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Dear EDINNA members and associated members,

After a period of heavy ice it seems that spring is in the air. Although I love ice skating on the Frisian inland waterways it's better for the IWT sector that temperatures are above zero.

On the 23rd of February 2012 Arjen Mintjes, Hans-Günter Portmann, Rob van Reem as well as Jaap Gebraad were present at one of the last Platina Joint Working Group sessions concerning the tables of competencies in Brussels. We discussed the latest versions of the chapters communication and controlling the operation of the ship. This will certainly not mean the end of the Platina Joint Working Group, but our work on the professional tables of competencies has almost been finished with respect to column 1 and 2. We did not succeed to completely finish Deliverable 3.13 of the Platina project so we scheduled a very last meeting on the evening of the Platina SCOM meeting at the 13th of March in Vienna.

I want to thank everybody for sending us input and helping us to reach the 1.0 version of the seven STCIN competency tables!

On the 15th of February I represented EDINNA at a meeting of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation of the UNECE in Geneva. One of the important points on the agenda was the progress of the STCIN process and the question in what form STCIN will exist in the nearby future.

In the name of EDINNA I offered our expertise and co-operation to all parties and proposed to continue our STCIN work in a so called expert group like the joint working group where we now work on the tables of professional competencies.

At the end of the day the representatives of all the European River Commissions, the EU commission and the UNECE IWT committee agreed on a joint action to continue the work on STCIN with all stakeholders including EDINNA.

Although it is not clear yet how the work will continue the EDINNA proposal to develop the complete STCIN currently has found a solid base.

In the meantime you all received an e-mail from our secretariat that our next General Assembly will be in Duisburg at the 26th and 27th of June.

Our vice president Hans Günter Portmann then says goodbye to the EDINNA board because of his retirement at the end of July.

We will announce an additional election of the position of vice-president when we send you the invitation and agenda for the General Assembly. If there are questions or remarks please mail or call our secretariat!

For now I hope to see you all at our GA in Duisburg or at the Barge to Business event in Vienna.

Kind regards,

Arjen Mintjes, chairman EDINNA

Sixth General Assembly Duisburg, June 2012

Due to the fact that our vice-president, Hans-Günter Portmann, will unfortunately officially retire in July 2012, we have scheduled our General Assembly on the 26th and 27th of June 2012 in Duisburg, hometown of the Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein. This date will also mean the official end of the Platina project and will bring us all to a point that we have to think of the “course to sail” for EDINNA in the forthcoming years. We are planning the following meetings and topics:

Monday the 25th of June 2012:

- Third Meeting of the Leonardo da Vinci Partnership 2011: “Simulators in Inland Navigation Education and Training”
 - o Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein, Duisburg, Germany;
 - o STC-Group, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;
 - o Maritieme Academie, Harlingen, the Netherlands;
 - o KTA Zwijndrecht, Antwerpen, Belgium;
 - o CFLI, Venezia, Italy;
 - o Ceronav, Constanta, Romania (currently on the reserve list).



- Board Meeting

Tuesday the 26th of June 2012:

- First day of the General Assembly (complete agenda will follow after the summer break) 08:30 – 21:30:
 - o Official opening and organisational matters;
 - o Development Joint Working Group and STCIN;
 - o Platina: results of the final project year;
 - o Progress LdV Partnership 2011: Simulators in Inland Navigation Education and Training
- Evening Program: Visit to the IWT Museum in Duisburg and Joint Dinner

Wednesday the 27th of June 2012:

- Second day of the General Assembly (complete agenda will follow after the summer break): 08:30 – 14:00:
 - o Various Workshops concerning STCIN
 - o Project proposals Leonardo da Vinci, call 2013.



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The complete programme of the General Assembly, including hotel facilities and travelling arrangements will follow in March 2012. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the daily secretariat.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

On the 15th of February 2012, the president of the Board, Mr. H.A.L. Mintjes, participated in the "Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation", where he presented the developments of the STCIN. The CCNR, Sava Commission, Danube Commission as well as the UNENCE and the EU Commission are all working on the modernization of the existing international instruments on the mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and on the professional requirements in inland navigation. Where presented the concept of the STCIN is received with great interest. It is now up to the parties involved to enable the further development of the STCIN. It is the interest of Edinna to support the parties in this objective.



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Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies

The Joint Working Group on Professional competences have already met two times this year. On the 23rd of January 2012, the meeting took place in Duisburg, Germany. On the 23rd of February 2012, the meeting took place in Brussels.



Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



Mrs. D. Munteanu, advisory-officer



During the meeting, on the 23rd of January 2012 in Duisburg, in-depth discussion on Marine Engineering and Communication 0.1 took place. During the meeting on the 23rd of February 2012 in Brussels, in-depth discussion on Communication as well as Controlling the operation of the ship took place. Column one and two of Controlling the Operation of the Ship will be finalised on the 13th of March 2012 in Vienna. Then, deliverable D 3.13 of the Platina project is ready for presentation to the European Commission.

