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Dear Members,

### **Global Maritime Forum - Future Maritime Leaders 2020 Essay Competition**

The Global Maritime Forum (GMF), an international not-for-profit organization that is committed to shaping the future of global seaborne trade, is organizing the second edition of its Future Maritime Leaders essay competition. This 1000-word essay in English is open to industry colleagues between 18-30 years old.

The competition focuses on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and the topic of the essay is **“Over the next decade, how can the maritime sector continue to contribute to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals?”**. The essay should take the ‘op-ed’ form and participants are encouraged to focus on the topic they find most pressing and develop an original solution to address it.

GMF will select three winning essays and these will be published on the GMF website. The winning authors will also be awarded the unique opportunity for a full sponsoring trip to participate in the GMF Annual Summit 2020, to be held in London on 13-14 October 2020. Members may wish to encourage their eligible colleagues to participate in this notable challenge.

More details of the essay competition are appended below as well as in the attached EDM.

#### **Criteria for participation:**

- Essay submissions should not comprise more than **1000 words**;
- The competition is open to students and young professionals aged **18-30**;
- Participants in the competition should also attach their **CV** when submitting their essay;
- We can only accept documents written in **English** and saved in **PDF** format.

***The deadline for submissions is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11.59 pm CEST. The competition winners will be contacted at the beginning of July.***

For your reference, here are links of the three winning essays last year.

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/news/a-trading-scheme-supported-by-spatial-temporal-emission-profiles>

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/news/emerging-technologies-autonomous-shipping-and-seafarers-continuous-professional-irrelevance/>

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/news/achieving-sustainable-means-of-doing-business-through-circular-economic-thinking-in-the-maritime-industry/>

For further information on the above, please visit [Global Maritime Forum](#). Please email [futureleaders@globalmaritimeforum.org](mailto:futureleaders@globalmaritimeforum.org) should you have any queries on the above.

Thank you.

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