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# Future of Transport The Role of Inland Navigation within the New Whitepaper CONCLUSIONS

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The launched discussion by the European Commission offers huge possibilities to transform the future transport system by:

- Making better and more efficient use of the existing potential
- Improving the interoperability of modes

It is evident that the environmental and social challenges as expressed in the Communication can be much better addressed by making full use of

- environmentally friendly modes and potentials such as inland waterway transport,

- prioritisation and rebalance of cargo flows must lead to a better use of the existing resources in a more efficient and effective way.

A concentration on modes that benefit the entire transport policy – mainly inland navigation - deserves support.

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**Thus a better positioning of inland navigation within the overall European transport policy offers tremendous possibilities for a sustainable future for transport.**

This has to be achieved through comprehensive and concerted action of all involved stakeholders as recommended by the reflection group on inland navigation

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**Against the background of the many and varied identified tasks the reflection group concluded that the following measures are necessary:**

- Intensified cooperation between all stakeholders by establishing a permanent, **structured and intensive cooperation** between the competent institutions;
- Permanent European IWT policy by setting up a comprehensive European IWT strategy and programme as a **permanent follow-up of the current Action Programme NAIADES**;
- Financial and human resources by providing the **financial support** at the Community level required to implement a permanent European IWT programme;
- Seamless transition of the ongoing NAIADES actions by **securing continuity** between the present and future actions.