News from our members: Leonardo da Vinci and new training vessel



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We were able to successfully apply for two projects within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci Program. Both projects were granted with a partnership fund. The first one started in 2009 and was finished in 2011. The second one started in 2011 and will finish in 2013.

The first project started in July 2009 tells Mrs. Z. Noyen, director of KTA Zwijndrecht in Belgium. Although there were more applicants, the consortium consisted of four partners: Poland, France, Belgium – Flanders and Belgium – and Wallonia. The project contained two topics: River Speak and exchange of teachers, students as well as staff. The partnership choose River Speak to enhance the safety in inland navigation. Due to the increasing number of nationalities in crews on barges, it was noted that communication problems occurred more often and lead to dangerous situations, damage and even loss of lives. River speak should ensure that all crew members can communicate with each other in basic English, similar to the way the SMCPs (standard Marine Communication Phrases) are used by merchant marine. Those language skills should be incorporated in the STCIN, where the level of language skills could be defined by the rank of the crew members. The partnership is convinced that River Speak is needed and should be further developed by linguistic specialists guided by experts in inland navigation.



Secondly we decided on the topic of exchange programs. We wanted to exchange managers, teachers and students in order to compare the different educational levels in inland navigation education and training. We should be able to learn from each other, share knowledge and share didactical methods. The partnership was found quite short in time since the set-up of such an exchange program is very labor intense. All the exchanges were very instructive and should be repeated in the future. It was almost only a start for further cooperation between the different educational institutes. Although we applied for a new partnership project to continue the development of the two subjects mentioned above, the funds were not granted. Nevertheless it is sure that the individual partners will continue the cooperation and the search for improving safety in inland navigation.



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On the 4th of May 2012 the province of Liege in Belgium as well as the inland navigation school in Huy will officially inaugurate their new training vessel, consisting of a push barge as well as a motor vessel. Herewith we would like to take the opportunity to officially congratulate our colleagues from Huy with the possibility created to train their students in the forthcoming decades by means of this training vessel.



Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

“Stakeholder Consultation Meeting : Medium and Long Term Perspectives in the European Union”

On the 11th of January, the secretary of the Board, Mr. R. van Reem, attended the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the NAIADES action programme in Brussels.

The following measurements concerning the human factor were highlighted by the European Commission:

- The development and implementation of European Standards of Training and Certification in Inland Navigation in cooperation with stakeholders at international level;
- Harmonised manning requirements on board inland navigation vessels with respect to the minimum number of crew members and their minimum qualifications;
- Establishment of a platform that combines all actors for further development of promising innovative activities as a result of Naiades I into Naiades II;
- Improve and implement education and training programs related to fuel-saving behaviour and safety of navigation;
- Increase labour productivity and mobility by means of support of research, innovation and technology

“Neli Activities”

The EU co-funded project implemented under the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme (SEE), NELI – *Cooperation-Network for Logistics and Nautical Education Focussing on Inland Waterway Transport in the Danube corridor supported by innovative solutions* – is approaching its finish line after a three-year run which made authentic transnational cooperation and exchange of ideas possible.

By now, the once identified problems which NELI set out to address (discrepancies between educational systems, lack of interaction and communication between training institutions and stakeholders in the sector, limited number of harmonized initiatives, scarce or lacking E-learning services, insufficient promotion of the IWT sector) have been solved at SEE-Danube region level due to the commitment, efforts and involvement of partners. Each topic has been tackled in common, transnational manner meant to harmonize actions throughout the Danube region.

On the 20th and 21st of March 2012, a two-day NELI event will take place in Constanta, Romania, on which the crowning achievement of all partner efforts will be presented.

EDINNA in the press

On a regular basis EDINNA appears in news articles. In the early months of 2012, EDINNA had an article in amongst others:

- 1) Nautilus International Telegraph,
<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A1vfpw/TelegraphFebruary201/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=> , page 20 ;\
- 2) Various articles in the Young Maritime International :
<http://www.ymi.nu/Home#>

In case you have any articles to share with us, please feel free to contact the daily secretariat.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The 13th of March 2012, Platina Steering Committee, Vienna, Austria;
- 2) The 13th of March 2012, Platina Joint Working Group, Vienna, Austria;
- 3) The 14th of March 2012, EDINNA Board Meeting, Vienna Austria;
- 4) The 14th and 15th of March 2012, Barge to Business, Vienna, Austria;
- 5) The 20th of March 2012, Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Meeting, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;
- 6) The 20th and 21st of March 2012, NELI Event, Constanta, Romania;
- 7) The 25th of June 2012, Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Meeting, Duisburg, Germany;
- 8) The 25th of June 2012, EDINNA Board Meeting, Duisburg, Germany;
- 9) The 26th and 27th of June 2012, General Assembly, Duisburg, Germany

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