To modernised professional qualifications in inland navigation

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Image of the future

- Competence aimed system of professional qualifications;
- Life long learning;
- Practical examination;
- Riverspeak;
- One boatmasters licence, valid on all European waterways.
Competence aimed system of professional qualifications

• Competencies of crew members have been described;
• There is a good tool to investigate whether the competencies are met;
• Important because:
  – certainty the crew has the right qualifications;
  – uniform skill level;
  – good for safety and job mobility.
Life long learning

• There is a good system of further training and retraining;

• Competencies of the crew are up to date.
Practical examination

• Competencies have to be demonstrated in a practical examination;
• Some acquired sailing time remains necessary;
• Use of a simulator has become normal.
River speak

- River speak has become the normal way of communication ship-shore, and ship-ship.
One boatmasters licence, valid on all European waterways

• In Europe there is only one boatmasters licence;

• This licence is a guarantee for:
  – right level of competencies;
  – right level of mental and physical fitness.
Wishful thinking??

Is it realistic to think that all this has become reality in 2020, and contributes to the attractiveness of the professions in inland navigation??

I hope we all contribute to that!

Starting today!!