

EBU releases

its latest annual report

The reporting year was characterised by impacting geopolitical developments and global and European policies with huge consequences on the society in Europe.

Early 2022 a war at the borders of the European Union dramatically changed the geopolitical landscape. EBU members at the beginning of the crisis were involved in carrying refugees from the borders of the UA to safe places. Since the bombing of UA seaports EBU's members are engaged in rerouting grain and other essential products and raw materials from UA via the inland waterways in order to mitigate a global food and economic crisis. EBU strongly supports all efforts and measures to mitigate the crisis and to help Ukrainian people to survive and regain normal live.

After the recovery from the COVID crisis in 2020 and 2021 the sector is challenged by coping with important policies at EU level. In July 2021 the "Fit for 55" package followed the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, which earlier was released based on the EU Green Deal. All policy recommendations and subsequent legislative proposals aim to reduce greenhouse gas and air emissions in order to meet the global and European sustainability goals.

You may read in the Annual Report EBU's position on the various topics and the role IWT fulfils as key player in the multimodal transport chain.

We wish you an interesting reading of this publication. Kind regards

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Secretary General



The European Barge Union (EBU) is the European association representing the inland navigation freight and passenger carrying industry on a Pan-European level. 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 mission is to contribute to the development of a sustainable and efficient Pan-European transport system via a larger share of inland waterway transport.

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