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EBU welcomes the ambitious agreement reached at COP 21 in Paris to mitigate and combat global warming.

Saturday night 12 December the leaders of 196 countries reached an historical agreement at the Paris Summit to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius by 2010. EBU congratulates the engaged countries and is prepared to fully contribute to this ambitious goal.

Where inland waterway transport in terms of CO₂ emission already today is the cleanest modality, it is able to carry much higher volumes due to free capacities on the inland waterways.

Demonstrated by some best practises inland waterway transport proved that modal shift to this sustainable transport mode not only in the traditional and long distance areas is interesting, but a huge modal shift potential also lies with alternative cargo and passenger flows also on short distances.

Innovation in the sector, such as sulphur free fuel, LNG driven vessels and hybride solutions mark the huge contribution of this modality to combat global warming.

EBU's President Didier Leandri stressed, that the summit proved that it is time to take the right decisions now and to choose for sustainable transport solutions. "Inland waterway transport is prepared to take its share and to support what 7 billion people of the World, amongst them more than 500 million European citizens, wanted!"

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The European Barge Union (EBU) represents the majority of the inland navigation freight and passenger carrying industry in Europe. Its members are the national associations of barge owners and barge operators as well as international associations in the field of inland navigation and related areas.

EBU's main objective is to represent the interests of the inland shipping industry and Rivers-See shipping industry at a Pan-European level and to contribute to the development of a sustainable and efficient Pan-European transport system.

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