

Dear members of EDINNA,

Since the latest newsletter in December 2016, a lot has been happening in the various projects such as IWTCOMP, Prominent and Danube Skills. Furthermore, Edinna representatives participated in the ongoing meetings of the CESNI/QP temporary working groups on competencies and simulators and at the CESNI/QP meetings. Further down in this newsletter you will find the short reports of these activities.

On the 16th and 17th of May 2017 we gathered in Huy, Belgium, for the eleventh General Assembly of our association. This time our member Ecole Polytechnique de Huy hosted the Assembly. Although I'm not a cyclist, I could experience the wall of Huy, known as part of the cycle race "Waalse Pijl". The cruise along the Meuse with the training ship "Province de Liège" was a nice experience.



Thanks to the invited speakers, Mr. Bruno Georges, Secretary General and Mr. Jörg Rusche, Policy Officer Professional Qualifications Inland Navigation Personnel, of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine we experienced the general assembly as very constructive with good substantive discussions.

My special thanks are to the Director Mr. Berzolla, Mr. Roland and their team of staff and Madam Duchesne, Inspector of the Province de Liège, for the excellent organization and arrangements.

One of the subjects on the agenda was the (Re)election of Board Members. Mr. Mintjes and Mr. Benga are re-elected in the board and although I am enjoying my retirement since the 30th of June I am grateful to be also re-elected and will stay Chairman of Edinna for the coming two years.

Edinna welcomed two new members who introduced themselves with a presentation of their institute. Mr. W. Minnema of ROC Friese Poort from the Netherlands, Mrs. J. Miszczyk-Golec and Mrs. A. Kossakowska of Zespół Szkół Żeglugi Śródlądowej from Poland. We welcomed also a new associated member "Koninklijke BLN Schuttevaer" member of the European Skippers Organisation.

I wish all members and Edinna relations an enjoyable summer holiday with their family, friends and relatives and look forward to a fruitful cooperation in the coming 2 years.

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General Assembly 2017 and 2018



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During the General Assembly organised in Huy, Mr. van Reem, Mr. Mintjes and Mr. Benga were re-elected as members of the Board in their respective positions. Mr. Iancu was not re-electable and will therefore be no longer a member of the Board of EDINNA. In name of the members of EDINNA, we would like to thank Mr. Iancu for his continuous work as a member of the Board.

The General Assembly of 2018 will be hosted by the Maritieme Academie Harlingen on the 15th and 16th of May 2018.

Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein 125 years

On the 26th of June 2017, Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein in Duisburg celebrated its 125th anniversary. The celebration was attended by (former) board members of EDINNA. We wish our member from Duisburg all the best for the next 125 years of their existence.





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Mr. G. Benga, advisory-officer

Competency Based Inland Waterway Transport Education & Training (IWTCOMP)

On the 1st of October 2016, 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.

The first two concrete deliverables are almost finished. As a first step, the EQF levels have been connected with the tables of competencies. A comparison of the different outcomes on a national level will follow shortly. Another important task of the IWTCOMP project is to draft a catalogue of best practices on competency based education and training, to guide the members of EDINNA with the implementation of the tables of competences, which will form an integral part of new legislation soon.



DanubeSkills Newsletter

Recently the consortium executing the DanubeSkills project published their first newsletter. Danube SKILLS consortium consists of 15 organisations which cover 8 Danube countries: Romania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany and Serbia and 7 Associated strategic partners. Acting as a policy driver for the integration of Danube region into the overall European inland navigation legal framework, Danube SKILLS ensures the multilevel, efficient and transparent governance of the nautical education and Danube logistics, respectively and warrants the increased capacity building of the region by delivery and validation of a set of transnational management structures, processes and cooperation patterns. More information is available via: <http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danube-skills>

Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

On the 27th of June, the Maltese presidency reached an informal deal with the European Parliament on setting up a common system of certificates for people working in the inland navigation sector in the EU (http://www.consilium.europa.eu/press-releases-pdf/2017/6/47244661884_en.pdf). This is a welcome outcome of one of the last steps in the revision of the 96/50/EC.

Besides, the European Commission selected the members of an Expert Group on Social Issues in Inland Navigation, where EDINNA will be one of the stakeholders participating in the meetings.

Working Party on Inland Waterway Transport – UNECE

From the 14th till the 16th of June, the working party on inland waterway transport of the UNECE gathered in Geneva. During the meeting, EDINNA presented the state-of-play of the projects EDINNA is executing.



Meeting at the Danube Commission in Budapest

The permanent working group on Professional Qualifications met last May in the Danube Commission's offices to examine the initial draft standards on competencies developed as part of the draft European directive (EU) on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation. The meeting emphasized the spirit of cooperation within the EU and between the Danube Countries and the Member States of the CCNR.



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Meeting of CESNI in Strasbourg

The European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI) met in Strasbourg on the 6th of July 2017. The Committee adopted the new European standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels ES TRIN 2017, which replaces the 2015 edition. ES-TRIN is not binding per se. The CCNR, the European Union, other international organisations or third countries can apply this standard by referring to it in their respective legal frameworks.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the informal agreement on the directive on professional qualifications concluded between the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission on June the 27th. The CESNI standards currently being drafted will need to take account of the outcome of this informal agreement. In addition, the progress of the development of medical standards as well as simulator standards has been discussed. More information is available via: <http://www.cesni.eu/en/actualites/cesni-meeting-on-06-july-2017/>



Upcoming Events:

- 1) 7th of September 2017, CESNI/QP, Brussels, Belgium;
- 2) 7th of September 2017, Expert Group on Social Issues in Inland Navigation, Brussels, Belgium

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