

Platform News – NGO Shipbreaking Platform holds AGM 2015, visits ship recycling yards in Turkey

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Shipbreaking Platform, a global coalition of 19 environmental, human rights and labour rights organisations campaigning for safe, clean and just ship recycling worldwide, came together for its annual general meeting last week in Izmir, Turkey. Members and representatives from organisations based in Europe and South Asia, where the largest shipbreaking countries are located, participated in the meeting. Moreover, external experts such as prominent lawyers and labour rights activists joined the meeting in order to discuss the current situation of the global ship recycling industry. The Platform visited the ship recycling yards located in Aliaga, Turkey. In light of the discussions surrounding the application of yards to become approved under the EU Ship Recycling Regulation, the Platform will issue a briefing paper on ship recycling in Turkey. All facilities in Turkey are expected to apply for the list of approved ship recycling facilities which the European Commission will publish by mid-2016. The Platform discussed with the members of the Turkish ship recyclers association which challenges they have to face in order to become EU-listed, such as persisting gaps in occupational health and safety provisions. *(Pictured: the NGO Shipbreaking Platform secretariat and member organisations at the Turkish ship recyclers association in Aliaga, Turkey)*