

Dear members and associated members of Edinna,

Hope that you enjoyed the summer holiday and have been able to start the academic year 2016-2017 successfully.

From the 20th to the 22nd of June 2016, the TEN-T infodays were organised in Rotterdam. All key stakeholders of the IWT sector participated in various events during the three days: Ministers of Transport from various EU Member States, Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission, the TEN-T Coordinators, representatives of the European Investment Bank, Ministers of Transport from non-EU Countries and last but not least members of various projects and private investors. During the event EU Commissioner for Transport Mrs. Bulc, the Dutch Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, Mrs. Schultz and representatives of the social partners and the European Commission, took the opportunity to officially handover diplomas to students graduated as a captain in the Dutch educational system.

On the 22nd and 23rd of June, various stakeholders met in Duisburg for a meeting relating to the ongoing work on the harmonization and modernisation of professional qualifications in inland navigation. Shortly after summer, from the 5th until the 9th of September, a series of meetings was organised at the premises of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in Ispra, Italy.

Edinna is pleased with the fact that all key stakeholders support the initiative of the competence based system, however, opinions concerning various topics are different.

The process and developments concerning the new EU legal framework can be followed by visiting the following two websites:

1. <http://www.cesni.eu/en/>
2. <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/search/?q=Inland+Navigation&search=search>

Hope to see you soon again.

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## General Assembly 2017



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On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2016, the 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EDINNA will be hosted by our member from Huy, Belgium, in close cooperation with the member from Antwerp.

Amongst others, the board elections as well as the most recent developments concerning the harmonisation and modernisation of professional qualifications in inland navigation will be discussed. At the beginning of 2017, you will receive additional information concerning the registration procedure, the possibilities of the airport transfer as well as the hotel accommodations available.

## History of German Inland Navigation Schools

On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September the former vice-president of EDINNA, Dr Hans-Gunther Portman, presented his book about the history of German Inland Navigation Schools in the "Rathaus" of Duisburg. During the last four years, after retiring as director of the Schifffers-Berufs Kolleg, he did an outstanding research on this topic. A representation of the Board of EDINNA joint the book presentation. In case you would like to receive additional information concerning the book, please contact our daily secretariat.





Mr. G. Benga, advisory-officer



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## Exchange of Knowledge and Best Practices

Besides working on EU co-financed projects, during the last couple of years, the network of EDINNA created a continuous exchange of knowledge and best practices amongst each other.



EDINNA's secretary Arjen Mintjes visited the celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland shipping in St. Petersburg on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2016. During a public reading Mr. Mintjes gave a short presentation on EDINNA's work and the use of dedicated Full Mission Inland Navigation Ship-handling Simulators.

Prof. Dr. Igor Gladkykh and Dr. Andriy Kulbatsky of the Ukrainian National University "Odessa Maritime Academy" visited the premises of the Maritieme Academie Harlingen from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Mr. Gladkykh and Mr. Kulbatsky informed themselves about the teaching methods and contemporary tools in the Dutch IWT education and training system such as the training vessel "Prinses Maxima" and the use of ship-handling simulators.





Erasmus+

## Erasmus+ Project: Competency Based Inland Waterway Transport Education and Training

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, the kick-off meeting of the IWTCOMP project was organised in Rotterdam. The IWTCOMP project will focus on the implementation of competency based education and training for the inland waterway transport sector, following the new legislation concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation. During the lifetime of the project, a.o., train-the-trainer material will be developed facilitating the implementation of competency based education at institutional level. The consortium consists of the following members of EDINNA:

- STC-Group (coordinator);
- Maritieme Academie Harlingen;
- Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein;
- CERONAV;
- University of Craiova;
- University of Zilina.

In the next edition of the newsletter, we will inform you on the developments within the project.



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## Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union



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On the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2016, EDINNA participated in the consultative conference of the CCNR. EDINNA expressed the importance of the development of a quality assurance system concerning the development of the competency based education and training system.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October EDINNA was participating in the CESNI Meeting in Strasbourg. CESNI is the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation ([www.cesni.eu](http://www.cesni.eu)). EDINNA participates in CESNI as a recognized NGO .

Within CESNI there are two working groups, one on technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (CESNI/PT) and on professional qualifications (CESNI/QP).

CESNI/QP counts 3 working groups, working on the competence tables (CESNI/QP comp), medical standards (CESNI/QP med) and since yesterday a working group on standards for IWT simulators (CESNI QP sim).

In every QP working group except the one on medical standards EDINNA members are represented or working as experts for their member state.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October the EU Council and the EU parliament recognised CESNI as an official EU body.

Mr Marc Vanderhaegen (DGMOVE) informed the CESNI members about the progress of the new EU directive .

Mrs. Gesine Meissner, member of the European Parliament, informed the participants to the CESNI meeting about the concept directive and proposed several amendments after collecting opinions of stakeholders in the IWT sector. The next meeting of the drafting group tables of competences is foreseen for the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 in Strasbourg.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2016, Working Group UNECE, Geneva, Switzerland;
- 2) 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, drafting group tables of competences, Strasbourg, France
- 3) 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, EDINNA General Assembly, Huy, Belgium

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