

ship.energy summit 2026

POST EVENT REPORT

Keeping it real – setting out pragmatic ambitions for maritime decarbonisation



About the ship.energy summit 2026

This year's ship.energy summit went to Athens to take a reality check on the decarbonisation of shipping and ports.

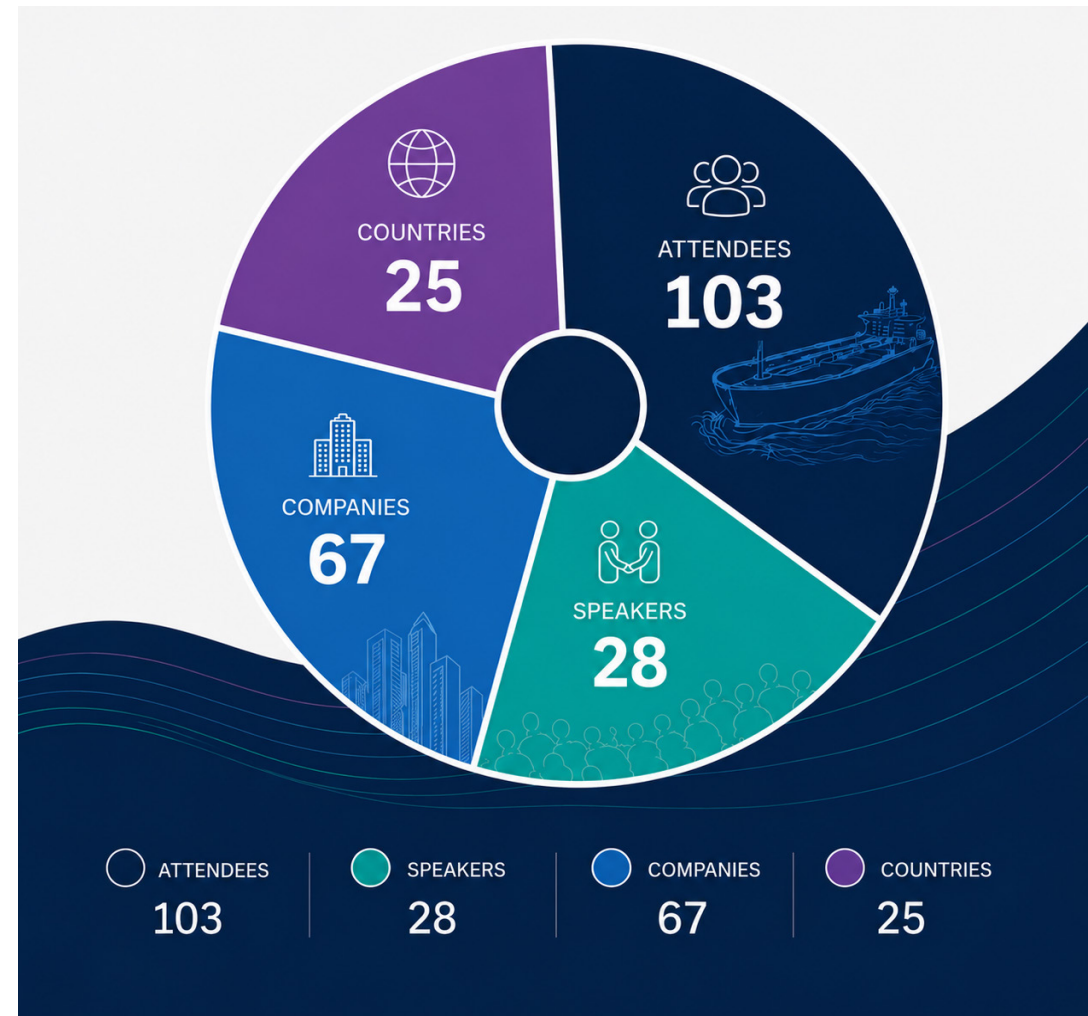
While the events at the MEPC Extraordinary Session in October 2025 pressed the pause button on the IMO's Net Zero Framework, the UN agency's timeline for shipping's GHG reductions remained in place. Against this backdrop, the summit asked maritime stakeholders whether momentum on the sector's energy transition could be maintained and whether the ambition to meet IMO emissions targets remained.

