

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,

As a result of a round table conference in June 2008 in the city of Strasbourg the idea of building a platform of European inland navigation institutes resulted in the establishment of EDINNA which is officially founded in February 2009 during her first General Assembly in Rotterdam.

Today EDINNA represents 24 IWT Education and Training Institutes out of 13 European countries and 6 IWT organizations decided to become an associated member of Edinna.

By the end of 2010 Edinna became an official PLATINA partner and works on various topics as STCIN, Riverspeak, standards for simulators, exchange programmes etc.

In name of the Board I am proud to present you our first EDINNA newsletter.

You will find updates on the EDINNA working plan but also information about related projects such as EWITA.

Do you need more information please contact us via the EDINNA website (www.edinna.eu)

I hope to see you at our next General Assembly meeting in Poland or during one of the coming related IWT events,

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EDINNA: Official Opening Office Space

Dordrecht, the Netherlands, the 22nd of October 2010

Today, the Daily Board of EDINNA opened its office space in Dordrecht, which has been offered by the Dutch Ministry of Transport. From now on, the office of EDINNA will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



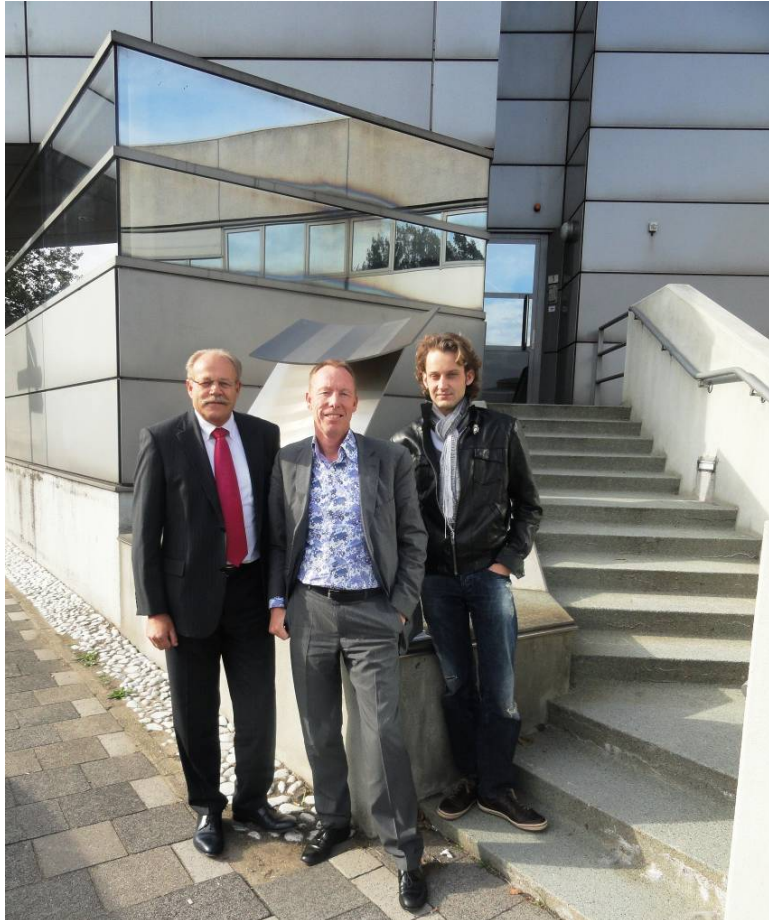
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We herewith would like to thank the Dutch Ministry of Transport for their support.

EDINNA: A growing Network



Mr. M. Ghiba, advisory-officer



Mrs. D. Munteanu, advisory-officer



Picture of the Third General Assembly in France (April 2010)

Edinna has officially been founded in February 2009 in Rotterdam as the European IWT educational network, as a part of Work Package 3 of Platina. Platina is an FP7 project consisting of 22 partners from 9 different countries and is created to promote the NAIADES action programme. For further information see www.naiades.info.

