

Implementation of Policy Recommendations of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe

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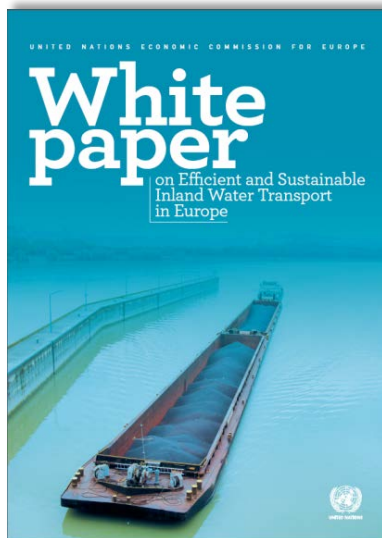
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Policy Recommendations set out by the White Paper

POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS
identified by the White
Paper are focused on
seven priority areas:

**1**

- Make full use of pan-European mechanisms to coordinate the development of the E waterway network

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- Coordinate and support measures to modernize the inland water fleet at the pan-European level

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- Promote the use of River Information Service (RIS) and other information communication technologies

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- Respond effectively to new market requirements

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- Address the labour market challenge at the pan-European level

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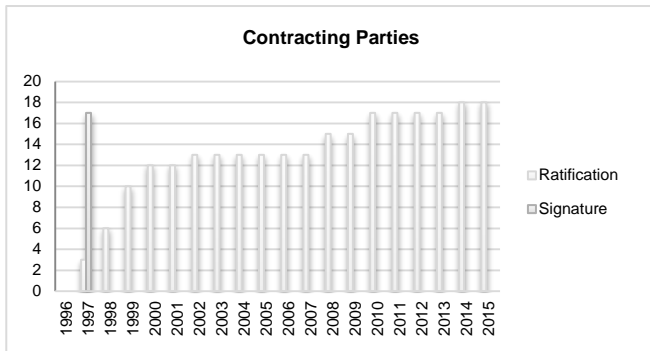
- Tackle environmental challenges and the carbon footprint

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- Reinforce the institutional and regulatory framework at pan-European level

Policy Recommendation No. 1

AGN Agreement



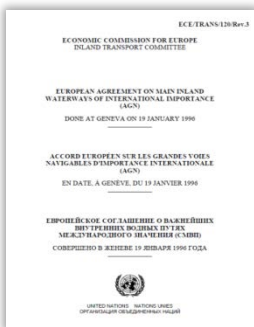
- **Number of Contracting Parties: 18**
Serbia acceded AGN 10 January 2014
- **2014:** Fourth package of amendments to AGN;
Third revised edition of AGN
(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1)

- **Updates to the Blue Book:**
2013: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.1
2015: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.2,
A new proposal ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/4

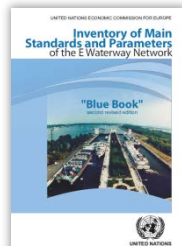
- **The Blue Book database** available online on the UNECE website

- Revision of Resolution No. 49
(**Resolution No. 74**)

- **Monitoring of infrastructure projects:**
2012: Saône-Mosel-Saône-Rhine waterway
2015: Dnieper-Vistula section of E40 waterway

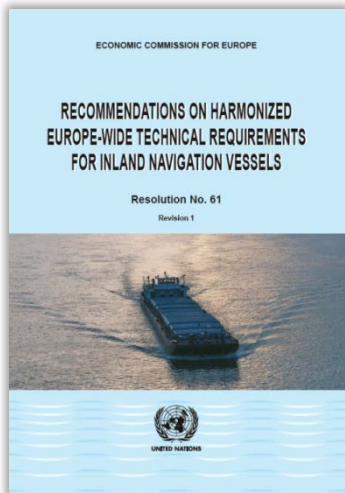



Reference Number	Project Name	Location	Year of Completion	Length (km)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Speed (km/h)	Capacity (TEU)	Cost (€)
10-01	VESEL-GRAZ-TRAVAR	60-00 Germany	1952	11.40	19.00	11.40	100.0	11.40	100.0
10-02	OSTERFELD-RODERS	2-00 Germany	1928	11.40	19.00	11.40	100.0	11.40	100.0
10-03	GRATTELING-RODERS	30-00 Germany	1952	3.00	19.00	11.40	100.0	3.00	100.0



Policy Recommendation No. 2

Resolution No. 61



✓ Amendment No.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1):

Terms and Definitions (Section 1-2), Chapter 20B, Amendments to Chapters 1, 6 and Appendix 2

✓ Amendment No. 2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.2):

✓ Section 7-3A, Chapter 7, Chapter 17, Chapter 18, Section 20B-8

✓ Amendments approved by SC.3 in 2014:

- Chapter 4, revised, Chapter 15A, Chapter 22A, Amendments to 2–7.3, 10–1.4, 11–4 and Appendix 3

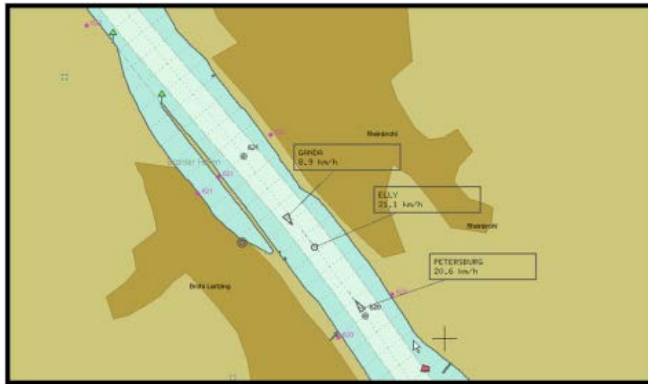
✓ Next steps: Draft amendments to Chapter 23 and Appendix 2

