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### **4th CCNR Workshop on River Information Services (RIS) on 18 October 2011 in Brussels**

**Strasbourg, 31 May 2011** – It was precisely ten years ago that the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) adopted the Inland ECDIS Standard, thereby launching the process aimed at standardisation of RIS within Europe. At the workshop the CCNR will consequently discuss with RIS users what the Commission has accomplished in the area of RIS during the past ten years. Of equal interest should be the planned outlook at what the next decade has to offer in the way of implementing RIS on the Rhine. Specifically, the CCNR will present an initial draft strategy for further development of RIS. The strategy will be the basis for the Commission's work in this area in the coming years. The CCNR is inviting the shipping industry and manufacturers of equipment and applications, as well as logistics firms active in inland shipping, to discuss with the Commission the draft strategy. In addition, experts on Rhine and Danube shipping will present current developments in the area of RIS and relate some of the main insights gathered in the course of implementation.

Attendance at the workshop is free of charge. This, the fourth in the series of workshops, will be held in Brussels on the occasion of the Belgian presidency of the CCNR. Details of the programme as well as additional information, including a registration form, will be made available within the next few weeks on the CCNR website at [www.ccr-zkr.org](http://www.ccr-zkr.org).

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