



HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON IWT 70TH ANNIVERSARY ITC/UNECE

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The logo for IVR (International Association for the representation of the mutual interests of the inland shipping and the insurance and for keeping the register of inland vessels in Europe) features the letters 'IVR' in a blue, serif font. A blue wavy line is positioned below the 'R'.The logo for EBU (European Barge Union) features the lowercase letters 'ebu' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a teal background with white wavy lines. The 'e' and 'u' have white outlines that suggest water waves.

European Barge Union (EBU)

www.ebu-uenf.org

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www.ivr.nl

Key facts and characteristics

Key facts Inland Navigation in Europe

- 140 billion t/km
- 515 million t
- 40.000 km navigable waterways, 200 inland ports
- 6 % of the overall freight transport in EU

Key characteristics

- ECONOMY OF SCALE
- HIGH SAFETY LEVEL
- ENERGY- AND COST EFFICIENCY
- LOW EXTERNALITIES
- CONGESTION FREE

CHALLENGES to increase modal share of IWT

- ***Quality infrastructure: conditio sine qua non***
 - the use and maintenance of river navigability for transport is safer and much cheaper than the use and maintenance of roads and rails.
- ***Fleet innovation funding: Win-Win for society and industry***
 - 3 bio of funding will decrease external costs up to 22 billion
- ***Integration into multimodal transport corridor and logistics chain***
- ***Level playing field: comparable political and financial support as for other modes***



LEGAL UNIFICATION AND GOVERNANCE

UNECE

PAN-EUROPEAN HARMONISATION AND UNIFICATION

- Providing legal certainty in the interest of inland navigation

GOVERNANCE

Public level

Importance of close cooperation between international institutions

Private level

IWT platform as vehicle for a strong IWT sector representation and support for public administrations in IWT matters