



Ministry of Infrastructure and the  
Environment

# To modernised professional qualifications in inland navigation



## 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!!