



Brussels, June 2025.

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The European Skippers Organisation ESO is proud to announce the celebration of its 50th anniversary, a milestone marking 5 decades of supporting and representing the inland navigation in Europe.

To commemorate this occasion we warmly invite you to join us for the special event of our 50th anniversary, which has been themed:

Entrepreneurship, the backbone of our industry: now and in the future
and
Circular Mobility, the cargo of the future?

This anniversary will reflect on the achievements in the past period. But even more important, where is our industry heading to? As sustainable transport mode the future looks promising, but also challenging with the ever changing (manning) regulations, cargo flows and continuing pressure on entrepreneurship.

Date: Monday, 22nd of September, 2025
Where: Martinushoeve in Zandvliet (close to Antwerp), Belgium
Time: 10:30 till 15:00

We will bring together some interesting speakers and panelists to discuss the future of our industry. A lunch is foreseen permitting a relaxed environment to meet and discuss with each other.

After finalising the program a formal invitation with further details will be send. Please mark your calendar and join us celebrating our 50th anniversary. We look forward meeting you.

Warm regards,

Christiaan van Lancker,
President of ESO-OEB vzw

b/o Erik Schultz (on behalf of the Organizing committee)

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