

# Lean**Ships**

A 'Mobility for Growth' European Innovation project call "Towards the energy-efficient and very low emission vessel"

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#### Lean**Ships** ...

... aims to demonstrate the effectiveness and reliability of energy saving and emission reduction technologies at real scale.

#### Target markets ...

... are the small to midsized ships for intra-European waterborne transport, vessels for offshore operations and the leisure and cruise market.

## Eight demonstrators will be carried out ...

... combining
technologies for
improved efficiency and
pollution reduction, in
line with end-users'
needs and
requirements.

#### Main objectives ...

- ✓ CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of at least 25%
- ✓ Estimated fuel saving of up to 25%
- ✓ Expected decrease of SO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub>/PM air pollutants by up to 100%





#### **Examples of Demonstrator Cases**



Develop a large diameter propeller to improve the performance of the vessel propulsion system, reducing fuel consumption and emissions



Design and build a new generation ship handling tug with two LNG-fuelled engines



Develop a refit strategy for a fleet of general cargo vessels



Demonstrate a high-speed diesel engine converted to dual fuel operation (diesel/methanol)

Parallel development of demonstrators and their contribution to the project objectives, following the same harmonised innovation process.





## Lean**Ships** covers the entire energy chain

	Technology cluster 1: Engines, fuels, drive trains						Technology cluster 2: Hull, propulsors		Technology cluster 3: Energy systems and emissions abatement technologies				
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Demonstrator platforms	Internal combustion engines	Fuels	Generator	Electrical energy transforma tion	Storage device	Electrical motor	Improved geometry	Propulsors	Waste heat recovery	Incinerat or	Photo voltaics, Wind energy, fuel cells	Scrubbers	Energy management systems
WP04: Tug	XX	XX			XX		XX	XX					
WP05: SWATH/dredge	XX	XX			XX								
WP06: LNG carrier	XX	XX	хх		XX		хх	XX					х
WP07: General cargo ship	XX	XX	ХХ		XX							XX	
WP08: Inland ship	Х	х	х	х	х		XX	XX					
WP09: Ice going cargo ship	х	х			х	XX	ХХ	XX					
WP10: Cruise/Leisure					х		хх	XX					XX
WP11: Cruise/Leisure									XX	ХХ	XX	XX	



#### Lean**Ships'** mission:

#### Prove that:

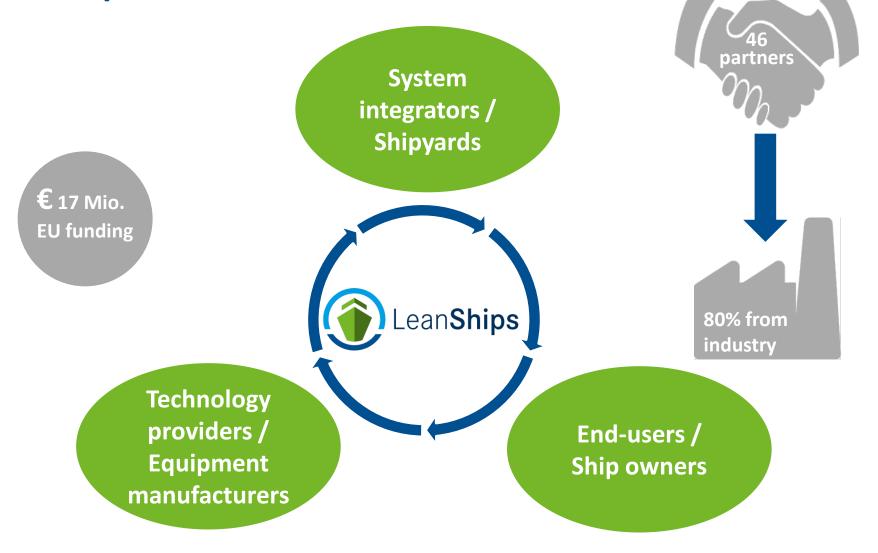
- a) green technology can be installed onboard (new and old - retrofit);
- b) green technology works in maritime and is reliable
- c) green technology can be economically viable

