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**Konu** : Denizcilik Sektörüne Yönelik Yapılan Ar-Ge Yatırımlarındaki Durgunluğa İlişkin ICS Basın Bildirisi Hk.

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Sayın Üyemiz,

Uluslararası Deniz Ticaret Odası'ndan (International Chamber of Shipping - ICS) alınan 09.06.2021 tarihli yazıda;

"Ar-Ge Yatırımlarındaki Durgunluk Sektörün Karbonsuzlaştırılması Hedefine Yönelik Kabul Edilemez Bir Risk Teşkil Ediyor" konulu ICS basın bildirisinin yayımlandığı ve hükümetler tarafından kararlı girişimlerde bulunulmaması halinde azalan denizcilik araştırma ve geliştirme faaliyetlerinin sektörün karbondan arınma kabiliyetini tehlikeye sokacağı ifade edilmektedir.

Yazıda devamla, sıfır emisyonlu yakıt ve sevk gücü teknolojisine yönelik yapılan yatırımlardaki risklerin azaltılmasını desteklemek amacıyla, 10 yıl süresince fon sağlayarak Ar-Ge yatırımlarındaki durgunluğu çözüme kavuşturacak 5 milyar dolarlık "IMO Denizcilik Araştırma Fonu"nun, 10-17 Haziran 2021 tarihlerinde gerçekleştirilecek MEPC 76'da (Marine Environment Protection Committee - Deniz Çevresini Koruma Komitesi) görüşüleceği ifade edilmektedir.

Basın bildirisine ilişkin detaylı bilgi Ek'te sunulmaktadır.

Bilgilerinize arz/rica ederim.

Saygılarımla,

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Genel Sekreter

**Ek:**ICS'ten alınan 09.06.2021 tarihli yazı ve Eki. (3 sayfa)

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- Yönetim Kurulu Başkan ve Üyeleri

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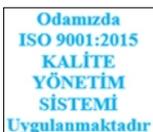
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**TO: PRESS**

**CC: Board  
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**ICS PRESS RELEASE: STAGNATION IN R&D INVESTMENT CREATING UNACCEPTABLE RISK FOR INDUSTRY ZERO EMISSIONS FUTURE**

***Action Required: ICS invites you to take note of its latest press release ahead of MEPC 76, which warns that without decisive signal from governments, declining levels of Maritime research and development could jeopardise industry's ability to decarbonise.***

ICS would like to draw your attention to its press release highlighting figures that reveal a stagnation in R&D funding in shipping. ICS warns that without decisive government signals, declining levels of maritime research and development could jeopardise the industry's ability to decarbonise.

The 5 billion USD 'IMO Maritime Research Fund' is set to be discussed at the upcoming MEPC 76 (10-17 June), which will provide much-needed certainty through guaranteed 10-year funding to support the de-risking of investments in zero emission fuels and propulsion technology.

**Please find the full press release attached in Annex A.**

Comms leads are encouraged to disseminate the release among your national press contacts.

Annex A: Stagnation in R&D investment creating unacceptable risk for industry zero emissions future

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## Stagnation in R&D investment creating unacceptable risk for industry zero emissions future, warns International Chamber of Shipping

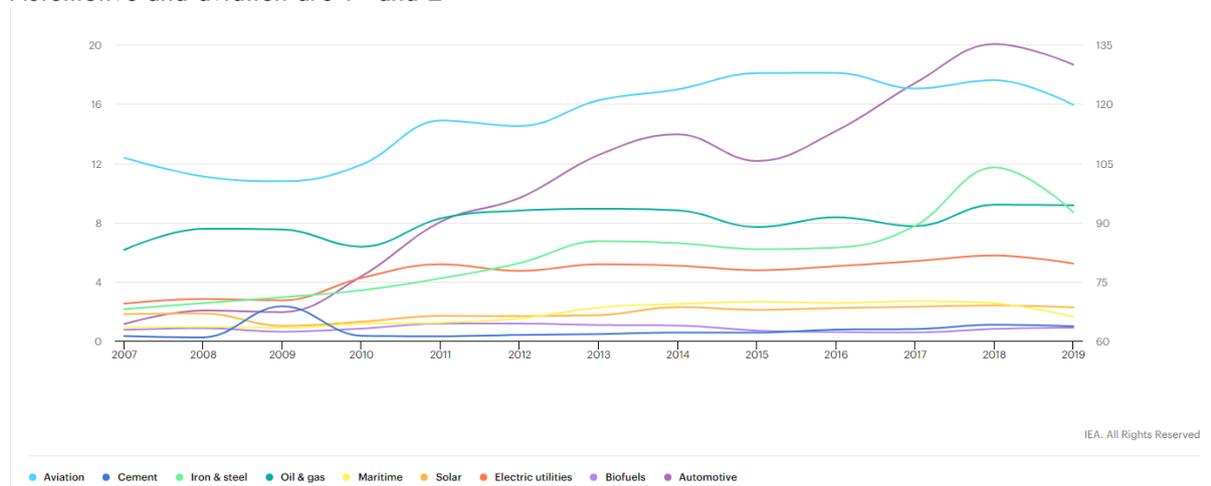
- High levels of political risk are leading to a lack of certainty for R&D investment.
- UN member states have chance to quickly progress discussions on proposed \$5bn R&D fund which will provide the patient capital needed to catalyse investment.
- Proposed ten-year fund will 'de-risk' future investments.

