Anticipating Future Trends in Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking Industries

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Founding Congress





Founding Organisations

EMF: 4.8 M. members

EMCEF: 1.8 M members

ETUF:TCL: 500,000 members

Total affiliated organisations 196 Total members 7.1 millions



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SHIPBUILDING SECTOR IN EUROPE

General context

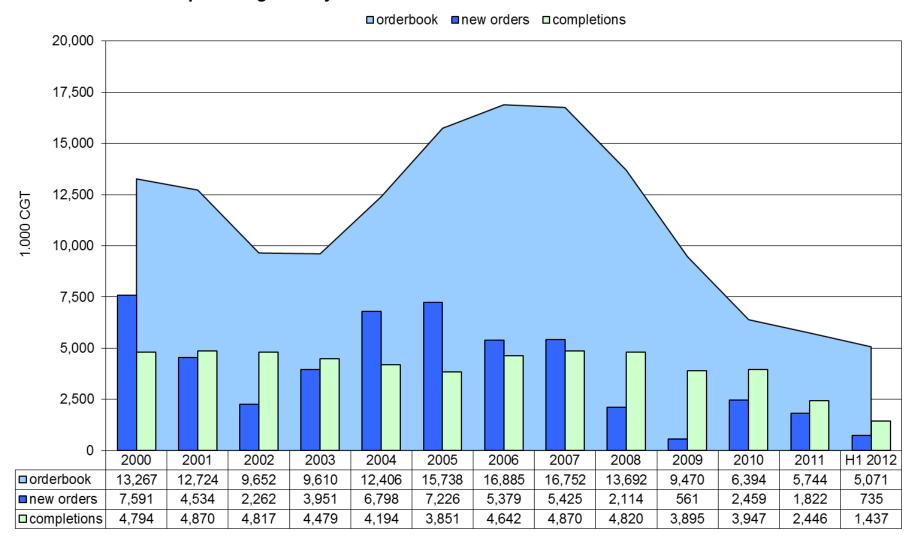
- "Financial crisis"
- Austerity programmes
- Recession in the Euro area
- Public budgets reduce spending and investment
- Consequences on social policies
- Roll-back of social rights (not only of workers)
- Deregulation of labour markets
- Rising unemployment

Economic situation

- A sector in crisis for at least two decades
- Declining employment and shop closures
- However: uneven distribution geographically:
 - Consolidation in Germany since last year;
 - Restructuring, especially in the south
- Medium-term outlook: order books are empty
 - Situation worsened since last year
- Employers talk about overcapacities
- "European shipyards have received almost 25% of the Non Cargo vessels ordered and continue to dominate the passenger ships segment, albeit the absolute figures in this segment remain low" (SEA Europe)

Shipbuilding activity

CESA Commercial Shipbuilding Activity



Data Source: IHS-Fairplay

Strategies

- Spezialisation of shipyards
- Reorientation/diversification
 - Offshore industries
 - Renewable energies (windpower)
- Bridging downturn in activity
 - Employers talk about overcapacities
 - Short-time working schemes?
 - Training/reskilling for workers

Specific topics

- Demographics
 - Ageing workforce
 - Lack of training and apprenticeships
 - Difficulties to recruit skilled workers (and engineers)
- Quality of employment
 - Increase of precarious work
 - Outsourcing (partly on-site)

Questions? Comments?

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