

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.

Dear Edinna members,

I am proud to present the 4th EDINNA newsletter.

Summer is in the air, holidays are being planned and we are waiting for the outcomes of our application for a Transfer of Innovation Project call 2011. Last week we received the message that our Partnership on simulators has been granted for almost all our participants (only Romania is on the reserve list)

In the meantime the EDINNA board is busy working on chapter 4 and 5 of the tables of competences for Platina Deliverable D 3.13 (communication and safety).

During the last Joint Working Group meeting in Brussels we had a fruitful discussion on the chapters 1 to 3 (Navigation, Maintenance and Repair and Cargo Handling)

We received various input from our members on all our proposals but more input on our work is needed.

We are currently working on a proposal for the EU Commission for the development of the STCIN after the work in Platina will have been completed in December 2011. On the 5th of July Rob van Reem attended a NAIADES 2 meeting in Brussels.

In March the daily board visited DG Move in Brussels at the request of the Platina project officer. The possibilities of developing the STCIN into a complete harmonized system for European Inland Navigation education and training were discussed during this meeting.

At the moment we are preparing our 5th General Assembly which will take place in Venice in week 45 of November 2011. Please reserve this week in your agendas since we will also try to organize the kick off meetings of the various Leonardo da Vinci projects in the same week.

Work on the EDINNA website is in progress. CRUP from Croatia is currently working to enable our office to update the site in the next month.

As you can see EDINNA is alive and kicking. Please do not hesitate to contact the office or the board.

Kind regards,

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Fifth General Assembly Venice, November 2011

As stated already in our third newsletter, the fifth General Assembly will take place in Venice, in week 45. We are planning the following meetings and topics:

Monday the 7th of November 2011:

- Official Kick-off Meeting 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 8th of November 2011:

- 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 third project year;
 - o Closure LdV Partnership 2009: Riverspeak and exchange programme

Wednesday the 9th of November 2011:

- Second day of the General Assembly (complete agenda will follow after the summer break): 08:30 – 14:00:
 - o Various Workshops concerning STCIN



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Thursday the 10th of November 2011 (provisional, if granted):

- Official kick-off meeting Transfer of Innovation 2011: “Standard Inland Navigation Communication Phrases”
 - o STC-Group, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;
 - o Maritieme Academie, Harlingen, the Netherlands;
 - o University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia;
 - o University of Zilina, Zilina, Slovakia;
 - o CFLI, Venezia, Italy;
 - o KTA Zwijndrecht, Antwerp, Belgium;
 - o Ecole Polytechnique de Huy, Huy, Belgium;
 - o Ceronav, Constanta, Romania;
 - o Schiffer-Berufskolleg Rhein, Duisburg, Germany;
 - o University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania;
 - o CNAM, Mont Saint Agnan Cedex, France

The complete programme of the General Assembly, including hotel facilities and travelling arrangements will follow in September 2011. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the daily secretariat.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

On the 15th of June 2011, the secretary of the Board, Mr. R. van Reem, participated in the “Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation”, where he presented on behalf of the developments of the STCIN. The concept of the STCIN was received with great interest and we were invited to participate again during a next session in 2012. Since the UNECE does not solemnly focus its work on the 27 member states of the European Union, the concept of the STCIN was now presented and discussed with the bordering countries.



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Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies

The Joint Working Group on Professional competences have already met three times this year. On the 4th of February 2011, the meeting took place in Cologne, Germany. On the 11th of April 2011, the meeting took place in Dordrecht and on the 8th of June in Brussels.



Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



Mrs. D. Munteanu, advisory-officer



During the meeting, on the 8th of June 2011 in Brussels, in-depth discussion on Navigation version 0.2, Cargo Handling, Stowage and Passenger Transport version 0.1 as well as on Maintenance and Repair version 0.2 took place. The final version of Navigation will be discussed and agreed upon during the next meeting in Duisburg on the 19th of September 2011. During this meeting, the following two consolidated tables will be discussed in detail as well:

- 1) Communication version 0.1;
- 2) Safety, health and Environmental Protection, version 0.1

Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

In earlier editions of this newsletter, we mentioned the fact that EDINNA is participating in a Working Group of the CCNR on simulators. The discussion focussed on the development of a compliance matrix for simulators, focussing on the functionalities a simulator should have with respect to education and training. The final meeting took place in Strasbourg on the 12th of May 2011. In the autumn, an STF discussion will follow concerning this topic. We will inform you on the outcomes during our next General Assembly.

Furthermore, the president and secretary of EDINNA participated in the plenary session of the CCNR, which took place in Brussels on the 27th of May 2011. Here, the board was able to successfully present the development of the STCIN again.



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Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

“Stakeholder Consultation Meeting : Follow-up to the NAIADES action programme”

On the 5th of July 2011, the secretary of the Board, Mr. R. van Reem, attended the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the NAIADES action programme in Brussels.

