CHR’s 50 Years Jubilee Conference
Let it flow!

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THE OLDEST INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION STILL IN OPERATION

- Created in **1815** by the Final Act of the Congress of Vienna
- Headquarters: **Strasbourg**/Palais du Rhin since 1919/1920
CCNR

- Regulates navigation on the Rhine
- 5 Member States, 11 Observer States and various International Observer Organisations (incl. CHR/KHR)
- Strong industry involvement through numerous approved international associations/NGOs
- Guarantor of freedom of navigation and promotor of navigation on the Rhine
- Binding regulations from Basel to the Sea (police/operational rules, vessel technical requirements, crew qualifications and manning)
- Political, organisational, technical and social innovator
- Strategy (sustainable inland navigation, vision of zero emissions, cooperation with EU/EC, …)
- Some two thirds of IWT goods transport in Europe take place on the Rhine
The Committee for Infrastructure and Environment (IEN)

Main tasks

- **Infrastructure**: discuss and agree on infrastructure projects to ensure safe navigation and good order on the Rhine.

- **Waterway**: observe and analyse navigable channel conditions and water level development.

- **Environment**: follow and assess European environmental policies, such as the EU Water Framework Directive.

- **Sustainability**: supporting the sustainable development in inland navigation, especially in the context of climate change.
The CCNR and the CHR: strong cooperation over the last 10 years

Topics of common interest:


- **Low water situation and Rhine navigation**, active participation of CHR in the CCNR workshop on low water in 2019 (Bonn) in the aftermath of the prolonged low water episode 2018.

- **Hydraulic regime**, need for quality models and forecasts to ensure prosperous Rhine navigation.

- **The Rhine in a changing climate**, strong interest from CCNR to better understand the Rhine as river and waterway.

- **Regular participation** of CCNR Secretariat in CHR Plenaries.
The CCNR and the CHR: even better and stronger cooperation in the years to come

Future topics of common interest:

- **Waterway and climate change**, need for strong regional expertise and data based on IPCC reports for long-term perspectives for adaptation of inland navigation. Develop a common understanding of the consequences of climate change for the Rhine.

- **Extremes and Rhine navigation**, need for proper assessment of events, such as the 2018 protracted low water situation or floods for short to medium term adaptation.

- **EU activities**, exchange information, data and positions on climate change and environmental activities in Europe.

- **Foster cooperation**, CHR always welcome to join our Plenaries and working group meetings in the field of infrastructure and environment.

- **Strive together for prosperous Rhine navigation** and create/develop new knowledge by mixing hydraulics and navigation competences.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION