

Dear 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.

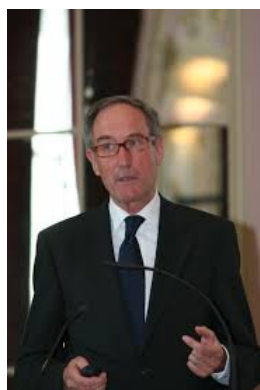
The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) held its autumn plenary session in Strasbourg on the 8th December 2016; the session was chaired by Mr Dürler, Head of the Swiss Delegation.

Besides the Member States of the CCNR, the new Deputy Director-General for Mobility & Transport of the European Commission, Mr Matthew Baldwin, as well as a number of high-level representatives of observer organisations and States and approved non-governmental organisations, among others Edinna, were present.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Edinna attended this meeting where all IWT organisations gathered for the public part of the CCNR plenary session.

All NGO's were given the opportunity to express their position in the field of their expertise in relation to the work of the CCNR, especially in the light of the CCNR Vision 2018 and with regard to the ongoing work of CESNI. Regarding the development of the legislative framework concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation Edinna expressed its position by the following statement:

EDINNA, Education in Inland Navigation, is the association of IWT education and training institutes within and outside the European Union. The association represents the interests of these institutions and aims for IWT vocational education and training to supply the inland waterway transport sector with adequately educated and trained personnel.



After the plenary session a farewell party for the Secretary-General Mr. Hans van der Werf was organised. Mr. van der Werf contributed to valuable cooperation between the other institutional actors such as the European Commission, river commissions and actors as social partners and NGO's. Mr. Bruno Georges is taking over the position of Secretary-General. Mr.



Bruno Georges is a Belgian citizen and can rely on a long diplomatic career. Mr. Georges comes from the Belgian diplomatic service and held until last August the post of Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Belgium to the OSCE in Vienna. During his diplomatic career, Mr Georges has accumulated experience in embassies as well as at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and at Belgium's Permanent Representation to the European Union. He is appointed for a period of 4 years.

More information on the plenary session is available in this newsletter.

I wish all members and Edinna relations an enjoyable holiday season with their family, friends and relatives and look forward to a fruitful cooperation in the coming year.

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General Assembly 2017



As already announced, the next General Assembly of EDINNA is scheduled for the 16th and 17th of May 2017 in Huy, Belgium.

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. Registration for the General Assembly will start at the beginning of January 2017.

New Member from Poland

The Complex of Inland Shipping in Kędzierzyn-Koźle recently became a member of EDINNA. The Complex of Inland Shipping is a technical, secondary school, established in 1950, which is currently attended by 140 students being trained to obtain the qualifications for inland navigation. The school provides both four-year courses in inland navigation and general secondary education completed with the matura exam - a school-leaving exam required for admission to university.

For three years of education, students undergo three four-week-periods of apprenticeship. The first practical training takes place at the school ship "Major Sucharski" at the end of the first school year. In the next two years the students gain experience at domestic and foreign ship owning companies. The process of education is accomplished in compliance with the core curriculum determined by the Ministry of National Education, the requirements of the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Waterways as well as with Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping. To satisfy the conditions of STCW, students of the second class take a one-week Basic Safety Training at a certified institution.

The school holds the Certificate of ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System, which makes it work on continuous improvement of its teaching process.



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PROMINENT – Promoting Innovation in the Inland Waterway Transport Sector

On the 1st of May 2015, the PROMINENT project officially started. PROMINENT, an Horizon 2020 project, will address the key needs for technological developments, as well as the barriers to innovation and greening in the European Inland Navigation Sector. PROMINENT will focus on:

- Massive transition towards efficient and clean vessels;
- Certification and monitoring of emission performance and development of innovative regimes;
- Harmonisation and modernisation of professional qualifications and the stimulation of the further integration of IWT into sustainable transport chains.

One Work Package of the PROMINENT project is dedicated towards digital education tools, which supports the ongoing process of harmonisation and modernisation of professional qualifications in inland navigation on a (pan-)European level and in addition supports the ongoing process of integration of IWT knowledge into general logistics education. The following subjects are part of the work package concerning digital education tools:

- Simulations and Digital Tools, where a.o. e-learning modules are developed;
- European Electronic Service Record Book and Logbook;
- Integration of Inland Navigation in General Logistics Education.

Soon, a number of first results will be tested (a.o. the e-learning modules developed). End users will be actively approached to participate in the piloting activities. More information is available on the website of PROMINENT: www.prominent-iwt.eu.



