



Press Release

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## Handing over the reins of EUROMARITIME

This Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, the maritime cluster of the Ouest-France group, via its magazine *Le Marin*, and the GICAN (French Marine Industry Group) organised the handover of the presidency of EUROMARITIME, the industrial exhibition for blue growth that will be held in Marseille for the first time from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.

Christine Cabau Woehrel, chair of the board of the Grand Port Maritime de Marseille, thus succeeds Francis Vallat, president of SOS Méditerranée and a major figure in the maritime world.

This handover is a powerful symbol of the exhibition's ambition, which is lowering its anchor in Marseille, France's largest port. The maritime world is changing and it needs an event that reflects this change, an event of European and Mediterranean or even global scope.

Supported by the Region, the Department, the Metropolis, the city of Marseille, the CCI, the pôle mer Méditerranée and by CMA-CGM, the EUROMARITIME exhibition and its series of conferences are firmly focused on the Mediterranean.

Francis Vallat: "I am delighted with this handover, as a symbol, in a city and facing a Sea which are both very dear to me as part of the causes I am fighting for today (Ed: SOS Mediterranean). I am particularly pleased and confident in the knowledge that it is Christine Cabau Woehrel who will now carry the momentum of this much needed blue growth that she embodies so well."

Innovation and ecological transition will be at the heart of the concerns and actions of the new President, who adds: "It is with great pride that I take over from Francis Vallat and it is a wonderful opportunity for the actors of the French, European and global shipping industry, to set our course due-south: In Med we trust!"



*From left to right:*

*Hugues d'Argentré (GICAN-SOGENA), François Lambert (DG GICAN), Benoît Tournebize (Director of communication CMA-CGM), Roland Blum (1st Vice-president of the Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolis), Francis Vallat (president SOS Méditerranée), Christine Cabau Woehrel (chair of the board of the Grand Port Maritime de Marseille-Fos), Jean-Marie Biette (Secretary general of Infomer, maritime cluster of the Ouest-France group), Patrick Baraona (director of the Pôle Mer Méditerranée), Marc Le Guillou (director of development for Infomer), Jean-François Suhas (port operations for Marseille Fos, CCI Marseille Provence)*

## Organisation

The EUROMARITIME exhibition is organised by the weekly publication Le Marin (Ouest-France group) and the French Marine Industry Association (GICAN), which brings together all civil and military naval industries in France.

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