

## THE CCNR PUBLISHES ITS MARKET INSIGHT/FALL 2017

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The new quarterly report on European inland navigation, written by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) in partnership with the European Commission, has just been published. The Fall 2017 Market Insight provides a raft of information on the situation in which inland navigation finds itself at the beginning of 2017. You will find the executive summary of this report below. The full report can be downloaded in PDF format in English, French, German or Dutch from <http://www.ccr-zkr.org/13020800-en.html> or viewed directly online at: [www.inland-navigation-market.org](http://www.inland-navigation-market.org).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A few elements confirm the improving economic conditions in Europe: exports keep rising, EU industrial production increased by 1.9% in Q1 2017 compared to Q1 2016, and building sector activity is progressing in most of the inland waterway transport (IWT) countries in Europe. Nevertheless, the IWT volumes decreased during the first quarter of 2017. Although the situation had recovered compared to the end of 2016, the total transport performance on the Traditional Rhine decreased by 12% in Q1 2017 compared to Q1 2016, and on the Danube the reduction was 22%. This can mainly be explained by low water conditions at the beginning of 2017, and by ice periods that strongly affected Danube navigation at the beginning of the year. However, the evolution is not homogenous all over Europe. In particular, inland navigation goods transport increased in Belgium at the beginning of 2017, and this increase was strongly supported by container transport that continued its strong upward trend in Belgium, with an increase of almost 20%.

### ABOUT THE MARKET OBSERVATION AND MARKET INSIGHT

The market observation and market insight are respectively annual and quarterly publications by the CCNR dealing with the European inland navigation market. Free of charge, these analyses of the economic situation aim to assist strategic decision making in this sector in Europe, by both the profession and firms as well as in terms of transport policy and within administrative authorities. The gathering and analysis of this data by the CCNR has been co-financed by the European Commission since 2005. This fruitful collaboration has enabled the CCNR to extend this activity, which historically it has been carrying on for almost two centuries, beyond the Rhine region to cover all Europe's navigable waterways.

### ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.



We wish you an enjoyable read!



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