

# MARITIME DECARBONISATION, EUROPE

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## **Green Finance Deal of the Year Award**

Awarded to a financing deal that promotes and prioritises sustainability, vessel optimisation and contributes to maritime decarbonisation efforts and a more environmentally friendly and sustainable maritime industry.

### **Hafnia's Sustainability Linked Revolving Credit Facility**

The facility is explicitly sustainability-linked, indicating a strong commitment to environmental goals. The facility is worth USD 303 million and matures in early 2029, showing a significant long-term investment in sustainable practices. The deal involves a syndicate of eight reputable banks, including BNP Paribas, Citibank, Danske Bank, DBS Bank, IYO Bank, Nordea Bank, Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation, and Standard Chartered Bank. The facility includes an annual Sustainability Margin Adjustment Mechanism, which ties financial terms to sustainability performance. The loan is secured by a fleet of nine chemical tankers and includes key performance indicators (KPIs) related to emissions and the relative share of chemical cargoes carried. DNV provides a second-party opinion on the KPIs, ensuring credibility and alignment with industry standards. By reducing funding costs and enhancing financial flexibility, the deal supports Hafnia's ability to optimise its fleet and operations.

### **CMA CGM Group**

€200 million Green Fund to support start-ups and businesses developing decarbonisation technologies in French shipping. One of the largest financial commitments to maritime decarbonization.

### **Swedbank's Climate Target for Shipping Portfolio**

Swedbank has set a specific climate target for its shipping portfolio, integrating climate considerations into loan decisions for ship finance, which is part of a broader strategy covering about 80% of their lending portfolio.

### **MOL's Issuance of Blue Bonds**

The issuance of blue bonds is aimed at supporting sustainable marine and fisheries projects, contributing to a sustainable blue economy. These are the world's first blue bonds in the shipping industry, marking a pioneering step in sustainable finance for maritime activities. The Blue Bond Framework ensures that all proceeds will be used for projects related to the prevention of marine pollution and sustainable marine resources. The bonds received the highest rating of "Blue1(F)" from the Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR), indicating a positive environmental impact. The bonds amount to JPY 10 billion (approximately \$70.45 million) with a maturity of five years, and are part of MOL's broader environmental strategy, "BLUE ACTION 2035," which includes significant investments in environmental conservation. MOL has set a total of JPY 650 billion (about \$4.5 billion) to be invested in resolving environmental issues over the three-year period from FY2023 to FY2025. Potential uses of the bonds' proceeds include the

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Wind Hunter, the ultimate zero-emission ship, and the Wind Challenger, a wind-powered cargo ship, both of which are innovative projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## **The Low Emission Methanol Shipping Company S.C.A SICAV-RAIF (“LEMSCO”) fund**

LEMSCO Sustainable Shipping Fund: LEMSCO is dedicated to financing methanol-fuelled vessels, which offer a pathway to significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions in shipping. This is an industry-first sustainable shipping fund, providing an alternative financing mechanism for the maritime energy transition. The fund's initial portfolio includes four methanol-fuelled MR tankers, which are among the most energy-efficient and sustainable in their class. The fund is a result of collaboration between major industry players Proman (a leading methanol producer) and Stena Bulk (a shipping company). The fund benefits from a green loan from ABN AMRO, which has been independently assessed and designated as a Green Loan by DNV. LEMSCO aims to invest in shipping and associated infrastructure to reduce emissions from the global maritime sector. The first vessels that will receive financing are fully re-engineered for low resistance and efficient propulsion, showcasing technological advancements in sustainable shipping. A dedicated methanol supply contract from Proman ensures cost-effective and low-emission fuel availability for the fleet.