Implementation of Policy Recommendations of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe

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### Policy Recommendations set out by the White Paper

**POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS** identified by the White Paper are focused on seven priority areas:

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Policy Recommendation No. 1
AGN Agreement

- **Number of Contracting Parties:** 18
  Serbia acceded AGN 10 January 2014

- **2014:** Fourth package of amendments to AGN;
  Third revised edition of AGN
  (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1)

- **Updates to the Blue Book:**
  2013: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.1
  2015: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.2,
  A new proposal ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/4

- **The Blue Book database** available online on the
  UNECE website

- **Revision of Resolution No. 49**
  (Resolution No. 74)

- **Monitoring of infrastructure projects:**
  2012: Saône-Mosel-Saône-Rhine waterway
  2015: Dnieper-Vistula section of E40 waterway
Policy Recommendation No. 2

Resolution No. 61

✓ Amendment No.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1):
  Terms and Definitions (Section 1-2), Chapter 20B, Amendments to Chapters 1, 6 and Appendix 2

✓ Amendment No. 2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.2):
  ✓ Section 7-3A, Chapter 7, Chapter 17, Chapter 18, Section 20B-8

✓ Amendments approved by SC.3 in 2014:
  • Chapter 4, revised, Chapter 15A, Chapter 22A, Amendments to 2–7.3, 10–1.4, 11–4 and Appendix 3

✓ Next steps: Draft amendments to Chapter 23 and Appendix 2
  • Proposal for a new Chapter 24
  • Preparation of consolidated version
Policy Recommendation No. 3

River Information Systems

- Resolution No. 48, Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS):
  - 2012 - second revision
  - 2015 - third revision

- Resolution No. 57, Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services:
  - 2012 – revision
  - 2014 and 2015 – amendments

- Resolution No. 63, International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT):
  - 2014 – revision

  - 2014 – adoption by SC.3
Policy Recommendation No. 4

Integration of IWT in intermodal corridors

- **Promotion of coastal navigation**
  - Proposals on concrete river-sea routes for the AGN Agreement
  - Requirements for river-sea vessels

- **Cooperation with the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)**
  - 2013: proposal for cooperation on revision of Annexes I and II of the AGTC Protocol
  - 2015: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2015/12 (a working document of SC.3 and WP.24): summary table of the adopted amendments to the AGN which may be reflected in the AGTC Protocol
Policy Recommendation No. 5

Professional knowledge, training and recognition of certificates

International Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in Inland Navigation:
- Draft amendments to Chapter 23, Crews of Resolution No. 61;
- Overview of national and international instruments relating to the mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation
- Updating the list of stretches, the knowledge of which must be verified
- Other tasks according to the IEG ToR

Recognition of certificates: recreational navigation
- 2014: Guidelines on the implementation of Resolution No. 40

Promotion of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network
- Revision of Resolution No. 52 – 2012
Policy Recommendation No. 6
Tackling environmental challenges


- Resolution No. 61:
  - Proposal for Section 8B-4, Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water
  - Proposal for Appendix 8, On-board sewage treatment plants – Supplementary provisions and certificate models
  - Proposal for a new Appendix 9, On-board sewage treatment plant – Test procedure

Policy Recommendation No. 7

European Code for Inland Waterways

Common regulatory framework

- 2011 – 2014: work of the CEVNI Expert Group and adoption of amendments to CEVNI

- 2014, 2015: finalization, adoption and publication of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI

- Annually: monitoring of implementation of CEVNI; update of the CEVNI status document

- 2015: an updated questionnaire about the implementation of the fifth revision of CEVNI

- Annual monitoring of status of International Conventions and UNECE Resolutions
  ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/13
  ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/14
Next steps for the White Paper

• Inland waterways and the SDGs
• Revision of the Blue Book
• Continue work on integration of IWT in intermodal transport
• Modernization of the fleet
• The role of coastal navigation
• Address IWT and maritime port hinterland connections in cooperation with the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
• Continue addressing IWT connected to climate changes
• The role of recreational navigation in Europe
• Continue work on harmonisation of professional standards
Thank you

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