



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
**SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT**

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To all members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber  
To all members of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners  
To all members of the Cyprus Shipping Association  
To all members of the Cyprus Marinas Association  
To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers, Registered Ship Managers  
To all Owners of Coastal Passenger Vessels  
To all Owners of Fishing Vessels

**Subject: Cyprus Shipping Strategy – Consultation Campaign**

The Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM) has launched a consultation campaign to gather feedback on key maritime issues to be used to co-create a long-term strategic vision for Cyprus shipping. A video invitation message by the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President Mr. Vassilios Demetriades is available at <https://youtu.be/v-eAgqHFIAg> .

Cyprus' connection to the sea is fundamental to who we are, both as a nation and an economy. We have a proud maritime history and are committed to ensuring this continues into the long-term future. To achieve this, we know we must continue to act and proactively drive progress on both a regional and international level. We also know that to lead effectively we must also listen, which is why we want to co-create a long-term strategic vision for Cyprus' shipping, maritime, and marine-related activities. In true Cyprus-style, we are opening our doors and inviting you to participate in determining the right, coordinated approach.

SEA is the new approach for Cyprus Shipping Strategy and “SEA” stands for Sustainable, Extrovert and Adaptable. We are asking you to share your thoughts and ideas.”

This open consultation will take place throughout April and May in four phases:

1. Environmental sustainability: 7 April – 22 April
2. Digital transformation: 23 April – 6 May
3. Global persisting challenges (a) Social issues - seafarers' living and working conditions, crew changes and seafarers' vaccination (b) Piracy and armed robbery against ships: 7 May – 20 May



4. Issues pertaining to maritime transport activities of high local and regional interest such as coastal navigation, marine pollution, maritime education throughout May.

To contribute to Cyprus' strategic vision for shipping, please visit the website [www.cyshippingstrategy.com](http://www.cyshippingstrategy.com) (will be launched on Wednesday 7/4/2021) and submit your feedback by responding to the relevant questions.

*Your opinion counts.*

*Be part of leading positive change.*

*Let's work together to make a difference for Cyprus, for shipping, and for our world.*



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