Making the Future Together

Automation and Inland Waterways

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An international trade union federation:

230 transport unions from 41 European countries with over 5 million members

Organised in 9 industrial sections

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Inland Waterways Section – c. 15,000 members in 46 unions: AT, BE, BG, CH, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, IR, IT, LU, LV, NL, PL, RO, RU, SE, TR, UA

Active in Sectoral Social Dialogue, CESNI, CASS

Observer at Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine

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ETF Fair transport Campagne:

° Is a campaign against sociale dumping in transport
° European transport unions standing together to demand an end to unfair competition and exploitation
° International week of action in March 2019
° Commitments from politicians that they will defend and develop quality work in transport sector

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE
– 48 hour week respecting special situation

DIRECTIVE ON RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
- enhances labour mobility

TASCS - Towards a Sustainable Crewing System
– workload analysis, aiding pan-European manning requirements

DIGITAL CONTROLS
– modern, tamper-proof controls

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An on-going process, entering a new phase thanks to digitalisation
An inevitable process
Emphasise the workers’ perspective

The Section defined its position after a major seminar in St Petersburg involving boatmen, union officials, employers, academics, training bodies and authorities

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Changing the Sector!

Dominated by SMEs with limited finances. Who can and will make the investments? Projects are paid with Tax-payers money.

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Changing the profession!

Training
Life-long learning
Perspectives for employment
Attractivity of the sector
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The results for the sector?

Higher performance?
Ecological level?
Social sustainability?
Effects on modal shift?

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Automation:

Safety:
- influence isn’t clear yet
- Standards of safety must comply in case of emergency, e.g. MOB
- Need for new safety rules

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Safety:
Removal of human error causing accidents?
BUT
Removal of human control preventing accidents?

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Liability

Shift from boatmaster - to whom?

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Need for integrated, secure and reliable data.

Readable for the controlling/inspection bodies

Why:  - a level playing field
       - uniform labour market

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Automation:

Timing: - speed of evolution and transformation

* long turnover cycle (noise discussion)
* available technology is not implemented yet (digital ship’s log)

Losing ground in comparison with other sectors.

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Automation:

Need for monitoring and inventory of social economic effects
Automation

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= involving the workers in the process.

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Thank You!