

# Newsletter



DEAR READERS,

Our 30 months voyage under the flag of **Danube SKILLS** is coming to an end... it's been a long passage, with many hardships and equal number of great moments of fulfilment and satisfaction when successfully overcoming together in a kindred spirit and urged by a common mission the obstacles we met.

We leave behind, consistent with the commitment made at project start, a long list of project results which we hope will contribute to future integration of Danube navigation into modern transport solutions and to building a strong dedicated education and training system helping newcomers to embrace attractive and

challenging careers in the inland navigation sector.

Before bidding you farewell we thank you for your steady constant support all these years and kindly invite you to follow us on the project website, Twitter and Facebook for latest news on project final event on 13<sup>th</sup> June in Budapest!



Danube SKILLS project, June 2019

## NEWSLETTER

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## Danube SKILLS efforts towards increased capacity building of the private sector

Based on knowledge and skills acquired during the Train the trainer sessions and the findings and recommendations of the evaluation report partners organized and executed in the national language of each partner, *between October 2018 and February 2019*, in all project countries countries (DE, AT, SK, HR, HU, RS, BG, RO) pilot training actions for each of the two transnational model courses *Safety practices in emergency situations during ship operation – Operational level* and *Human resource management and social responsibility on board – Management level*. The pilot actions gathered between 10 to 15 participants, ranging from crew members, newcomers to the inland navigation sector and observers from the ministries of transport, naval authorities, ministries of education, trainers and teachers, etc.

### Pilot course on

### Safety practices in emergency situations during ship operation – Operational level

Aiming at fostering the organizational and institutional capacity and acquisition of competences and skills of stakeholders outside the project consortium, these pilot courses were organized based on the internal procedures for deployment of safety training courses of each responsible project partner, on learning materials including model course curriculum, course compendium, didactical movies, presentations etc. and the existing practical facilities and equipment but also purchased from the project budget.

The didactical movie made during the Train the trainer session in Constanta/Romania was used, as well.

The practical applications of this pilot course were deployed in training facilities such as: training campus, swimming pool and fire- fighting ground and consisted in the execution by the trainees of various practical exercises for acquiring abilities regarding safety practices in emergency situations which can occur during operation of inland vessels.

The trainees' personal feedback received at the end of the pilot courses highlighted a degree 90-95% of satisfaction with the deployment of the pilot actions.







Pilot course on

Human resource management and social responsibility on board – Management level



Taking into account that this pilot course was focused on theoretical training, the **key element of the training** was the permanent interaction between trainer and trainees in order to clarify some aspects or to improve the didactical materials. The assigned trainers for these pilot courses used various teaching aids during the training session in order for the trainees to acquire the required knowledge and abilities regarding human resource management on board of inland vessels.

### Conclusions

Pilot training actions executed by responsible project partners from Danube riparian countries represented useful tools for the professional training of crew members on board of inland vessels, at both Operational and Management level. They also demonstrated that the transnational model courses allowed the trainers/teachers to improve their knowledge and skills in the field of teaching methods and assessment procedures during the deployment of specific education and/or training programmes for professional qualifications of inland navigation personnel.



It was also demonstrated that a comprehensive set of model courses addressing inland navigation personnel and developed on the provisions of the EU Directive 2017/2397 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and CESNI Standards of competence would be useful tools for education and/or training institutions in the future development of education and/or training programmes in accordance with these specific regulatory documents.



## Joint Danube SKILLS – CESNI International event



***CERONAV** had the privilege of hosting on 8 May in Bucharest, Romania the joint event Danube SKILLS - the European committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI).*

*Organized under the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Hall of Human Rights of the prestigious Palace of Parliament building the event gathered over 50 experts from 14 CESNI Member States, the European Commission, the river commissions, the social partners as well as partners in the Danube SKILLS project.*

The discussions, in addition to the topics of the permanent working group on professional qualifications (CESNI/QP) and the first meeting of the new temporary working groups, also marked the launch of the new activities of the CESNI work programme 2019-2021.

During the event, the representatives of the European Commission, the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine, the Danube Commission and Sava Commission, CESNI Member States and Observer States as well as CESNI partners reported on ongoing and envisaged actions, discussed the technical details inserted in the standards for the electronic format of the certificate of qualification as a boatmaster and certificates of qualification as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) expert and as a passenger navigation expert.

Vivid discussions followed on the need for theoretical exams for operational level, boatmasters, liquefied natural gas (LNG) experts, passenger navigation expert and boatmasters holding specific authorisation and on expected contributions by Member States, observer states, international organisations and CESNI partners.

The event also offered CERONAV representative, Doina Munteanu, the possibility to present a comprehensive report on the state of play of transposition of the EU Directive 2017/2397 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation in the Danube countries and to highlight the contribution of each project partner in the dissemination of the EU Directive and in raising awareness of interested parties on its contents and overall impact on both the education and training system as well the entire Danube navigation sector. Project partners from Bulgaria, Executive Agency Maritime Administration and Croatia, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, offered specific details on progress made in the adoption of the new legal framework in their countries, whereas guests of honour, Mr. Ionel Minea, State Secretary within the Romanian Ministry of Transport and Mr. Ciprian Gabriel Placinta, Development Manager within Ceronav, stressed once again the willingness and determination of their institutions in supporting future development of Danube navigation.





## Pilot National workshop in Budapest, Hungary

On May 9, RSOE - with the support of viadonau – organized the Danube SKILLS national workshop with the participation of numerous sector representatives from Hungary and Austria. More than 30 interested business representatives came to Győr-Gönyű, not only to get to know the updated and newly developed information on Danube logistics, but also to get to know the steel factory of Wuppermann. Wuppermann Hungary provided a glimpse behind the (logistics) scenes as part of an exciting visit of the production and logistics halls. The participants could also experience live an ongoing water-sided transshipment of steel coils.

Interesting presentations and a panel discussion provided by representatives of the Hungarian shipping sector, the port of Győr-Gönyű, Wuppermann Hungary, RSOE and viadonau inspired many ideas and conversations that laid the foundation for further transports on the Danube.

## Pilot testing of Danube Logistics Promotion Centre- DLPC in Serbia

*Port Governance Agency (PGA) organized on 25 March 2019 in Belgrade the national workshop "Presentation of the Danube Logistics Promotion Centre".*

The participants of the workshop included the most relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector, such as representatives of the Directorate for Inland Waterways, School for Shipping, Shipbuilding and Hydrobuilding, logistic service providers, port operators and cargo owners. PGA presented the participants the subpage Danube Logistics Promotion Centre, established as a part of the Agency's official website. The main objective of the Danube Logistics Promotion Centre is to provide the stakeholders the most important information on Danube





Information is accurate, easy accessible, custom-oriented and free of charge. PGA also presented the Integrated Port Information System- ILIS, software which is the result of the Agency's participation in the Danube SKILLS project. Besides the role of the port diaries for port operators, ILIS will also represents a unique info – portal. ILIS will provide information regarding ports, passenger terminals, port operators, infrastructure and superstructure.

Creation and implementation of ILIS software is another professional and development activity of the Agency aiming at simplification of procedures and organization of port activity. During the discussions, participants of the workshop offered consistent feedback to the concept and content of DLPC and ILIS. Continuous participation in projects such as Danube SKILLS influences the development of port activity and progress in this field.



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