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4th ShortSeaShipping Days 2020

“For the fourth time, stakeholders from the maritime transport sector have met. The patron, Norbert Brackmann MdB, is the Federal Government Coordinator for the maritime economy. Around 400 participants and approx. 40 exhibitors are expected under the motto "Multimodal logistics solutions in times of skilled labour, climate and innovation for Europe". ShortSeaShipping Inland Waterway Promotion Center (spc) is the equaliser in cooperation with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Lübeck.”

Extract from the programme:

Wednesday, 18th March 2020

16:00 PM – 17:30 PM

Conference Panel 1 – Skills shortage – Reality or future scenario?

18:30 PM

Conference Panel 2 – Europe – Europe’s new transport strategy?

Thursday, 19th March 2020

09:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Panel 3 – Shipping and innovations

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Panel 4 – Markets – Shortsea market
Russia – Dialogue despite sanctions

14:15 PM – 15:45 PM

Panel 5 – Multimodal – Sustainability in the multimodal transport chain

Further information on the supporting programme and registration can be found at:

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European Shipping Week in Brussels

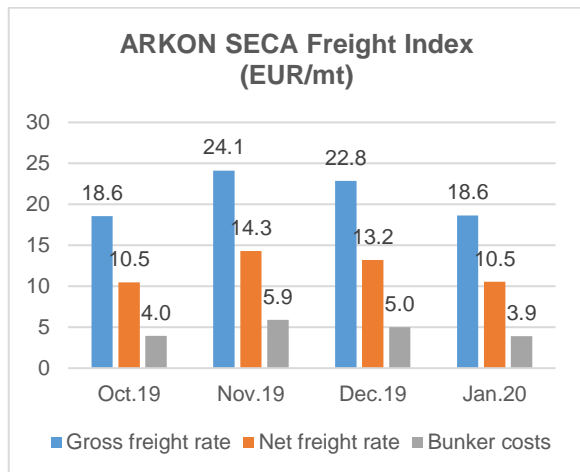
The European Shipping Week took place in Brussels from 17th February until 21st February, 2020. It was shaped by the topics of green deal and zero emission. There was no doubt about the urgency of taking appropriate measures against climate change - the way to get there remained unclear. For the global trade, there was consensus in the discussions that the IMO must play a leading role for uniform and fair framework conditions.

The Federal Government Coordinator for maritime economy, Norbert Brackmann, campaigned for strengthening the maritime economy in Europe. He spoke in favour of better networking of the maritime economy and maritime interests in Europe. Norbert Brackmann also spoke for more perception and visibility of our industry and called for a maritime coordinator at EU level.

Current market situation – February

The stormy weather, which has been extreme for weeks, not only has a negative impact on the length of the voyages but also on the results of the ships; cargos such as salt for the road or coal and coke products are less in demand due to the mild temperatures and, in contrast to previous years, transport volumes have decreased. Furthermore it remains to be seen whether and in what form the corona virus could also affect the shortsea traffic in Europe. In particular, the situation in northern Italy, which is economically very powerful, could have negative consequences for the mini bulkers at very short notice.

However, the freight market on the continent and the Baltic are generally satisfying. Rate levels in the Irish Sea and in the Mediterranean Sea are still moving sideways only.



Comment: The net freight equals the gross freight rate minus port and bunker costs.

The column diagram shows the incoming and outgoing voyages within the European SECA zone. 95 freight contracts with 3,500 - 5,500 dwt mini bulkers were taken into account in the period from 1st October, 2019 to 1st February, 2020.

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