

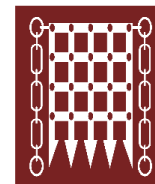
Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for maritime decarbonisation in the UK

Timing: Morning, Monday, 19th October 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Implementing the Maritime Decarbonisation Strategy - progress, practical implications and next steps**
Deborah Owens, Deputy Director, Maritime Decarbonisation, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Funding innovation and low emission technologies - the role of UK SHORE and future support mechanisms**
James Lovett, Innovation Lead, Future Maritime Technologies, Innovate UK
- 9.40 **Assessing pathways to maritime decarbonisation - cost, feasibility and timelines**
the role of hydrogen, ammonia, methanol, biofuels and electrification | considerations for comparative cost, safety, sustainability and lifecycle emissions | fuel availability, production capacity, and bunkering and charging infrastructure | vessel suitability, retrofit requirements and differences between routes and operating models | transitional fuels and risks of technological lock-in | operational efficiency, wind-assisted propulsion and digital technologies | implications of uncertainty for fleet and infrastructure investment
Senior representative, fuel producer
Senior representative, shipping operator
Senior representative, electrification
Senior representative, technology
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Addressing barriers to decarbonisation - priorities for technology, investment, regulation and commercial deployment**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Maritime decarbonisation delivery in practice - insights from deployment and fleet transition**
Senior representative, maritime
- 11.15 **Integrating maritime into the UK Emissions Trading Scheme - implementation, competitiveness and future development**
early experience following the integration of maritime to the UK ETS | scope, thresholds and exemptions | monitoring, reporting and verification readiness | administrative responsibilities and compliance costs | incentives for emissions reduction, fleet investment and operational change | implications for operating costs, freight rates and passenger fares, including distribution of costs | potential extension to international voyages | interaction with EU ETS, FuelEU Maritime and the IMO Net-Zero Framework | cumulative requirements, carbon leakage, route diversion and UK competitiveness | evidence on scheme performance and potential priorities for refinement
Senior representative, carbon markets
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, legal
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Transition to net zero ports - infrastructure, investment and implementation**
Senior representative, port
- 12.05 **The future of maritime and port infrastructure - finance, co-ordination and development**
shore power, electrification and grid capacity requirements | integration with wider energy systems and differing requirements between ports and services | investment in alternative fuel production, storage, distribution and bunkering infrastructure | co-ordination between ports, operators, fuel producers, energy providers, local authorities and planning bodies | public funding, private finance and the allocation of transition costs and delivery risk | risks of delayed or fragmented investment and stranded assets | planning, consenting and infrastructure development | supply chain and workforce readiness, including skills, safety and technical standards | implications for UK shipbuilding, coastal economies, regional growth and competitiveness | priorities arising from the Net zero ports: challenges and opportunities consultation
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, energy supplier
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Priorities for the next phase of maritime decarbonisation**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum