

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 members and associated members,

In this third EDINNA news letter you will find a lot of information about the ongoing EDINNA activities.

We just welcomed our second member not situated in the EU. It's the KIEV Maritime State Academy from the Ukraine. Welcome !

At the end of March the daily board visited DG Move in Brussels to speak about the proposed EDINNA/Platina STCIN strategy as stated in deliverable D 3.8. Although promising there are no official statements made yet.

The day before we attended the CCNR meeting on the qualifications of simulators for inland navigation in Strasbourg. This work is off course very important regarding our work on STCIN .

On the 11th of April the next meeting of the Joint Working Group took place at the EDINNA office in Dordrecht. Main topic was the competence table on navigation.

In the mean time we work hard on Maintenance and Repair and Cargo handling and Passenger Transport.

PIANC accepted our abstract for the SMART river conference in New Orleans in the second week of September and the Danube commission send us a letter telling us that they are planning a conference on professional competences in Inland Navigation in the Danube area.

As you see EDINNA is alive and kicking.
Arjen Mintjes, chairman

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Fourth General Assembly Naklo nad Notecia



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On the 14th of February the Board Meeting as well as a meeting of the Working Group on Riverspeak and Exchange Programmes took place in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

On the 15th and the 16th of February 2011 our member from Naklo nad Notecia, Poland, facilitated the fourth General Assembly. During the first day, we welcomed about 40 participants. Not only our members and associated members joint the meeting, but representatives from the Polish industry were present as well.

During the first day the board was re-elected for a two year term and we welcomed the High school of shiptransport and industrial crafts from Decin, Czech Republic, as well as ITB, Brussels, as new member and associated member.

Furthermore, the developments of the Joint Working Group and the STCIN were discussed in detail. Discussion on the first proposal for a consolidated table on competencies on Operational Level as well as Management Level concerning Navigation took place.



The developments of the Platina project were presented by Mrs. K. Wenkel from AdB. In addition, Mr. W. Huysmans from KTA gave us an update on the work of the Leonardo da Vinci Working Group, concerning the developments on Riverspeak and Exchange Programmes. The definitive results of the Working Group will be known during the summer 2011, and we are all looking forward to the progress on Riverspeak. At the end of the day, new Working Groups were formalised to start working at the end of the summer on two new Leonardo da Vinci projects:

- 1) Standard Inland Navigation Communication Phrases;
- 2) Simulators in Inland Navigation Education and Training.

Currently, we are awaiting the outcomes of our applications for Leonardo da Vinci funds for aforementioned projects.



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During the second day we welcomed a number of guest speakers.

Mr. H. van Roozendaal introduced Mrs. J. Masthof and Mrs. D. Wychel from the Netherlands. They gave an excellent presentation on e-learning material for the education and training of Boatmen. Although the interactive material was produced and presented in Dutch, it showed us another way of education.



Furthermore, Mrs. A. Leganel from Ceronav and Mr. C. Hargitai from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, gave a presentation on the Results of the NELI Transnational Action Plan. Mr. M. Ghiba presented the (NELI) Ris Courses.

We herewith would like to thank the Organising Member, Zespół Szkół Zeglugi Śródladowej, and especially Mr. Nadolny, Mrs. Wiczorek and Mrs. Wazbinska, for all their efforts they made to facilitate the fourth General Assembly.

Due to the development of the consolidated tables of competencies on Operational and Management Level as well as the foreseen kick-off meeting of the aforementioned new LdV projects, we are pleased to announce that we were able to schedule our fifth General Assembly:

Location: Venice, Italy

Date: the 8th and 9th of November 2011

Additional information on the fifth General Assembly will follow in the next edition of this newsletter.



Joint Working Group on Professional Competencies

The Joint Working Group on Professional competencies met each other already two times this year. On the 4th of February 2011, the meeting took place in Cologne, Germany. During this meeting, the first presentation of the professional competencies for Navigation on OL and ML was given.



Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



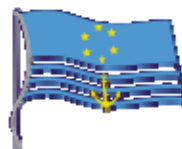
Mrs. D. Munteanu, advisory-officer



During the second meeting, on the 11th of April 2011 in Dordrecht, the first in-depth discussion on Navigation took place. The final version of Navigation will be discussed and agreed upon during the next meeting on the 8th of June 2011 in Brussels. During this meeting, the following two consolidated tables will be discussed in detail as well:

- 1) Cargo Handling, Stowage and Passenger Transport;
- 2) Maintenance and Repair.

Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine



In our former newsletter, we mentioned the fact that EDINNA is participating in a Working Group of the CCNR on simulators. Currently, the discussion is focussing on the development of a compliance matrix for simulators, focussing on the functionalities a simulator should have with respect to education and training. The next meeting is scheduled in Strasbourg on the 12th of May 2011. We will inform you in more detail soon.

Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

“White Paper”

On the 28th of March 2011, the European Commission published the White Paper: Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system.

By 2050, the key goals of the white paper in relation with our main goals are:

- 1) Address quality of work in all transport modes, with respect to, notably, training, certification, working conditions and career development, with a view to creating quality jobs, developing the necessary skills and strengthening the competitiveness of EU transport operators;
- 2) Assess the feasibility of the creation of an EU register and EU flag for maritime and inland waterway transport. In essence, the EU sign would represent a quality label certifying safe, secure, environmentally friendly ships manned by highly qualified professionals.

“Inauguration InfoDanube”

CERONAV, Romania, will inaugurate InfoDanube on the 17th of May 2011. InfoDanube – the information and Training Centre developed on a former Ceronav School pontoon under the SEE funded project – NELI. Over fifty guests including project partners, Romanian and foreign officials and local stakeholders are expected to attend the opening ceremony and the transnational workshops afterwards.

InfoDanube, located in the port of Galati, is designed as a multipurpose space, consisting of a multimedia area, a showroom and an interactive learning area, and will allow the organization of thematic tours, workshops, symposia, roundtables, pilot courses for a limited number of trainees and other events. It will also present visitors an overview of all Danube related activities (transport, port operations, navigation, jobs, etc), and offer them the opportunity to experience real situations in inland navigation, such as ship manoeuvre, search and rescue operations, anchoring, mooring and route planning. The centre is equipped to this effect with various multimedia equipments and instruments – info-kiosks, interactive software for education and training, latest multimedia systems, model ships, remote control model boats and others.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) The 12th of May 2011, Working Group Simulators CCNR, Strasbourg, France;
- 2) The 19th and 20th of May 2011: International Maritime Forum, Gdansk, Poland;
- 3) The 23rd and 24th of May 2011: Platina SCOM, Berlin, Germany;
- 4) The 8th of June 2011: Joint Working Group, Brussels, Belgium;

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