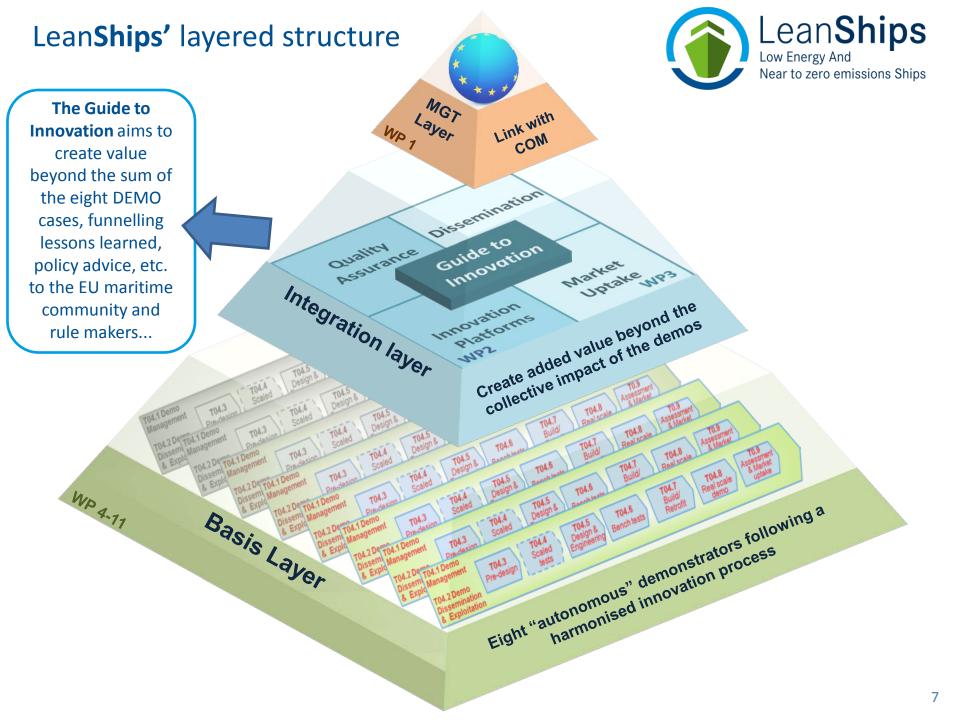
And can **significantly contribute** to the EU energy and emission policies by collaborating with:

- a) ship equipment manufacturers;
- b) ship builders;
- c) ship operators;
- d) classification societies;
- e) research centres and universities



#### Lean**Ships'** stakeholders:







#### **WP 05**

Demonstrating the potential of methanol as an alternative fuel

















## **Background**

IMO Tier III  $\rightarrow$  major reduction in NO<sub>x</sub>

- HFO: scrubber + SCR system
- LNG

Both add cost and are hard to implement/ retrofit on smaller vessels





#### The case for methanol

- Available now
  - One of the most widely shipped chemicals in the world
  - Already present in most terminals
- Can be made from renewables (long-term)
  - Fits within long-term view of UGent on energy supply and transportation
     → keywords sustainable scalable energy-dense
- Currently produced from natural gas, but <u>liquid at atmospheric</u> conditions
  - Much easier to handle, distribute, store onboard, ...
- Great engine fuel!



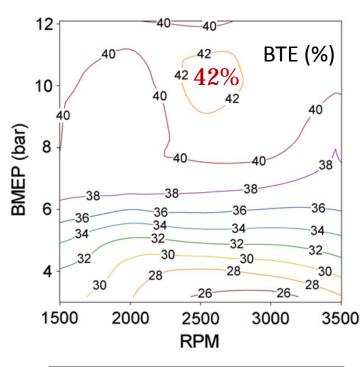
## **Ghent University background**



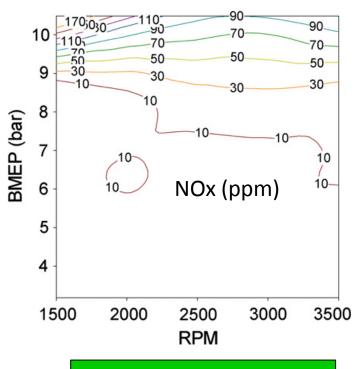
- Focus on sustainable, scalable (& liquid) fuels
- Experience with methanol since 2009
  - Converted (automotive) engines (SI&CI base, to SI operation) & measured potential (power-efficiency-emissions)
  - Developed modeling tools (engine cycle simulation)
  - 2 PhD's, 9 MSc, 15 papers

