



Executive Committee Evaluation of the European Boating Association (EBA) Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018

Note: this evaluation was prepared by the Executive Committee at their meeting on 18/19 February 2019 and their opinion is annotated in the April 2017 revision of the strategic plan in *“blue italics”*. It was approved by the EBA General Assembly on 6 April 2019.

1. The EBA’s objectives are to:

- increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of the organisation;
- increase the visibility of EBA as “The” representative voice of recreational boaters in Europe;
- reduce the regulatory burden on boating activities
- include a national boating organisation from each European State in the EBA membership;
- improve the EBA’s reach in terms of relevance.

The EBA needs to become more relevant to more boating communities in order to be more representative and influential in Europe!

2. To fulfil the EBA’s stated objectives, the following activities are envisaged within limits of existing budget and manpower resources:

- encourage active (member) participation in agreed activities;
 - *Full digitalisation of EBA documentation has been achieved.*
 - *All GA- and EBA reference documentation is available on the EBA website.*
 - *Clear budget control*
 - *Increased interactivity between delegates at General Assembly meetings initially through CCI meetings followed by the introduction of “issue specific focus groups” that were introduced at the 2018 -GA-2 meeting in Helsinki.*
- scrutinise early information on pending EU (regulatory) initiatives and the possible effects on boating activities;
 - *EBA is actively participating in various consultations around:*
 - *ES-TRIN*
 - *ELB WG DGMARE*
 - *EU Nautical Tourism Strategy*
 - *Port Waste Reception Facilities*
 - *Hull Fouling / Bio Fouling*
- produce draft position papers on these and other relevant subjects for discussion and approval by the General Assembly;
 - *Over the 4 year running period of this strategic plan the total number of Position Statements as approved by the GA has risen to 17.*
- actively fulfil observer/ membership positions in relevant organisations such as HELCOM, CCNR, CESNI, OSPAR, CEN, ISO, UNECE and others where EBA deems it opportune to be involved;

- *Observer membership in various international councils activated.*
- *Contacts at European Commission Staff level with DGMARE, DG Mobility & Transport, DG Environment.*
- *EBA is actively represented at meetings of:*
 - *CEVNI*
 - *Inland WG Recreational Navigation*
 - *CESNI-PT*
 - *OSPAR –EIHA*
 - *HELCOM*
 - *RCD – Recreational Sectorial Group*
 - *WFD – Navigation Task Group*
 - *ISO*

- produce short statements on activities carried out on behalf of the EBA to be presented on the EBA website;

- *A summary statement of every General Assembly meeting is placed at the open pages of the EBA website. This summary document has previously been circulated to World Sailing and Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) Powerboating.*

- communicate the official EBA position to relevant European institutions and other relevant organisations;

- *Formal letters have been sent on : BREXIT, Port Waste Facilities, TTIP, WFD, CESNI-PT*

- improve the EBA's external Communications and the relevance of its website.

- *Increased number of relevant issues are addressed in new Position Statements.*
- *A summary of EBA activities and EBA GA meetings has been sent to eligible organisations in Europe*
- *Presentations were given at various international conferences e.g.*
 - *EBI Boat Digest Final Conference (Sept 2015)*
 - *METS Future of Yacht Recycling Conference (Nov 2015, 2016)*
 - *Hull Fouling Code of Conduct for Recreational Craft Bern Convention (2015, 2016)*
 - *ICOMIA World Marina's Conference (Nov 2016)*
 - *Safe and Sustainable Anti-Fouling Workshop (October 2018)*
- *All contacts with potential new members in unrepresented European countries were unsuccessful.*
- *After EBA member from Romania resigned, no more representation from this country.*

EBA position (papers) must be clear and easy to communicate!

3. The primary topics of EBA interest for the period 2015 to 2018 are:

- addressing the legacy of End of Life Boats (ELB) and promoting sustainable and affordable chains for dismantling

- *EBA is represented in WG initiated by DGMARE Staff with representatives from EBI and ICOMIA*

- pan European maritime tourism;

- *Following on from the presentation by DG MARE Staff (Thomas Strasser) at Vienna GA the Secretariat has had continued involvement with various working documents.*

- pan European environmental matters; in particular related to anti fouling applications and avoidance of Invasive Alien Species.
 - *EBA WG on anti-fouling and biocides.*
 - *Presentation by HELCOM at Helsinki GA*
 - *Participation in Safe and Sustainable Anti-Fouling Workshop (October 2018)*
 - *Hull Fouling Code of Conduct for Recreational Craft Bern Convention (2015, 2016)*

- technical equipment standards and safety requirements;
 - *Representation at ISO TC 228 and TC 188 on subjects as :*
 - *Yacht Charter Guide*
 - *Marinas*
 - *Small Craft Construction Standards*
 - *Life jackets*

- offshore renewable energy proliferation and associated regulation.
 - *Marine Spatial Planning*

A pro-active approach on the subjects the EBA wants to address!

4. The significance of this strategic plan is:

- increased participation in the work of the EBA by its member associations;
- acceptance of a competent national representative acting on behalf of EBA;
 - *This work is mostly undertaken by the Secretariat primarily to provide continuity, as the same delegates appear at many of the different meetings*
- active guidance by the Executive Committee and the Secretariat;
- additional travel costs.
 - *This has not been the case – all travel remained within budget.*

The EBA cannot expect more from its Secretariat within its current resources!

5. Monitoring and evaluation:

- the EBA Executive Committee will monitor the operational realisation of the Strategic Plan and report to the General Assembly at 2 yearly intervals;
- the first report was given at the spring General Assembly in 2017;
- the second report will be given at the spring General Assembly in 2019;
 - *Fulfilled with this report.*
- on the basis of the Executive Committees report the General Assembly will review and evaluate the performance of the EBA.