- Proposal for a new Chapter 24
- Preparation of consolidated version



Policy Recommendation No. 3

River Information Systems



- ✓ Resolution No. 48, Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS):
2012 - second revision
2015 - third revision
- ✓ Resolution No. 57, Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services:
2012 – revision
2014 and 2015 – amendments
- ✓ Resolution No. 63, International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT):
2014 – revision
- ✓ Resolution No. 79, International Standards for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation, and Resolution No. 80, International Standards For Notices To Skippers
(on the basis of Resolution No. 57):
2014 – adoption by SC.3

Policy Recommendation No. 4

Integration of IWT in intermodal corridors



✓ Promotion of coastal navigation

- Proposals on concrete river-sea routes for the AGN Agreement
- Requirements for river-sea vessels

✓ Cooperation with the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24)

- 2013: proposal for cooperation on revision of Annexes I and II of the AGTC Protocol
- 2015: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2015/12 (a working document of SC.3 and WP.24): summary table of the adopted amendments to the AGN which may be reflected in the AGTC Protocol

Policy Recommendation No. 5

Professional knowledge, training and recognition of certificates

International Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in Inland Navigation:

- Draft amendments to Chapter 23, Crews of Resolution No. 61;
- Overview of national and international instruments relating to the mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation
- Updating the list of stretches, the knowledge of which must be verified
- Other tasks according to the IEG ToR



Recognition of certificates: recreational navigation

- 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014: revisions of Resolution No. 40, International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft
- 2014: Guidelines on the implementation of Resolution No. 40



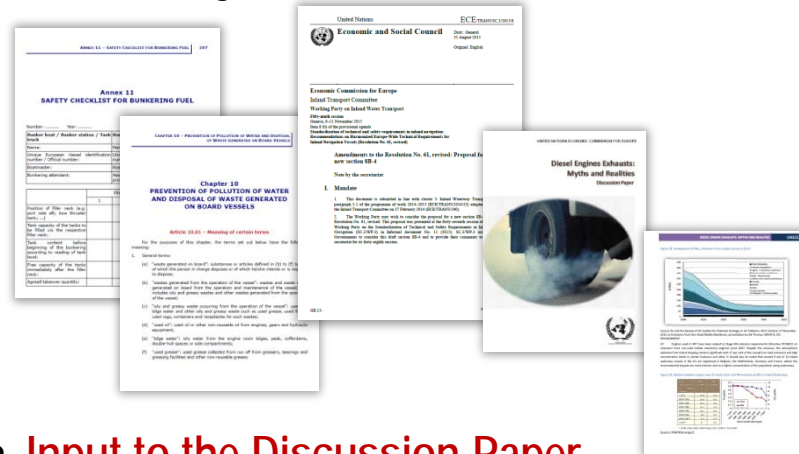
Promotion of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network

- Revision of Resolution No. 52 – 2012

Policy Recommendation No. 6

Tackling environmental challenges

- European Code for Inland Waterways, fifth edition:**
 Revision of Chapter 10, Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste generated on board vessels;
 A new Annex 11, Safety Checklist for Bunkering Fuel



- Input to the Discussion Paper “Diesel engine exhausts: myths and realities” – 2014**

- Resolution No. 61:**
 - Proposal for Section 8B-4, Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water
 - Proposal for Appendix 8, On-board sewage treatment plants – Supplementary provisions and certificate models
 - Proposal for a new Appendix 9, On-board sewage treatment plant – Test procedure



Policy Recommendation No. 7

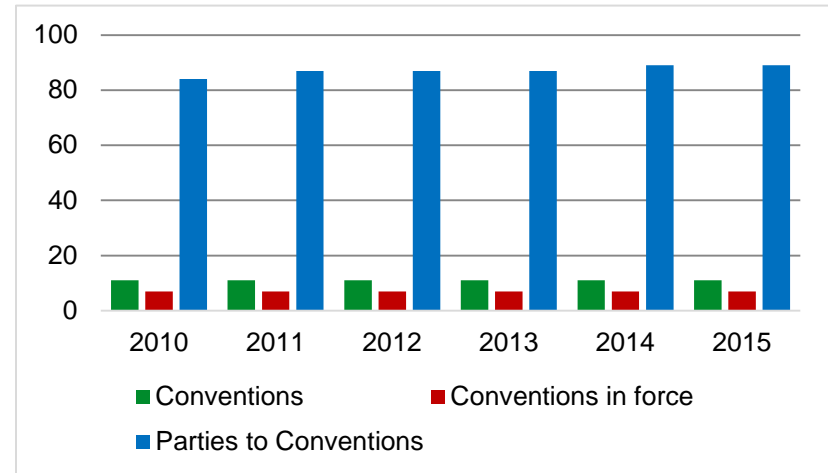
European Code for Inland Waterways

- 2011 – 2014: work of the CEVNI Expert Group and adoption of amendments to CEVNI
- 2014, 2015: finalization, adoption and publication of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI
- Annually: monitoring of implementation of CEVNI; update of the CEVNI status document
- 2015: an updated questionnaire about the implementation of the fifth revision of CEVNI



Common regulatory framework

Administering International Conventions relevant to inland water transport



- **Annual monitoring of status of International Conventions and UNECE Resolutions**
 ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/13
 ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/14

Next steps for the White Paper

- Inland waterways and the SDGs
- Revision of the Blue Book
- Continue work on integration of IWT in intermodal transport
- Modernization of the fleet
- The role of coastal navigation
- Address IWT and maritime port hinterland connections in cooperation with the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5)
- Continue addressing IWT connected to climate changes
- The role of recreational navigation in Europe
- Continue work on harmonisation of professional standards



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