For an industry known for its resilience and adaptability, the event explored whether decarbonisation was still viewed as a priority and whether the collaborative approach needed to meet this challenge was holding firm.

Discussions focused on what was realistically achievable, particularly for conventionally fuelled vessels already in operation, while also examining the impact of European regulations and the effectiveness of incentive and penalty-based approaches to the transition. The summit also considered whether the European Commission's Industrial Maritime Strategy had provided sufficient confidence for industry to continue investing in decarbonisation.

As always, the ship.energy summit highlighted progress through case studies and real projects, with a strong focus on initiatives taking place across Southern Europe.

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Summit Programme

2 June 2026

SUMMIT - DAY ONE

09:00 **SESSION ONE – TIME FOR A RETHINK? STRESS-TESTING AND REFRAMING REGULATION AND POLICY**
This session looked at the aims and the measurable outcomes to date of regional regulation, such as the EU Emissions Trading System, FuelEU Maritime, and RED III.

10:20 **SESSION TWO – THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE: FINDING SOLUTIONS TO DECARBONISATION CHALLENGES**
Speakers in this session explored the shipping technology toolbox for both existing vessels and newbuilds. While new energy sources were key to decarbonisation, technological innovations provided the building blocks supporting the transition in the short and long term.

11:10 **SESSION THREE - FUELLING THE CONVERSATION: ARE BUNKER COMPANIES PREPARING FOR CHANGE?**
This focused discussion featured bunker suppliers and traders examining the shift to new fuels, the challenges facing traditional bunker players, and the continuing role of fossil fuels in the energy mix.



13:00 **SESSION FOUR - MANAGING THE MOMENTUM: CAN SHIPPING AND FUEL PRODUCERS HOLD THE LINE?**
This session examined how shipowners and fuel producers collaborated on the energy transition amid regulatory uncertainty and challenging geopolitical and economic conditions.

13:50 **SESSION FIVE - MONEY, MONEY, MONEY: STEPPING UP TO FINANCE SHIPPING'S ENERGY TRANSITION**
This session asked a simple question: is it becoming easier or harder to access money for decarbonisation projects?

15:10 **SESSION SIX – ANCHOR POINTS: PUTTING PORTS ON THE DECARBONISATION MAP**
This final session explored how ports were taking a leading role in developing alternative energy ecosystems, assessing their position as energy hubs, sustaining initiatives such as green corridors, and supporting new marine fuels and shore power amid evolving policy ambitions.

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Summit Speakers

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Delegate Feedback

“Wrapped up a great panel today — a real pleasure to moderate. Thanks to Konstantinos, Jesper & Joeri.

The question: how are traders and suppliers really dealing with the energy transition? Have the brakes been pumped on the back of uncertainty and geopolitics? We took it global, regional and local.

Good debate, honest views.

Where we landed: doing nothing isn't a plan. Adapt or stay a laggard. Are you a market maker or a market taker? To stay relevant, you keep your options open — and get comfortable being uncomfortable in the alternative fuel space.”

– *Chris Turner, Technical Manager, Integr8 Fuels*

“Honoured to be part of the ship.energy summit — where ideas meet action.

Great discussions with an outstanding panel (Jacob Granqvist, Maciej Antczak, Trine Braathen, John Kokarakis) about the future of shipping energy. This transition is happening now, and it's driven by collaboration.

Thank you to all who made it possible.”

– *Philippou Ioulianos, Group Director, Energy & Renewables Group at Columbia Shipmanagement*

“Thanks Lesley Bankes-Hughes | ship.energy for inviting HACC to be part of this conversation. It was a great discussion about the role that a global framework #NZF can play in reducing & ultimately eliminating shipping emissions for a sustainable shipping future.”

– *Allyson Browne, CEO, High Ambition Climate Collective*

“Honoured to have been on a panel alongside leaders in marine propulsion and decarbonisation at the ship.energy summit in Athens.

As the industry moves beyond single-solution thinking, the real opportunity lies in how we integrate and optimise multiple propulsion systems - whether that's ANEMOI Rotor Sails / Wind Propulsion working alongside conventional engines, or broader hybrid solutions - unlocking efficiencies that go far beyond standalone technologies.

Many thanks to the organisers and fellow panellists for an engaging discussion on how these synergies can be realised in practice, and for sharing such valuable perspectives.”

– *Baiqian Jiang, Technical Sales Manager, ANEMOI*



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