

Dear members and associated members of Edinna,

EDINNA is the educational network of inland waterway (navigation) schools and training institutes on various levels from 13 European countries. It is the aim of EDINNA to come to a more structured cooperation and to establish a harmonized education, training and certification system for Inland waterway personnel in Europe to ensure high quality of trained staff on board of vessels.

The development of the new European legislative framework continues. Although Edinna supports the initiative it is after an in-depth study of the proposal of the new EU Directive that I come to the conclusion that the text contains proposals that can be improved to reach a more professional vocational education and training environment for the Inland Navigation sector. The objective to have a clear understanding of the requirements education and training institutes must meet in future and improvement of the attractiveness to interest young people to subscribe themselves to one of our educational programmes is not yet at its optimal level. However, as from now it is in the hand of the European Parliament to discuss the proposal and the final text after the European Council reach an agreement last week. Therefore is it of utmost importance that we feed our representatives in the European Parliament with our view and to persuade them that there is room for improvement to get the best out of it to the benefit of the sector.

On May 17th and 18th the so cold drafting group, working on the details of the annexes with respect to the competency tables, met again at the CCNR premises in Strasbourg. All stakeholders worked on the wording of the columns 1 till 4 of the tables. The result of this work will be a concept document that will be discussed in the CESNI/QP meetings for final decision taking.

At the 17th of March the final conference of the Leonardo da Vinci, Life Long Learning programme project 'Train the Trainer course material for Inland Navigation Education and Training' took place at premises of our member De Scheepvaartschool - Cenflumarin located in Antwerp Belgium. By now you should have received the textbook and digital example as the final result of this project. The final product supports the introduction of modern education and training facilities as full mission ship handling simulators not only by installing the equipment but also to train the teachers and instructors whom will work with these tools in a responsible didactical way providing training in the best performance possible.

Finally, we had a fruitful General Assembly at the premises of our member the University of Zilina – Department of Water Transport.

Rob van Reem, chairman of Edinna

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## General Assembly 2016



### KATEDRA VODNEJ DOPRAVY

*Department of Water Transport*

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2016, the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EDINNA was organised in Zilina, Slovakia.

35 participants from (associated) members of EDINNA had an interactive meeting for two days. On the first day, the board elections for the position of vice-president were conducted. Mr. M. Wieck, Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein, was not re-electable. Mr. O. Cupsa, CERONAV, has been re-elected as vice-president of EDINNA.

Mr. K. Paulus, Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein has been elected as board member. Schiffer-Berufskolleg RHEIN – one of the founding and always very active members of EDINNA - is a vocational college for Logistics. We offer classes for inland waterway carriers in Germany and Switzerland as well as classes for boat-/shipbuilders and specialists in port logistics from all over the country. At the moment we host about 400 students in Inland Navigation per year. Within the German Dual System the apprentices visit our school once a year for a period of around 13 weeks, while they are working the rest of the year on professional inland vessels all over Europe.



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As a school we are glad to host SANDRA – the shallow water Simulator for Advanced Navigation Duisburg Research and Application – in our building. I am instructor and operator at SANDRA since the installation in 2008. Furthermore I am/was actively involved in various projects with other EDINNA-members, such as:

- Research about the use of Simulators in Inland Navigation,
- Course Manuals for Inland Education and Training and
- Train the Trainer course material for Navigation Education and Training.

After an apprenticeship to become a shipbuilder I went to the German Navy to sail on one of the last steamships. Then I started to study engineering with a focus on ship technology and water technology. After a traineeship



Mr. G. Benga, advisory-officer



Mr. C. Iancu, advisory-officer

publishing company I worked several years as editor in chief on a specialist journal. In 2005 I started my traineeship for the 2nd state examination to become a teacher at Schiffer-Berufskolleg RHEIN in Duisburg. Since 2015 I am the assistant principal of this school.

The actual vice-president Manfred Wieck will retire in 2017. Therefore I am glad that I was elected on the last general assembly in Zilina to be his successor. I will continue the work as a vice-president that started already with Hans-Günter Portmann in 2008.

I wish you always a hand's breadth of water under the keel!

