Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) in 2018: Progress and results

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International Ministerial Conference
“Connecting by Inland Navigation”
Wrocław, Poland, 18-19 April 2018

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Organized jointly by UNECE and the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland
- More than 400 participants from 24 countries
- European Commission, River Commissions, international associations and organizations, basin authorities and other key players
- Ministerial plenary session and six thematic panel discussions
- Signing the Ministerial Declaration and a poster
Ministerial Declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting”
Adopted on 18 April 2018

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Signed already by 18 UN member States
- Open for signature
- Main objectives till 2023:
  
  To foster the role of inland water transport as safe, environmentally sound and economically efficient
  
  To address the challenges of sustainable development of mobility, also through inland water transport, by supporting intergovernmental multi-disciplinary cooperation in the field of transport
  
  To encourage investment in the sector aimed at building and modernizing the inland waterway infrastructure, the fleet and ports as well as fostering innovation and using alternative fuels and ensuring that it is resilient to climate change
  
  To promote the attractiveness of the sector to the market and transport workers and increasing its competitiveness
Digitalization and automation in inland navigation

Autonomous shipping and Inland Navigation
(14 February 2018, organized jointly by UNECE and De Vlaamse Waterweg nv)
• progress in the maritime sector and examples of autonomous ships
• automation levels developed by CCNR
• smart shipping project and test area by De Vlaamse Waterweg nv
• education and training

Digitalization in Inland Water Transport
(4 October 2018)
• Policy initiatives in digital transport and logistics
• Computerization of work and transport documents
• Development of digitalization and RIS technologies
• strategies for inland waterways and river-sea shipping
Development of IWT infrastructure

• European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) Revision 4

• Updated map of the European Inland Waterway Network

• Addendum No. 1 to the third revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of E Waterway Network (the Blue Book)

• Ongoing work on harmonizing the GIS database of the Blue Book with TEN-T transport corridors
Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

- European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (resolution No. 90)

- European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI): Amendment No. 2 Publication “Implementation of CEVNI Revision 5” (ECE/TRANS/266)

- Resolution No. 61, second revision (resolution No. 91)
Recreational navigation

- Second revision of resolution No. 52 “European Recreational Inland Navigation Network” (AGNP) – resolution No. 92
- 2 meetings of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation in 2018
  - developing a UNECE database of questions to test the knowledge of CEVNI
  - road map on the accession to resolution No. 40
- Publication “Guidelines to resolution No. 40”
Thank you!

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