

Summer Newsletter EDINNA

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Foreword

Dear members and associated members of EDINNA,

In most of the countries the summer holidays are underway or have even ended. I sincerely hope, that everyone had time to relax, to evaluate and to look forward. During our last GA I was elected as president and Rob van Reem was declared honorable member of our association.

Harm Bergsma from the STC group from Rotterdam became treasurer and Gaby Benga from Craiova was reelected as board member.

Klaus Paulus from Duisburg is now secretary and vice president and Ovidio Cupsa from Constanta stayed in his role as vice president.

In the last months EDINNA contributed to the work of the UNECE working party for IWT, was present at the end conference of the Danube Skills project and played a role in the CESNI QP working group on Quality Management.

You will find more information in this newsletter.

During our first daily board meeting after the GA we agreed to focus on the following points during the coming year:

Implementation of the new directive by participation in CESNI, UNECE etc.

Contribute to the development of a QA and QM system in EU IWT (columns 3 and 4)

Contribute to the development of lesson materials belonging to the competence tables (e.g. Competing)

Develop a strategic plan for EDINNA 2020-2025

We will keep you updated by our newsletter and via the EDINNA web site.

I wish you all a relaxing summer and hope to see you as soon as possible!

Arjen Mintjes, president of EDINNA

General Assembly Paris

The 13th annual General Assembly of the EDINNA network was held at the premises of our host organization CNAM in Paris, France, on the 14th and 15 of May 2019.

During this event EDINNA elected a new board (see below) and welcomed three new members:

- The University of Stettin, Poland;
- The NVNA from Varna in Bulgaria;
- The CBR-CCV from the Netherlands (as associated member);

The ongoing developments in the field of the legislative framework were, besides the board elections, in the spotlight of the event. The discussions and presentations were about the mutual recognition of certificates in non-EU countries in the Danube region, the implementation of practical assessments for deck personnel, a mandatory basic safety training for all IWT crews and on specific competences linked to alternative forms of propulsion, such as LNG, hydrogen, methanol and battery feed electrical propulsion.

Another highlight was the presentation of the new ERASMUS+ programme COMPETING, aiming on the competence-based education for Inland Navigation. This project contains the development of course manuals for the implementation of competence-based education and training system in IWT, as well as a Quality assurance and control system.



The new EDINNA Board

During the 13th annual General Assembly, a new board, including a new president was elected by the delegates.

Mr. van Reem went into retirement and was therefore was not re electable as the head of EDINNA. The delegates thanked Mr. van Reem for his excellent track record as president and honoured his commitment to EDINNA by declaring him the first 'Honourable Member' of the organisation. The secretary, Mr. Mintjes offered to be electable as chairman for a period of two years and was unanimously elected by the delegates.

Mr. Paulus will fill in the role of the secretary, Mr. Bergsma was elected to be treasurer.

Mr. Bergsma of the STC group in Rotterdam is electable for the first time into the board of EDINNA EDINNA. He was elected unanimously by the delegates.

Finally, Mr. Benga is was electable as advisory officer and was unanimously elected.

The new EDINNA board:

President: Mr. Mintjes (MAH)

Vice-President: Mr. Cupsa (CERONAV)

Vice President and Secretary: Mr. Paulus (SBK-Rhein)

Treasurer: Mr. Bergsma (STC Group)

Advisory Officer: Mr Benga (University of Craiova)

Danube SKILLS

On the 13th of June 2019 the Danube SKILLS partners reunited for the last time in Budapest (Hungary) to celebrate project's successful completion. The event was intended to commemorate the most important moments of this 30-month Interreg – Danube Transnational Programme – project. During the conference, the president of EDINNA, Mr A. Mintjes contributed a presentation on the ongoing developments in the field of the educational framework in European IWT.

The main goals of Danube SKILLS were the increase of institutional capacity in Danube navigation by:

- Making public institutions in charge with nautical training and certification fit to implement common European standards;
- Making public institutions responsible for Danube navigation development fit to provide services to actively trigger raise of modal share of Green Danube transport and to act as 1-stop-shops for Danube logistics;
- The set-up of institutional Capacity Building cooperation for improving legal and policy frameworks on nautical qualifications and Danube transport promotion.



UNECE activities

EDINNA participates as a much-valued expert in the work of the UNECE Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation for several years. The president of EDINNA, Mr. Mintjes participated during the last meeting, which was held at the premises of the United Nations in Geneva on the 19th of June 2019. The main subjects, that were discussed during this session were the ongoing automation in inland navigation and smart shipping the mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation. The UNECE is looking for a cooperation with the CESNI/QP in this field.



CESNI/QP meeting Duisburg

The Schiffer Berufskolleg RHEIN (SBK-RHEIN) hosted a meeting of a group of volunteers on the quality management system for examination in Duisburg on the 27th of June 2019.

The main outcome of this ad hoc working group, consisting of experts from CESNI Secretariat, SBK-RHEIN, Maritieme Academie Harlingen, the CBR as well as from the German and French Ministries of Transport was, that the guidelines currently developed by the Dutch CBR for boatmen, boatmasters, LNG and experts for passenger vessels, as well as for sailing with the aid of radar could serve as a good basis for a quality management system. The experts believe that the choice of scenarios and questions foreseen in the guidelines should be enough to provide for enough room for maneuver to meet national or regional needs of exam commissions. Otherwise the guidelines could still be adapted by QM to serve as models for CESNI.