The chairman of the meeting mentioned that the NAIADES 2 follow-up action programme will focus on the following subjects:

- Innovation
- Infrastructure
- Policy

Two presentations were given during the meeting:

1. Presentation by NEA on the medium- and long-term perspectives, trends and developments.
2. Presentation by Marc Vanderhaegen of DG MOVE, problems and solutions.

In both presentations the following problems with respect to the human factor were identified:

- Shortage of boat masters
- Professionalism and co-operation
- Smart sailing and safety culture
- Lack of standards (e.g. educational requirements for personnel)
- Availability of qualified staff

The Chairman stated that the respond from the present organisations should involve an answer to the following questions:

- Is there a need to prioritize subjects?;
- Should follow-up actions be undertaken at national or EU level (justification)?;
- Is there a need to change policy?;
- Is EU funding necessary?

Reply of Edinna:

- The identified problems in the field of the human factor discussed in the presentations are in line with the findings of Edinna. Edinna has already proposed the introduction of a harmonized education and training system STCIN. The development of the STCIN should be prioritized.

The IWT sector is an international acting sector with personnel from and even outside the EU. It is of utmost importance to create an equal level of quality for IWT personnel on operational and management level. It is therefore necessary that the STCIN will be



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- an international document and the standard for the EU inland navigation sector.
- Once the STCIN has been developed, Edinna will propose to implement it as an addendum to the existing or new EU directive 96/50
- Edinna is an association of 25 IWT education and training institutes who all pay a yearly membership fee. Edinna will not be able to develop the complete STCIN within NAIADES 1 /Platina without EU funding support.

Next steps:

- Public consultation through:
 - <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=naiades>,
- Impact assessment study (October)
- Concept proposal follow-up action plan NAIADES 2 expected in November.

“European Maritime Day”

On the 19th and 20th of May 2011 the International Maritime Forum took place in Gdansk, Poland. Mr. Mintjes, President of the Board, was given the opportunity to present EDINNA and its activities. Again, the development of the STCIN was received with great interest.

“The 4th Platina Steering Committee Berlin”



The 4th Steering Committee meeting of PLATINA (project for the implementation of NAIADES) took place in Berlin on 24 May. The meeting was attended by high-level delegates and representatives from 9 different Member States, the inland navigation industry as well as the 23 partners that make up the PLATINA consortium. The PLATINA consortium reported back on their achievements over the last three years, and their plans for the final project year.



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This year's PLATINA Steering Committee meeting was combined with the general assembly of the Bundesverband der Deutschen Binnenschifffahrt (BDB), which took place on 23 May 2011. After a key note address by Dr Peter Ramsauer, German Federal Minister of Transport, a lively discussion took place on the current status of German and European transport and infrastructure policy, especially in the field of inland waterway transport.

Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet (Director DG MOVE), responsible for the Trans-European Network for Transport (TEN-T) and also inland waterway policy, underlined the progress made in the previous years under the current NAIADES action plan, as well as the need to continue an active policy towards promoting inland waterway transport in Europe. The 4th Steering Committee meeting of PLATINA (Project for the implementation of NAIADES) took place on 24 May. The report back session highlighted the many achievements of the project, including:

- The launch of the European Good Practices Database, an online database designed to facilitate know-how transfer and networking across Europe.
- The publication of a Strategic Research Agenda for inland waterway transport
- The implementation of a pilot system for a European Hull Database.
- The development of a strategy for harmonized IWT education and training standards and for the integration of IWT in general logistics education
- The success of Barge to Business, a premier networking and information event for inland navigation
- The finalisation and dissemination of a toolbox for communicating about inland waterway transport
- The preparation of an "inventory of available knowledge on strategic inland waterway projects"
- The facilitation of the European harmonisation, standardisation and implementation of River Information Services (RIS)
- The creation of a good practice manual on sustainable waterway planning

"Neli Activities"

From the 28th until the 30th of June, various NELI activities took place in Croatia. On the 28th of June 2011, the RIS centre was officially opened. The SCOM of the project took place as well during these days, and amongst other important issues, Gabriel Benga was able to present EDINNA and its activities, including the development of the STCIN. We would like to thank the organisation of the NELI event for the opportunity given to EDINNA.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The 13th to the 16th of September 2011, Smart River Conference, New Orleans, USA;
- 2) The 19th of September 2011, Joint Working Group, Duisburg, Germany;
- 3) The 10th until the 14th of October 2011: IMEC Conference, Constanta, Romania;
- 4) The 2nd of November 2011: Joint Working Group, Strasbourg, France;
- 5) The 7th, 8th and 9th of November 2011: 5th EDINNA General Assembly, Venice, Italy

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The next edition will follow at the beginning of September 2011.

Please note that the EDINNA Daily Secretariat will be closed from the 11th of July until the 5th of August 2011



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