This project has received funding from the EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation program



Erasmus+

Cultural and Language Programme for the Rhine and Inland Shipping Schools

Over the last couple of years, a number of members of EDINNA have been working on the CLIS-project, of which the results have been published recently. Besides the development of lesson material, the project supported the exchange of students between various schools. The following members of EDINNA formed the consortium:

- STC-Group (coordinator);
- GO! De Scheepvaartschool - Cenflumarin;
- BBS Schönebeck;
- Berufsschule für Maschinen-, Fertigungstechnik und Elektronik;

The material developed is available on the following website:

<https://inlandshipping.iimdo.com/>



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Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

On the 8th of December 2016, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board of EDINNA participated in the plenary session of the CCNR. Edinna presented its position by the following speech;

“EDINNA experienced its first establishment at the premises of the CCNR in 2008 and was officially established in 2009. Since then the association has actively contributed to the efforts to further professionalize vocational education and training for the inland navigation sector. In close cooperation with social partners, the European Commission, the secretariats of the CCNR, the Danube Commission, the Sava River Commission, the Mosel Commission and member states of these organizations.

Supported by EU funding programs, Platina I and II and Marco Polo EDINNA introduced the possible use of the so-called Standards of Training and Certification Inland Navigation (STCIN)

EDINNA principles for this were and are:

- Harmonising, improving and modernizing the training requirements for all IWT crew;
- Requirements not only based on knowledge and sailing time, but based on proven knowledge, skills and behaviours (competencies);
- Simplifying Inflow from other transport sectors and to create attractive transition programmes;
- Increasing attractiveness of the qualification system by modernizing vocational education and training using effective practical training tools such as simulators, workshops, school ships, internships, etc.

EDINNA welcomes the fact that the new EU Directive harmonizing education, training and qualification requirements for inland navigation will soon be launched. The directive contains clear qualifications that give clarity to the education and training institutions to organize their curriculum. To achieve this CESNI/QP temporary drafting group works on the annexes and competence tables for the operational and management level and specializations among others, radar navigation, LNG, waterways with maritime characteristics and passenger transport. It is the opinion of Edinna that the content of the Directive shows a number of new requirements that do not contribute to the attractiveness of the profession:

- Required work experience before one can be admitted to a qualifying IWT educational and training programme;
- Required extra sailing time after obtaining a qualification instead of the possibility to obtain a higher qualification, for example the position of helmsman;
- Unnecessary long sailing time as a requirement in contrast to the evidence that the candidate has already proven required competencies mastered.

EDINNA will continue to put efforts on improvements on these issues after the first evaluations of the effectiveness of the Directive.



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EDINNA, using different funding opportunities, also initiates various activities that support our members with the implementation of the future Directive.

- Leonardo da Vinci - Course Manual Navigation OL & ML;
- Leonardo da Vinci - Train the Trainer Course Material for Inland Navigation Education and Training;
- Leonardo da Vinci - Standard Communication Phrases Inland Navigation (River SPEak);
- Erasmus + - Inland Navigation Competences (in relation to EQF);
- Various EDINNA members have contributed to LNG Masterplan and are currently working on educational topics within the project "Prominent";
- Sector Skills Alliances - develop other course manuals OL & ML (at application stage)

Edinna thanks all stakeholders for the cooperation over the last couple of years and hopes for further cooperation to jointly make the profession attractive and professional. Our activities can be followed via www.edinna.eu".

RECTIFICATION

In the previous newsletter of EDINNA was noted that Mrs. Meisner participated in the CESNI meeting. Mrs. Meisner did not participate in this meeting.



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Upcoming Events:

- 1) 31st of January 2017 CESNI/QP temporary working on group simulators, Strasbourg, France;
- 2) 01st of February 2017 CESNI/QP temporary working group on competences, Strasbourg, France;
- 3) 02nd of February 2017 CESNI/QP meeting, Strasbourg, France;
- 4) 21st and 22nd of February 2017 Danube Skills kick-off event, Bucharest, Romania;
- 5) 20th until 24th of February 2017 Inland Transport Committee UN-ECE Geneva, Switzerland
- 6) 09th of May 2017 CESNI/QP temporary working group on simulators, Strasbourg, France;
- 7) 10th of May 2017 temporary CESNI/QP working group on competences, Strasbourg, France;
- 8) 11th of May 2017, CESNI/QP meeting, Strasbourg, France
- 9) 16th and 17th of May 2017, EDINNA General Assembly, Huy, Belgium

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