CEVNI and recreational navigation

Workshop “European Code for Inland Waterways: implementation and the way ahead”

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Who are we?

Association of **recreational boat users** organisations representing:

• 27 organisations
• from 17 European States
• combined membership of over 1,5 million recreational boaters

What is a recreational boat?

Dinghy... Yacht... RIB... Motor boat... Barge... Superyacht...

What size
5m... 10m... 15m... 20m... 25m... 30m...
Challenges

What are the rules and regulations

1. Regionally
2. Nationally
3. Internationally

Finding out can be difficult
- Languages
CEVNI implemented

Local boats

• Familiar with the local (national) rules
• May not be aware that the rules are based on CEVNI or which revision

BUT

• Feel they know enough to visit other countries that have implemented CEVNI

Foreign boats

• May not be aware of regional variations to CEVNI
CEVNI has not been implemented

Local boats
• Aware of the local rules

_BUT_
• Need to learn the what the rules are if they want to go to other locations or countries
• Learn CEVNI for the main European waterways

Foreign boats
• Need to be aware that CEVNI does not apply and very similar signs could mean something different
CEVNI v COLREG

How to identify where the inland waterways start - CEVNI signage?

COLREG used as basis on some inland waterways
Finland – CEVNI signs, COLREG, IALA buoyage

It’s fine if you know what the rules are but potentially confusing for visitors
Summary

It can be challenging to know which regulations apply where.

Language barriers can make it difficult to ensure that the correct regulations are followed in each region / country.

It would help recreational boaters if CEVNI was more like COLREG with fewer (if any) variations from country to country and region to region.