)
- 126.2 MT 2021
- 129.3 MT 2020
- 147.1 MT 2019
- 145.3 MT 2018

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### International and EU policy perspectives









### IMO GHG Revised GHG Strategy:

- **2030** Reduce carbon intensity by at least 40% compared to 2008
- **2030** Uptake of zero GHG technologies to represent 5-10% energy by 2030
- **2050 -** Net zero emissions by or around, i.e. close to 2050





EU targets on Climate change:

- **2030** Reduce emissions by at least 55% when compared to 1990
- 2050 Europe to become the world's first climate-neutral continent

## **EU ETS extension to maritime**



- The existing EU ETS (Directive 2003/87/EC) will cover maritime transport emissions as from 1 January 2024.
- Same key principle as the other ETS sectors: shipping companies monitor their emissions and purchase and surrender ETS emission allowances for each tonne of GHG emissions to be reported under the EU ETS.
- Equal treatment on routes, flag neutrality.
- **Phase-in period** for 2024 and 2025 emissions (40% and 70%, respectively) and then full price signal as from 2026 reported emissions.
- Each shipping company attributed to the administering authority of one EU Member State
- Builds on the already existing monitoring, reporting and verification of emissions (MRV System)

## What needs to be reported?



- Geographical scope of ETS:
  - 100% of emissions from voyages within the EU & when ships are within EU ports.
  - 50% of the emissions from voyages starting or ending outside of the EU.

- GHG scope for ETS:
  - CO2 emissions as from 2024.
  - CH4 and N2O emissions as from 2026.

• Ships covered under ETS: large ships (i.e. above 5,000 Gross Tonnage) transporting passengers or cargo for commercial purposes, large offshore ships as from 2027, and possibly smaller ships (above 400 GT).

## What do we need?



- Independent validation & verification of the reported data at company level: i.e. data on individual vessel emissions.
- **Development of monitoring and risk-based targeting tools**: risk tools to support the work of MSs, the EC and potentially the verifiers.
- **Monitoring of evasion risks**: establish a service within EMSA in order to monitor changes in port traffic and shifts of transhipment hubs.
- Ultimate objective: ensure a robust implementation of the legal requirements by all stakeholders involved.

### How can EO help?









Very small point sources

Moving targets

**Complex emitting sources** 

**Relatively small concentrations** 



Atmosphere Monitoring



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- Challenge: <u>can we harness and integrate EO remote sensing & in-situ technology, with</u> vessel traffic data, with model outputs & inventories, and artificial intelligence to provide ship <u>CO2 emission data at a high[er] spatial and temporal resolution?</u>
- **Opportunity:** ETS maritime is now, we need to act soon!
- **Collaboration**: multi-sectoral and multi-technological.
- **Partnership**: users (national maritime and environmental administrations); the shipping industry, which can act as both user and technology provider; space & big data providers.







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