

Memorandum of Understanding

For joint actions by European Educational Institutes in
Inland Waterways Transport

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Chapter 1: Background

Recognizing that we all use the same European waterways system and the different background in various educational systems in Europe it is the aim to come to a more structured cooperation. Opening borders for transport and labour in the European Union asks for a harmonized education, training and certification of the inland waterways personnel. In order to ensure high quality of trained personnel it is necessary to intensify the already existing informal connections between educational institutes. Thus making use of synergies.

Chapter 2: Purpose

The network will be open to all public educational inland shipping institutes in Europe. The network will provide a platform for information exchange and enable its members to communicate their views on specific educational issues.

The platform will also be a partner for the communication with stakeholders in inland navigation, such as European Institutes, River Commissions, social partners and other policy makers.

Chapter 3: Structure of the platform

The platform, consisting of the educational institutes, can be a platform to be used in relevant European projects for inland navigation and shipping, e.g. Platina, a 7th Framework Program EU project. The board of the platform, i.e. chairman, vice chairman and secretary will be chosen by the members of the network. Their task will be to formalize this platform, to promote it as communication platform to the stake holders and to initiate initiatives for exchange of knowlegde, students and teachers. After two years the positions of the board members will be reconsidered.

Chapter 4: Signature and effective date

The parties confirm the intention to participate in, or to promote their institutes participation in, the Platform Inland Waterways Education by signing this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signature is given by the authorized representative.

The work plan might be attached to the MoU on becoming effective.

Date

Place

Name institute

Signature representative

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