

## SEMINAR 2012

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EBU SAILING AHEAD

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2012 AT 16 H  
PALAIS DU RHIN, PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE 2, STRASBOURG

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**Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) plays an important role for the transport of goods and passengers in Europe. It pays a significant contribution to the transport demands within the European policy. As a matter of fact the environmental and social challenges stemming from this policy can be much better addressed by making full use of IWT. The prioritisation and rebalance of cargo flows must lead to a better use of the existing resources in a more efficient and effective way.**

The navigable waterways in Europe, which mostly are existing natural rivers, dispose over capacity to absorb a much higher volume of transports. Given the scarcity of free infrastructure and the de-carbonisation goals, choices of transport modes in the future will be based more upon criteria like energy efficiency, reliability, capacity and flexibility which IWT meets. The high return in investment in inland waterway infrastructure calls for concerted actions in favour of IWT. The recently released TEN-T approach by the European Commission must lead to a full integration of the inland waterway system as part of the multi-modal core network and contribute to high quality infrastructure.

In its recent White Paper the European Commission also recognises that NAIADES has created a momentum for a common European inland navigation policy. EBU welcomes that the Commission will ensure the continuity of the implementation measures and will come with a follow up programme soon.

In this context the celebration of EBU's 10th anniversary in the premises of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine CCNR also invites to address the future institutional framework and cooperation to guarantee a strong positioning of Inland Waterway Transport.

# SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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- 16.00** Opening and welcome  
*Mr. André Auderset*, President EBU  
*Mr. Jean-Marie Woehrling*, Secretary General Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine CCNR

## **16.30 SAILING AHEAD ON HIGH QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Mr. Jean-Eric Pacquet*, Director European mobility network at DG MOVE, European Commission

Panel chaired by *Mrs. Theresia Hacksteiner*, Secretary General EBU  
*Mrs. Hilde Bollen*, President Inland Navigation Europe (INE)  
*Mr. Roland Hörner*, President EFIP and Managing Director Port of Mannheim  
*Mr. Victor Schoenmakers*, President ESPO and Director European & International Affairs, Port of Rotterdam N.V.  
*Mr. Lubomir Fojtu*, Board Member EBU and Chairman AVP-CZ

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## **18.00-18.30** Coffee break

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## **18.30 STRENGTHENING IWT VIA INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION**

*Mr. Siim Kallas*, Vice-President and Commissioner for Transport, European Commission  
*Mrs. Edwige Belliard*, President Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine CCNR

- 19.00** Summary and closing remarks by *Mr. André Auderset*, President EBU

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## **19.10 – 21.00** Cocktail and walking dinner

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