



MOVING AHEAD IN OUR PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT THE SECTOR

1. Exhibiting companies

Professionals in the sector are responding to the support measures put into operation by SINAVAL/EUROFISHING in the current commercial campaign intended to boost their participation in the event. As a result, *almost 300 exhibiting companies* have confirmed their presence.

Among other initiatives, the team organising the event has made a pack of exceptional services for renting stand space on preferential conditions and with additional advantages available to exhibitors, and is also conducting special programmes to *attract visitors*.

2. Attracting visitors

On this occasion, the greatest effort has focused on countries such as Norway, India, Turkey and Russia, although many others also form part of the programme (Algeria, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Libya, Morocco, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Cape Verde, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Venezuela).

3. Shipbuilding sector activities

- ***International Conference "Offshore Support Vessels, increasingly more complex and efficient"***, organised in collaboration with the most prestigious international magazine in the sector in question, "Offshore Support Journal". This one day event will have a morning session with national and international speakers including: international ship-owners, an international broker, specialised designers, Spanish shipbuilders, a specialised classification society and the specialised auxiliary industry. The afternoon session will have a round table moderated by the Editor of OSJ magazine. This world-class international encounter will attract prestigious professionals from different countries to Bilbao Exhibition Centre. The issue of how new market trends and requirements affect our shipyards and auxiliary industry will be dealt with through three maximum interest subjects: trends in the construction of new units, latest technologies in systems and equipment and increasing safety and environmental requirements.
- ***Annual Conference and AGM of the CIRM (International Association for Marine Electronics Companies)***, the most prestigious world meeting in the field of naval electronics, which will be opened by Esteban Pachá, Director of the IMSO (International Mobile Satellite Organisation).
- ***"Future Port", International Encounter for the Port Sector***, is another event that will give SINAVAL foreign exposure, thanks to participation in it by representatives of European, state and autonomous institutions, ports, shipping companies, universities and international engineering firms, with the backing of Bilbao Port Authority, Uniport, Basque Government, AZTI and the Association of Civil Engineers, among others. The two major theme areas in its programme will be "More Productive Port Logistics" and "Towards a More Sustainable Port".
- ***Centenary of the "La Naval" shipyard in Sestao***. On the occasion of the centenary

of the shipyard, Construcciones Navales del Norte (CNN - La Naval) is organising a commemorative event for the entire shipbuilding sector.

- **ANAVE Session.** ANAVE, the Spanish Shipowners' Association, is organizing the presentation of an ANAVE technical report on "New regulations on safety and environmental issues" for all shipping companies belonging to the Association. Later, there will be a presentation and discussion on "Future regulation of CO₂ emissions by maritime transport" and "State control of ports". This session will be attended by authorities from the General Directorate for the Merchant Navy.
- **AGM of the Spanish Maritime Cluster.** The Spanish Maritime Cluster, CME, is to hold its 5th AGM during the Exhibition.
- **3rd International Shipbuilding Summit.** Based on an organised agenda of pre-arranged meetings intended to develop joint activities, business cooperation and technology transfer in order to dynamise and strengthen competitiveness in the shipbuilding industry and its position in international markets.
- **2nd Business Meetings.** The second edition of this initiative is being organised this year, based on business-leisure meetings at the highest level, between VIP exhibitors and visitors.

4. Fishing sector activities

- **INTERREG Meeting.** The Regional Committee for South Western Waters seeks to carry out a project within the framework of Atlantic fisheries, with the participation of the Sector, Technology Institutes and Regional and Supraregional Administrations, in order to analyse different essential fishing issues.
- **FEICOPESCA AGM and Board of Directors' Meeting.** FEICOPESCA, the Spanish Federation of Associations of Fisheries Products and Fish-farming Processing and Marketing Enterprises, is organising its AGM and Board of Directors' Meeting to coincide with EUROFISHING.
- **CEPESCA Board of Directors' Meeting.** CEPESCA, the Spanish Fishing Confederation, the most important European organisation in the sector, is to hold its Board of Director's Meeting during the exhibition.
- **Session on "Minimum Qualifications, Training and Crews".** Responding to demand from the sector, CEPESCA is organising a session oriented towards minimum qualifications, training and crews with a view to adapting to the needs of the 21st century.
- **Encounter for Schools.** The Basque Government Fisheries Department, in collaboration with the Pasaia School, is organising an encounter with a national scope for nautical and fishing training schools.
- **Session in "Energy efficiency in fishing vessels".** The Autonomous Communities with fisheries interests will present past, present and future projects on energy saving, invited by the Basque Government and sponsored by the European Fisheries Fund.

Parallel to this, moreover, and taking advantage of thematic synergies, the **Cousteau Foundation** will officially present the **Guide** (specifically oriented to the coastal fishing sector) on energy saving in fishing vessels, supported by the Spanish Ministry for Fisheries.

- **European Aquaculture Technology Platform.** An international meeting of the players involved in the development of this platform, a project which is highly interesting for the sector, will take place during SINAVAL/EUROFISHING.