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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

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### **Automation in inland navigation**

## **Activities of member States in the field of automation of inland water transport**

### **Transmitted by Romania**

With respect to the ongoing and forthcoming projects of vessels, the projects of new passenger vessels examined and approved by the Romanian Naval Authority have a maximum of 100 passengers, with a classic architecture and general design, without elements of technical and technological novelties, with motorization according to Directive 97/68/EC but also according to Regulation 2016/1628/EU according to OMT 1472/2018 transposing Directive 2016/1629.

Cybersecurity issues are included in the sphere of activities of CESNI/TI and is a subject of great interest in Europe. Romanian Naval Authority experts participate in the activities of this working group.

With respect to test zones and areas for vessels, Romanian Naval Authority has authorized a company to perform the manoeuvrability tests. These tests are in accordance with Instructions for the application of the European standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN).

As a member State of the European Union, Romania has the obligation to fully transpose and comply with the technical regulations regarding the construction and certification of inland navigation vessels. Furthermore, Romania has a special interest in the activities of CESNI in the field of technical requirements for vessels (working group CESNI/PT), professional qualifications for navigation personnel (working group CESNI/QP) and inland navigation information technologies (working group CESNI/TI). Romanian Naval Authority experts also actively participate in the relevant Working Parties of UNECE and the Danube Commission and make concrete proposals aimed to improve regulations in the field of inland water transport and the carriage of dangerous goods on European inland waterways.

The main challenges and critical issues include the harmonization of the technical provisions for inland navigation in Europe.

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