



Professional qualifications in IWT

EU REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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Directive (EU) 2017/2397

- **Part of Naiades II**
 - **Harmonised system for the certification of qualifications**
 - **Competence-based approach**
- **To increase mobility, attractiveness and safety on EU inland waterways, in particular on connected waterways**

Competence-based approach

Competence shall be demonstrated by passing an examination organised by either

- a) an administrative authority or
- b) under an approved training programme

To obtain the qualifications of boatman (OL), boatmaster (ML), passenger navigation expert and LNG expert + specific authorisations for boatmasters

Practical examination required for some certifications

Possibility to take exams on simulators.

Competence-based standards for...



Criteria for specific stretches of inland waterways

- **Stretches of inland waterways with specific risks**
- **Inland waterways with a maritime character**

Delegated and implementing acts

- 1. Standards of competence, for practical examinations, for approval of simulators and for medical fitness**
- 2. Models of certificates, service record books, logbooks and practical examination certificates**
- 3. Characteristics of the database referred to under Article 25(2)**

CESNI

1 + 2 shall make reference to CESNI standards



Database/EU platform

Objectives:

- 1. To facilitate the exchange of information between:**
 - the certification authorities
 - the enforcement authorities

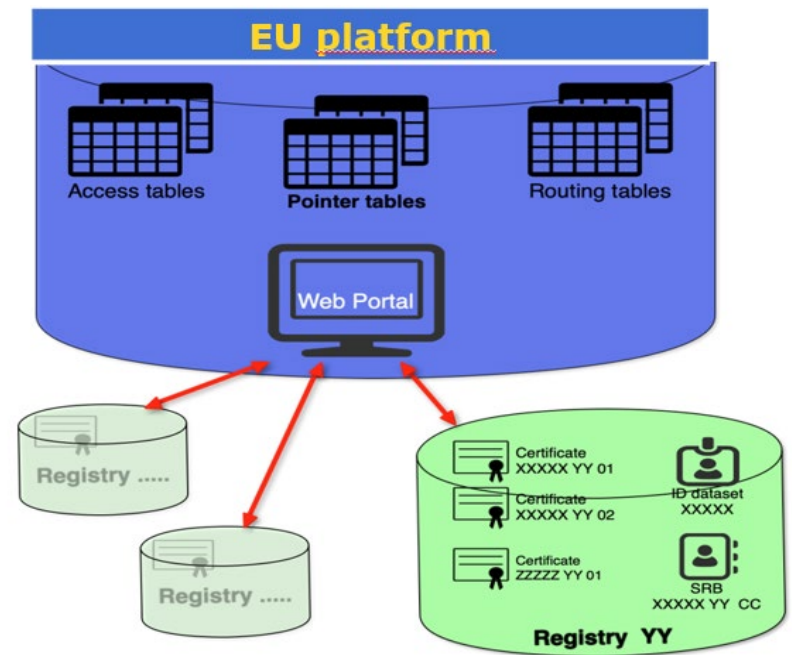
→ facilitating recognition and combating fraud

- 2. To generate statistics**

Two databases

To organise and access information on qualifications, SRBs and logbooks, use of 2 databases:

- **EU platform** for data on crew members i.e. certificates of qualification and SRBs
- **EHDB** for vessels related data incl.logbooks



2018

CESNI will define and adopt competence standards as required by the directive

2020

Member States should transpose the laws and provisions necessary to comply with the new rules

2022

Four-year period for transposition

16.01

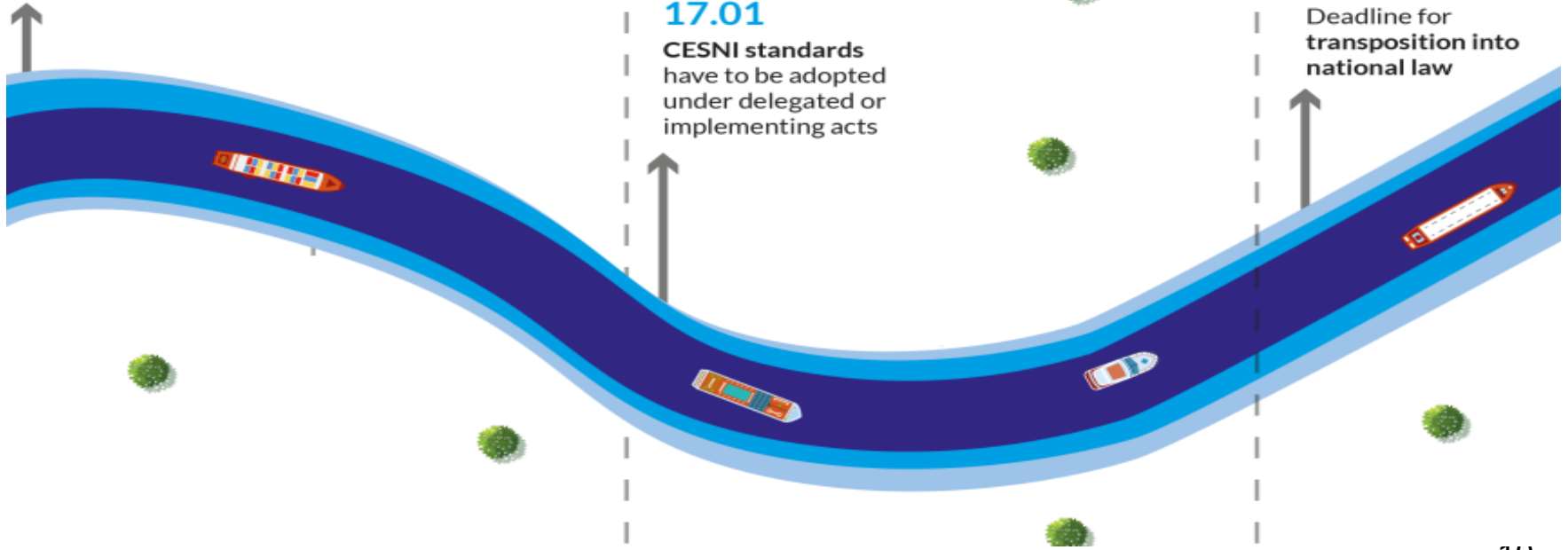
Entry into force

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CESNI standards have to be adopted under delegated or implementing acts

17.01

Deadline for transposition into national law



Activities of the Commission expert group on social issues in inland navigation

- provide input to the Commission for the preparation of legislative proposals, delegated acts and policy initiatives;
- support the Commission in the general implementation of legislations

So far, delegated act for the database referred to in Directive (EU) 2017/2397 and initiative on e-tools.

E-tools initiative

Objective: reduce administrative burden and improve enforcement through digitalisation

Study in support of the impact assessment ongoing till summer 2019.

Scope: certificates of qualifications, SRB, logbooks + recording of working time + ?



Thank you

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Social dimension IWT:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/inland/social_dimension_en.htm

Social issues in transport:

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/social/index_en.htm