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Through the report, the European Parliament endorses a holistic approach including ports and energy supplies as parts of a comprehensive maritime cluster. The final version also highlights the importance of European Green Deal Targets. The report underlines the need to mobilise the investment commitments under the TSOs and as well as to boost access to funding under Instruments of the State through simplified criteria. Finally, the report encourages the EC to establish a mechanism for the exchange of good practices on how to adopt the conditions to the existing needs of the maritime sector.

In the words of Marco Grandi - ECSA Secretary General: "The report is key for a comprehensive approach under the upcoming Green Deal maritime proposal and that in order to achieve a clear reference to the IT Days and the facilitation measures should be included in the Proposal." ECSA appreciates the report to recognise the importance of transit and technologies, such as LNG for a gradual transition towards zero-emission containers in the maritime sector. However, it especially raises the need to consider the impact of climate change for sustainable maritime transport. In the opinion of ECSA, it is vital that the report endorses the New Guidelines reducing the emission costs of European vessels, proving to be both realistic and adapting the shipping sector's employment. ECSA welcomes the endorsement of MEPs in the adoption of the Delli report and will continue to support the adoption of smart digital solutions for the marine sector.

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