#### Illustration

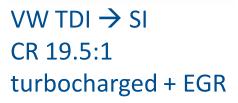








Diesel-like peak BTE
Part load efficiency gains
up to 20%
(compared to throttled
operation)



Vast engine-out
NOx reductions (ppm)
Diesel-like efficiencies
while using cheap
aftertreatment
systems



## **Ghent University background**



- "Resistance" in automotive, willingness in marine industry
  - & cooperation with Anglo Belgian Corporation nv



- Demonstrators with medium-speed engines on methanol, using proprietary equipment
- → WP05 main objective: **demonstrate universal methanol dual- fuel retrofit of high-speed diesel engine** while maintaining 100% diesel capability





interest: smaller vessels, LNG alternative



interest: SWATH vessels, storage challenge



interest: dredgers, storage challenge





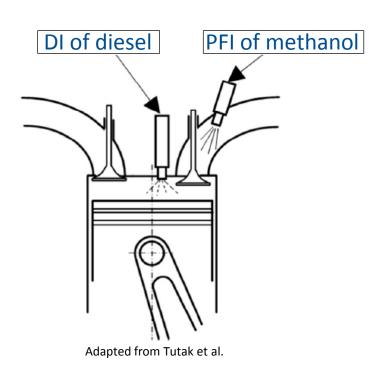
interest: marine engine supplier



interest: methanol producer and supplier



#### **DUAL FUEL CONCEPT**



#### **VOLVO PENTA D7C-B TA**



- 6 in-line cylinders
- 7.15 L
- CR = 17.6:1
- 265 hp @ 2300 rpm
- 904 Nm @ 1500 rpm

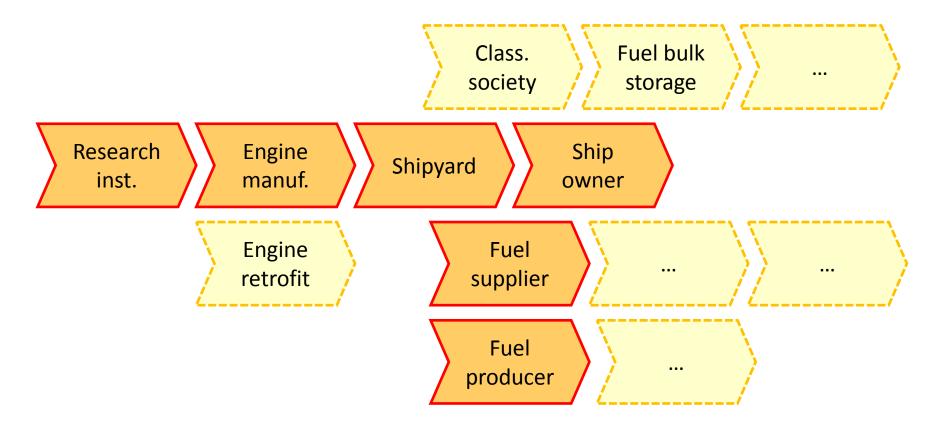


## **Additional objectives**

- Map the engine's potential on power, efficiency and emissions
  - & compare to original diesel operation
  - UGent testbench
- Use the data in an LCA calculation of using methanol as a fuel in shipping, for 2 cases:
  - SWATH (Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull)
  - TSHD (Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger)
- Provide concrete tools for the dissemination of methanol's potential and its exploitation
  - Goal: market uptake



## WP05 value chain vs. partners





# Thank You & Stay Tuned

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