

Message from the President

Dear Colleagues, dear Friends,

I would like to wish you all happy holidays and a happy new year.

This year has been successful, with our industry rising to the challenges at national and European level. We are successfully navigating challenges, both old and new, proving that the boating industry is a resilient and important industry in Europe.

EBI has grown both in numbers and in its presence in the European institutions. In 2022 we have rebranded the association with a new strategy which has paid off. We have met regularly with both MEPs and the European Commission and have made it possible for all members visiting Brussels to do so and to advance our collective goals.

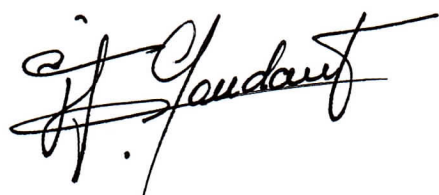
As a result of this good and constant relationship with the European institutions, EBI has gained a privileged place in decisions concerning the sector. The association was not only invited to present the sector to the European Parliament Transport and Tourism Committee, but has also, together with the European Commission, drawn up a roadmap on one of the most relevant issues for the sector, the end-of-life of boats, which will be presented publicly very soon. Many more positive developments are in the making already.

The year ahead is already looking promising, starting with an extended partnership with boot Düsseldorf and two top-class events, the well-known International Breakfasts Meeting and the new Blue Innovation Dock, for which EBI has brought together more than 80 speakers from politics and industry to discuss how to move forward and prepare the sector for the future around innovation and sustainability.

All this would not have been possible without the constant work and invaluable support of our most valuable asset: our members. That is why, in this last newsletter (until 2023), we would like to say a special thank you to all of you.

Here is to an successful 2023! We look forward to continue working with all of you and I hope to see you all at our next General Assembly in January.

Best regards and happy holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Gaudart', with a stylized flourish at the end.