**Embargoed until 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has warned that without decisive government signals declining levels of Maritime research and development could jeopardise industry's ability to decarbonise.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), Maritime's research and development (R&D) spending between 2007-2019 remained stagnant, lagging far behind that of other sectors. Responding to strong political signalling from governments around the world investment on R&D in the automotive sector has increased from 67 billion USD in 2009 to a staggering 130 billion USD in 2019, compared to 1.6 billion USD in maritime. The total amount of Corporate R&D investment for maritime actually decreased, from 2.7 billion USD in 2017 to 1.6 billion USD in 2019 [according to the IEA](#).

*Global corporate R&D spending of selected sectors, 2007-2019 in USD bn. Shipping is the yellow line. Automotive and aviation are 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>*



Ahead of a [key meeting of IMO member states](#) in London this week, ICS, which represents 80% of the world's merchant fleet, has highlighted that growing uncertainty is leading to a reduction in confidence about R&D investment. The lack of clarity, in part due to the increasing levels of political risk and resulting investment risk, is leading to limited R&D investment for 'green' fuels for ships, and the accompanying technologies they need to be safely used. There is also growing concern about the safety and toxic emission associated with the use of some proposed alternative fuels. Without government support for rapid research and development, this will add unacceptable levels of risk to investments made in shipping by both the public and private sector.

Guy Platten, secretary general of the ICS, commented:

"We have welcomed recent announcements of plans to increase innovation and for zero emission pilot projects. However, all too often these announcements do not come with cash or a realistic investment strategy. This sends conflicting messages to the market and as a result investment in shipping is becoming riskier with each passing day. We need governments to match their words on decarbonisation with tangible action. Investment in research and development relies on certainty of the availability of long-term "patient capital".

As technology development is traditionally uncertain and takes time, ICS is co-sponsoring, along with 10 governments and industry partners, a 5 billion USD R&D fund for shipping - [the IMRF](#), which provides certainty through guaranteed 10-year funding to support the 'de-risking of investments' for advancing technology readiness levels.

Platten continued:

“While pledges on reducing emissions are welcome, we desperately need action today in our unique internationalised industry. There are no silver bullets and while some try to suggest that we already have the technologies, the reality is far from the truth. Governments need to look beyond the sales brochures and wishful thinking of others to invest in technologies that are safe and sustainable and without negative side effects for other parts of the environment. We are committed to working with governments via the IMO and have proposed several solutions to increase the speed of our decarbonisation journey. The \$5 billion USD International Maritime Research and Development Board (IMRB) provides the ‘patient capital’ that is desperately needed. While this proposal would be funded entirely by industry, we urgently need the support of governments to enable this to happen.

“IMO member states can use the MEPC meeting to clearly signpost to industry that international consensus can be found to effect environmental change and reduce political risk. All we are asking for is for governments to put our money where their mouth is.

ICS is calling for a clear political signal now so that investment can be brought forward to create the technologies needed to decarbonise the industry. The evidence is clear from other sectors that this is what is needed. Like other industrial sectors we also need governments to send a clear political signal that they are serious about the development of a global market-based measure to create the business models that will incentivise the adoption of these new fuels and technologies.

Platten concluded: “If we can’t get political consensus now on the urgent need for R&D how are going to reach the much-needed political consensus for a sustainable and equitable carbon price signal that will incentivise the market to decarbonise at the speed and scale needed.”

ICS along with other shipping bodies have already called on world leaders to bring forward discussions on global [market-based measures](#).

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#### **About ICS**

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) is the principal international trade association for merchant shipowners and operators, representing all sectors and trades and over 80% of the world merchant fleet.

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