In addition to the general subjects, a part of the meeting focussed on the legislative proposal on the modernisation and harmonisation of professional qualifications in inland navigation. For this reason, Mrs. Luitjen, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, participated in the General Assembly.



Education and Culture DG

### Lifelong Learning Programme Leonardo da Vinci

## Leonardo da Vinci Project: Train-the-Trainer Course Material for Inland Navigation Education and Training

From the 1st of October 2013 until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016, the following members of EDINNA work together on the aforementioned project:

- STC-Group (coordinator);
- Maritieme Academie Harlingen;
- KTA Zwijndrecht;
- European Transport Workers' Federation;
- Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein;
- CERONAV

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, the project was concluded with a final conference in Antwerp, during which the first edition of the course was officially presented to Mrs. C. Rousseau, policy officer at DG MOVE of the European Commission. In the meantime, all members and associated members have received a copy of the course material. In case you would like to receive a hardcopy, would you please be so kind to contact the daily secretariat via: [edinna@stc-r.nl](mailto:edinna@stc-r.nl).



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## Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

### “Inland navigation: Council agrees its position on a uniform system of professional qualifications ”

On 7 June 2016 the Council adopted a general approach on a draft directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation<sup>1</sup>. The proposal aims to provide new career prospects and promote the mobility of people working in the sector. It sets up a common system of certificates for the entire crew, from apprentices to boatmasters. Holders of such a certificate will be able to practice their profession on inland waterways across Europe.



This press release was published on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2016 by the European Council and is a big step forwards in the process of the development and acceptance of the STCIN. As a next step, the European Parliament will discuss the legislative proposal and CESNI will continue the development of the annexes.

Just one week later on Wednesday June 15 the draft directive was on the agenda of the European Parliaments' Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). Next to representatives of the social partners, EBU and ETF and representatives of the CCNR and DG Move, Edinna was represented by the chairman and took the opportunity to express the support of Edinna for the draft directive. We are pleased that we reached the current stage. EDINNA expressed suggestions for improvement with regard to the education and training requirements of existing and future IWT crewmembers. Besides questions of the members of parliament that could be answered by the sector representatives the draft was positively received. The TRAN Committee rapporteur will report by the end of 2016.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/06/07-inland-navigation/?utm\\_source=dsms-auto&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Inland+navigation%3a+Council+agrees+its+position+on+a+uniform+system+of+professional+qualifications](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/06/07-inland-navigation/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Inland+navigation%3a+Council+agrees+its+position+on+a+uniform+system+of+professional+qualifications)

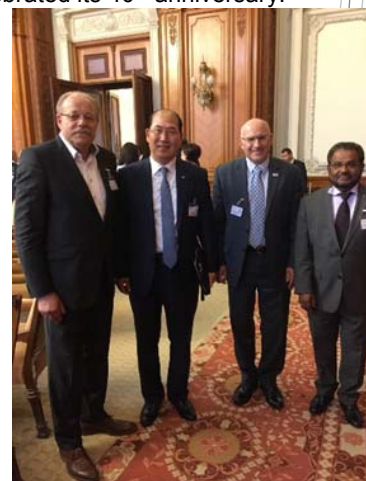


**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CERONAV – Romanian Maritime Training Centre**



On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, CERONAV celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The chairman of EDINNA participated the second day of the event at the House of Parliament in Bucharest, a beautiful and historical building. The event started with a high level conference on the theme “Strategic Role of Romania in the international naval transport” and was attended by the Minister and State Secretary of the Ministry of Transport, The Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation and other guests. Our Edinna Vice-President Ovidiu Sorin Cupsa chaired and moderated the meeting. The meeting was followed by a tour through the impressive building and a diner downtown in the old centre of Bucharest in one of the most famous restaurants.



As chairman of Edinna I gave a presentation on the relationship with Ceronav and the status quo of the proposed directive on modernisation and harmonisation of of professional qualifications in inland navigation.

It was interesting to exchange the ongoing developments in both sectors, the maritime and the inland navigation, in the presence of the IMO Secretary General.



**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, Temporary CESNI/QP drafting group for standards of competencies, ISPRA, Italy;
- 2) 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, CESNI working group on professional qualifications, ISPRA, Italy;

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