

COMPETING NEWSLETTER

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From the coordinator

COMPETING is formally finished and has met its goals and promises. This was also underlined by Caroline Nagtegaal-van Doorn (MEP) in her video message during the end conference.

If you ask me, the success of the project, was clearly demonstrated during the presentations at the end conference on 14 June. A big thank you to all speakers. We had the privilege to listen to Arjen Mintjes (president of EDINNA) and to Ovidiu Cupsa (CERONAV). Ovidiu gave a presentation about the Danube river basin point of view. We also enjoyed a presentation of Wytze de Boer from MARIN. A tour to the IWT simulator from Harm Bergsma and Albert Bos (and myself) presented STC's ambition to become a center of excellence in IWT.

Please join our online seminar at 13 October where we will explain all project outcomes, where to find them and how to use them. This seminar will be especially relevant for teachers and managers at IWT education and training institutes. Many dissemination activities were undertaken. For instance the members of CESNI QP/QM have recently been informed about all project deliverables which match the CESNI work programme (QP-21).

I would like to express great respect and gratitude to all members of the consortium. I am convinced that a solid base has been laid for further cooperation and co-creation in our follow-up project.

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New European teaching materials for IWT All project outcomes available now

Over the past 3,5 years COMPETING has worked hard to provide educational materials for teaching at Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) education and training institutes. The project delivered E-learning materials, course manuals, an European Training Record Book, video's to recruit and attract new students and a Quality Assurance and Quality Control system.

It was for the first time, that on a European level, all key stakeholders cooperated to develop European wide recognised and modern curricula and teaching materials for the IWT sector. The project responded to changes made in the Directive 2397/2017 which lays down the competences of crew members who work on European interconnected waterways and arranges the recognition of qualifications for IWT-crew on a European level.

"For the harmonisation of all inland navigation education and training the COMPETING deliverables are very important," says Arjen Mintjes co- partner and president of EDINNA, the network of European education and training institutes in inland navigation. "I'm very pleased with all the materials delivered by the COMPETING project, and I expect all EDINNA members will make use of them."

"So far we only received very positive feedback from managers and teachers at IWT education and training institutes. The materials will help them to update and further improve their education. Harmonised and future-proof education contributes to not only the mobility on the European labour market, but also to more safety on the European inland waterways." reacts Jan Smallegange of Rotterdam based STC Group as project manager of COMPETING.

All outcomes can be downloaded at the website of COMPETING (www.iwt-competencies.eu) and at the website of EDINNA (www.edinna.eu).

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The benefits of COMPETING for CESNI



"The European Committee for the elaboration of standards in inland navigation (CESNI) can greatly benefit from the COMPETING project results. Under its work program 2022 to 2024, CESNI has been tasked by the Member States of the Central Commission for Navigation of the Rhine and of the European Union to support proper implementation of standards in the field of professional qualifications.

Two results submitted by the project partners facilitate the maintenance of quality standards and guidelines:

The course manuals can help to maintain model exams on Operational Level and Management Level and to collect good practices for the use of lesson material to implement the European Standard for Qualifications in inland navigation (ES-QIN). The COMPETING course manuals refer to ES-QIN and provide for an overview of literature for trainers and students. Concrete examples of training situations and assignments to students can also feed in discussions of exam commissions from CESNI Member States who intend to meet in 2023 in order to exchange on their first experience in setting up practical and theoretical exams based on ES-QIN.

The multiple-choice questions developed by COMPETING can help CESNI to work on a future database of multiple choice questions for exams on Management Level. Such a database can contribute to create a level playing field for modern exams in the 28 Member States of CESNI and Observer States like Ukraine which has already voiced interest to participate in activities to prepare ground for such an exam database."

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Compliments

from Caroline Nagtegaal-van Doorn (MEP)



COMPETING received a nice video message from Caroline Nagtegaal-van Doorn (Member of the European Parliament).

You can watch the video via Youtube: <https://youtu.be/2VYjTwIKjWY>

VIDEOS COMPETING

Project COMPETING delivered three videos in total. The first video was made for managers and teachers at Inland Waterway Transport education and training institutes. This video explains the introduction of competency based future proof education and training for inland navigation crew members throughout the European Union. How can training institutes keep their lesson materials and training record book up to date and in line with the new competence tables? The video clarifies the benefits for students and crew members.

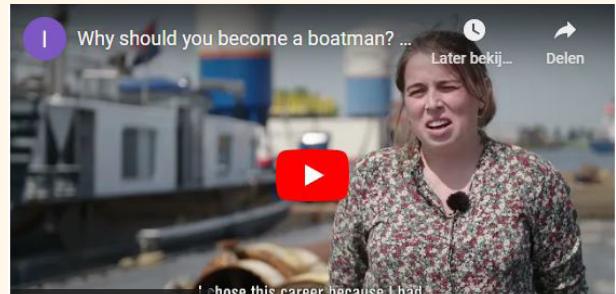
Video 1



Link on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/F7YKrbvJNq0>

The other two videos were made to attract young people and career changers to make them enthusiastic for a career in the Inland Waterway Transport sector. We invite all IWT education and training institutes to share and use this video to attract young prospective students.

Video 2



Link on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/wAcUBH3HuJI>

Video 3



Link on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/YPmyrZWckVo>

The next step: COMPETING 2.0



Umbrella-organisation EDINNA will maintain and update the current COMPETING outcomes (if and when necessary). This means that all materials that were made during the project period of COMPETING are available at the EDINNA-website and that the EDINNA-secretariat is in the possession of the original files. Bilateral and multilateral relations with consortium partners will be maintained and further intensified during project 'COMPETING 2.0'.

This follow-up project, which has been commissioned by the Dutch National Agency for Erasmus+, will focus on:

- Creating a resilient, easily accessible and future-proof education system for the IWT sector.
- A strong brand.
- Achieved by a process of structured cooperation, focusing on formulating and developing, between the fields of education, industry and social partners.

Its main work packages will be developing content, setting up Architecture and Framework (minimum viable platform) and create a Community of Practice for structured cooperation.

The deliverables foreseen will be:

- Evaluation of current use of IWT learning material & needs.

ONLINE SEMINAR COMPETING 13 OCTOBER 2022



On October 13, 2022, COMPETING is organizing a online seminar for executives and teachers of inland navigation education and training institutes. All results of the COMPETING project are presented and explained during this seminar.

Register here: <https://5utl7wy.momice.events>

Programme

10.00 - 10.05 (Central European Time)

Welcome and introduction

Jan Smallegange, STC Group

10.05 - 10.25

Explanations of where to find and use the course manuals and the European Training Record Book

Liliana Martes, Ceronavi

10.25 - 10.50

Explanation of where the E-learning material for inland shipping can be found and how you can use this material

Anton Edtmeier, FOOO and Minne van Eeckeren, STC Group

10.50 - 11.00

Room for asking questions