

Dear Members and Friends of the European Maritime Heritage,

As we look forward to the next term of the EMH Executive Board, I am pleased to present our plan for the future and the List of Candidates for the Executive Board, 2024 - 2026.

ELECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR EMH EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDACY 2024 - 2026

Initial Strategic Routes

In the 2020 election, the President outlined five key strategic routes for EMH. These included modernising and expanding EMH to improve governance and reach; enhancing strategic partnerships for more robust maritime heritage preservation; developing a new, more inclusive Charter for Maritime Heritage; advocating for regulatory support for sustainable maritime practices; and engaging the youth, acknowledging their vital role in shaping the future of maritime heritage.

Key Milestones Achieved

Out of several commitments put forward in 2020, only two key milestones could have been achieved until 2023:

- New Statutes. The most significant change allows for the accession of unlimited members from each country, enhancing inclusivity and representation within EMH.
- New Corporate Identity. This is a step forward in providing the essential tools for effective and engaging communication, internally among members and externally with stakeholders.

The Need for Adopting a Robust and Participated Strategy 2030

Building upon our initial strategic routes, the EMH must update these pathways by incorporating learnings from the current term (2020 – 2023) through a comprehensive strategy adoption process, engaging internally with our members and externally in consultation with partners and other stakeholders. This approach will ensure that the *EMH Strategy 2030*, approved by the General Assembly as per Article 12 (2) (d) of the Statutes, is robust and reflects the diverse voices within the maritime heritage community.

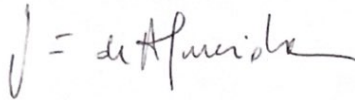
Our Commitments for 2024-2026

1. **Formulating the 2030 Strategy:** Involving our members and stakeholders in devising and adopting the *EMH Strategy 2030*, with a target completion by mid-2024. The Strategy should be approved by the General Assembly [Article 12 (2) (d) of the Statutes].

2. **Reinforcing the Secretariat:** Enhancing EMH's efficiency in administration, coordination, and promoting internal communications. This includes adopting an operational model consistent with Article 17 (3) and (4) of the EMH Statutes.
3. **Broadening Membership:** Actively seeking new members to expand the reach and influence of EMH in more countries, regions and sectors of the maritime cultural heritage.
4. **Aligning the EMH Foundation:** Ensuring the EMH Foundation aligns as a critical financial instrument within the overall "EMH Group" strategy, maintaining legal autonomy while focusing on funding mutually beneficial projects.

With your support, we will continue *Promoting the Future of Maritime Heritage*.

João de Almeida



(Candidate for EMH President)

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LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2024 – 2026

[Article 12 (2) (a), EMH Statutes]

President : João de Almeida
Vice-President : Ole Vistrup
Treasurer : Lars Palm
Secretary : Scott Pereira
Member : Hedda Lombardo
Member : Pepe Sacau
Member : Lars Kroeger
Member : Kate Šikić Čubrić
Member : António Ataz