

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for maritime decarbonisation in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Maritime Decarbonisation Strategy and policy coordination - fuel transition pathways and international framework alignment**
Dr Eamonn Beirne, Deputy Director, Maritime Environment and Decarbonisation, Department for Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Next steps for tackling maritime decarbonisation sector challenges - technology pathways and the move to zero-emission shipping**
Professor Tony Roskilly, Director, Durham Energy Institute and UK National Clean Maritime Research Hub, Durham University
- 9.40 **Policy coordination and regulatory frameworks - strategy implementation, emissions pricing, fuel standards, and transitional arrangements**
UK Emissions Trading Scheme inclusion from July 2026 | alignment with International Maritime Organisation global shipping levy from 2028 | domestic fuel standards and 2026 consultation plans | coordination between UK and international frameworks, including targets, timelines and review points | competitive implications of early domestic carbon pricing | phased compliance mechanisms for smaller vessels and subsectors | regulatory clarity for investor confidence and finance | alignment of targets and review points with international timelines | transitional arrangements for retrofits, interim technologies, and newbuilds | sequencing with port bunkering and energy efficiency readiness
Kara Brydson, Executive Director, Fisheries Innovation & Sustainability
Richard Thurlow, Director, NR Marine Services
Senior representative, shipping
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, fuel
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Clean shipping innovation and technology deployment - Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition 6 outcomes, demonstration projects, and commercial scaling**
James Lovett, Innovation Lead, Future Maritime Technologies, Innovate UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair, Transport Committee
- 11.05 **Port decarbonisation in energy hubs - integrated energy sector implementation and offshore industry collaboration**
Marlene Mitchell, Commercial Manager, Port of Aberdeen
- 11.15 **'Reaching net zero on the Thames - how collaboration creates opportunity'**
Alice Hall, Head, Sustainability, Port of London Authority
Julia Makin, Head, Sustainability, Port of London Authority
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Maritime decarbonisation policy moving forward - emissions pricing, fuel adoption, and stakeholder coordination**
Anna Krajinska, UK Director, European Federation for Transport and Environment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Implementation barriers and delivery challenges - infrastructure and bunkering readiness, risk and finance, and workforce transition**
port decarbonisation and consultation outcomes | infrastructure investment, grid upgrades, and regulatory coordination | alternative-fuel bunkering readiness and safety for ammonia and hydrogen | economics of green fuel adoption for operators of all sizes | distributional impacts on smaller operators and ferry services | financial implications and support for compliance | insurance and risk for first movers | technical and economic challenges for fishing and short-sea fleets | bridge options including hybrid propulsion, retrofit pathways, and interim technologies | technology readiness and demonstration-to-deployment pathways | workforce reskilling, training, and capacity building | public-private investment, private finance mobilisation, and funding continuity beyond early-stage programmes
Mikal Boe, Managing Director, Core Power
Mike Sellers, Port Director, Portsmouth International Port
Martyn Gray, Director of Organising, Nautilus International
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, small and medium-sized enterprise
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **Industry implementation of maritime decarbonisation - regulatory frameworks and operational challenges**
Senior representative, global shipping
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair, Transport Committee
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum