

## Press release

### End conference COMPETING

On 14 June 2022 project COMPETING is organising a final conference, with the theme '*a big step forward in Inland Navigation Education and Training*'. This conference takes place at STC Group in Rotterdam and will simultaneously be held online at 14 June as from 13.00 CET.

A line-up of international experts will address the outcomes of the COMPETING project from different perspectives and also celebrate the European cooperation in the field of inland waterway transport education and training.

After three and a half years of hard work, the end conference will be the place to be for those who would like to get up to speed with the end results of this Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliance project.

In the COMPETING project, seven competencies and the accompanying teaching materials were being worked on, both at operational and management level. A consortium of eleven European inland navigation educational institutions and four social partners joined forces to work on this project. COMPETING is delivering course manuals, E-learning and a European Training Record Book. The project has also yielded a well thought-off quality assurance system.

Competencies include navigation, ship operation, cargo handling, stowage and passenger transport, maritime engineering and electrical, electronical and control engineering, maintenance and repair, communication and health, and safety and environmental protection. The complete set of the teaching materials will be made available in the summer of 2022.

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## **Programme**

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch

13:00 – 13:15 | Opening and short presentation by chair of the day Mrs. Frouwke Klootwijk-de Vries, secretary-general IVR

13:15 – 13:45 | COMPETING in historic perspective by Mr. Arjen Mintjes, director Maritieme Academie Harlingen/ president EDINNA

13:45 – 14:15 | COMPETING from the Danube perspective by Mr. Ovidiu Sorin Cupsa, president CERONAV/vice-president EDINNA

14:15 – 14:45 | Guided tour to full mission bridge simulators by Mr. Harm Bergsma, team leader STC Training & Consultancy/treasurer EDINNA

14.45 – 15.15 | Break

15.15 – 15.30 | Movie about new training vessel Ab Initio for inland navigation education

15.30 – 16.00 | Keynote 'Current developments in IWT' by Mr. Wytze de Boer, project leader IWT MARIN

16:00 – 16:30 | Presentation about STC Group Centre of Excellence for IWT by Mr. Albert Bos, director STC Training & Consultancy and Mr. Jan Smallegange, project manager COMPETING

16:30 – 17:30 | Short closure by chair of the day followed by refreshments

18:00 – 20.30 | Start of (walking) diner