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Mr. Christophe Tytgat Appointed New Secretary General of SEA Europe

On behalf of SEA Europe, its Chairman, Kjeld Dittmann, is delighted to announce the decision by the SEA Europe Board to appoint Christophe Tytgat as the organisation's new Secretary General. He will take up his new position as from 1 March 2016.

Mr. Tytgat holds degrees in Law, International Relations and East-European Studies from the University of Leuven as well as a degree in International and European Law from the University of Brussels.

He started his career in 1999 as a civil servant in the Belgian federal administration. First, he worked as adviser for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and then, he was legal advisor for the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (Maritime Department).

Since June 2001, Mr. Tytgat has worked for the European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), and for the past three years, he has been ECSA's Senior Director responsible for competition, legal and taxation matters, as well as social affairs. He represented ECSA on issues within these fields towards EU Institutions and stakeholders. Mr. Tytgat has also been an active member in the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Maritime Transport.

Upon the announcement in SEA Europe Mr. Tytgat said: "I am very grateful to SEA Europe for giving me the opportunity to lead the organisation through the current challenging times for the shipbuilding and marine equipment industry. I am conscious that this task will not be easy, but I look forward to this new challenge."

Christophe Tytgat will replace Douwe Cunningham, who became the association's Secretary General in 2012.

Kjeld Dittmann, Chairman of SEA Europe, paid tribute to Mr. Cunningham's tenure as the organisation's first Secretary General: "Douwe's dedication and leadership has helped SEA Europe grow considerably from a newly created entity in 2012, based on the long standing work of CESA (Community of European Shipyards' Associations) and EMEC (European Marine Equipment Council), to a leading association for the European maritime technology industry.



Douwe has made countless contributions to SEA Europe's success, and the industry will benefit from the solid foundations which have been laid, and I wish him all the very best of luck with his further career".

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