

Making the Future Together

Automation and Inland Waterways

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European Transport Workers' Federation

An international trade union federation:

230 transport unions from 41 European countries with over 5 million members

Organised in 9 industrial sections



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Inland Waterways Section – c. 15,000 members in 46 unions:
AT, BE, BG, CH, CZ, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, IR, IT, LU, LV,
NL, PL, RO, RU, SE, TR, UA

Active in Sectoral Social Dialogue, CESNI, CASS

Observer at Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine



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ETF Fair transport Campagne:

- Is a campaign against sociale dumping in transport
- European transport unions standing together to demand an end to unfair competition and exploitation
- International week of action in March 2019
- Commitments from politicians that they will defend and develop quality work in transport sector



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE

- 48 hour week respecting special situation

DIRECTIVE ON RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- enhances labour mobility

TASCS - Towards a Sustainable Crewing System

- workload analysis, aiding pan-European manning requirements

DIGITAL CONTROLS

- modern, tamper-proof controls



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Automation

An on-going process, entering a new phase thanks to digitalisation

An inevitable process

Emphasise the workers' perspective

The Section defined its position after a major seminar in St Petersburg involving boatmen, union officials, employers, academics, training bodies and authorities



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Automation

Changing the Sector!

Dominated by SMEs with limited finances.
Who can and will make the investments?
Projects are paid with Tax-payers money.



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Automation

Changing the profession!

Training

Life-long learning

Perspectives for employment

Attractivity of the sector



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Automation

The results for the sector?

Higher performance?

Ecological level?

Social sustainability?

Effects on modal shift?



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Automation:

- Safety:
- influence isn't clear yet
 - Standards of safety must comply in case of emergency, e.g. MOB
 - Need for new safety rules



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Safety:

Removal of human error causing accidents?

BUT

Removal of human control preventing accidents?



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Automation

Liability

Shift from boatmaster - to whom?



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Automation

Need for integrated, secure and reliable data.

Readable for the controlling/ inspection bodies

Why: - a level playing field
- uniform labour market



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Automation:

Timing: - speed of evolution and transformation

- * long turnover cycle (noise discussion)
- * available technology is not implemented yet
(digital ship's log)

Losing ground in comparison with other sectors.



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Automation:

Need for monitoring and inventory of social economic effects



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Automation

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involving the workers in the process.



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Thank You!



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