EDINNA is developing, in close cooperation with various stakeholders, the STCIN (Standards of Training and Certification in Inland Navigation). Furthermore, EDINNA focuses in its working programme on activities in the following area:

- 1) Harmonisation of European Inland Navigation Education and Training;
- 2) Training Equipment and Simulators;
- 3) Communication and Language;
- 4) Exchange Programmes for students, teachers and management.

At the moment, a working group formed by Belgium, France and Poland is working on a so called "Riverspeak" project funded by a Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Fund.

Edinna is growing: not only counting the number of members but also counting its activities. More about the Contract Amendment and the development of the STCIN can be found on page 2.





General Assembly France and Poland

In April 2010 we already had the third General Assembly Meeting. Since our application for a new Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Fund has been rejected, we will only meet again at the next General Assembly Meeting which will take place at the **15th and 16th of February 2011 in Poland**. You will receive an invitation in due time. The developments of EDINNA will be discussed during the General Assembly as well as an election of the Board according to our Articles of Association.

Contract Amendment

One of the tasks of Work Package 3 of the Platina team is to develop a "Strategy for harmonized IWT education and training standards". EDINNA is working on a current base with several parties in a Joint Working Group (JWG) on the development of the STCIN. The Joint Working Group consists of the following members: EBU (European Barge Union), ESO (European Skippers Organisation), ETF (European Transport Workers Federation), Platina, the Danube Commission, the CCNR and EDINNA.

As a result of the last meeting in Basel on the 15th of October 2010 the JWG reached an agreement of acceptance on the competencies on operational (OL) and management level (ML) and the possible determination of the competencies to the functions of Boatman on Operational Level and Boatmaster on Management Level.

Although these documents always can be adjusted according to the developments in the sector they will form the basis on which Edinna now starts with the work of transitioning the competencies into knowledge, proficiency and skills which, after agreement in the JWG, will be used in the development of curricula based on the STCIN.

EDINNA has been asked to become a partner in the Platina consortium. As foreseen by now, the Contract with the EU Commission will be signed in the autumn of 2010. This is the result of the efforts we all made during the only short existence of EDINNA. The main tasks of EDINNA within the Platina consortium will be the further development of the STCIN – professional competencies for Operational and Management Level.

Due to the Contract Amendment EDINNA has made a contract with Mr. J. Gebraad to fulfil the necessary tasks.

IWT – Recruitment Strategy

Platina is currently working on a General Recruitment Strategy. One of the first steps in the development of the strategy is a survey for students and companies. The survey is available in English, French, German and Romanian. Would you all please be so kind to distribute the questionnaire to your students and members. The surveys can be found on www.naiades.info under the menu “useful tools”.

Other Activities

The Working Group of the LdV-Partnership 2009 is currently working on the developments of “Riverspeak”. In November 2010 they will have their next working meeting in Poland. The outcomes of the Working Group will be presented during the next General Assembly.



Besides the development of Riverspeak, the Working Group is also focussing on a first exchange of students and teachers in 2011.

Ewita

Edinna is always interested in cooperation with other European projects where possible. There is a close relationship with e.g. Neli (Cooperation – Network for Logistics and Nautical Education focussing on Inland Waterway Transport in the Danube Corridor supported by Innovative Solution) and with the recently finished project EWITA.

Recently, the president of EDINNA made a presentation on its activities during a meeting of the NELI Consortium in Austria.

EWITA stands for European Web Platforms focussing on two areas for the Danube area and the Rhine-Meuse-Scheldegebied (RMS). For further information on INES Danube see: www.ines-danube.info and for more information for INES RMS see: www.inesrms.info.

EWITA is an e-learning tool for inland waterway transport for logistical training institutes, skippers itself, but also schools, logistics related companies and anyone interested in the inland waterway sector. This tool will be available in Romanian, Dutch, English and German.