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INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT EVENT 2015

“POTENTIAL OF IWT AS SUSTAINABLE CARRIER OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS”

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Permanent Representation of the Netherlands in Brussels
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Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) is expected to take a much higher share in the overall transport volume in the coming years. Due to its characteristics and positive externalities – sustainable, cost- and energy efficient, safe - and disposing over free capacities on the navigable waterways in Europe it offers a huge potential to cope with the challenges in the field of transport in the coming years.

In the past years the European transport policy has been reshaped by introducing the new frame for the Transeuropean Networks and launching a new action programme to support inland navigation, the so called NAIADES II. In preparation of the new policy instruments our association has been actively involved in order to shape the right pre conditions for the future positioning of the sector. The coming period will need to materialise the benefits of inland navigation within the context of the new framework.

We are convinced that inland waterway transport can play a much stronger role as soon as the necessary framework conditions in favour of our sector are set. With the newly elected European Parliament and the new Commission in close relation with the River Commissions we hope to create the favourable environment to realise these goals.

We are pleased to share and exchange views with the representatives of the above mentioned institutions at this occasion.



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PROGRAMME

- 14.30 **Registration and coffee in the exhibition area**
- 15.15 **Welcome**
Wepke Kingma, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU
- 15.20 **Opening**
Didier Leandri, President EBU
- 15.25 **KEY NOTE SPEECHES BY**
- Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport, European Commission*
 “Role of IWT as carrier in multimodal corridors”
- Brigit Gijbbers, President CCNR and Director Maritime Affairs and Inland Shipping, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment of the Netherlands*
- Laima Rituma, Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU, Director Maritime Department, Ministry of Transport of Latvia*
- Wim van de Camp, MEP TRAN Committee*
- Didier Leandri, President EBU*
- 16.30 **Discussion with key note speakers and Olivier Onidi, Director European mobility network at DG MOVE, chaired by Theresia Hacksteiner, Secretary General EBU**
- 17.00 **Summary and closure**
- 17.10 **Cocktail and networking event**

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