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# 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:

- Recognition of CHR as International Observer Organisation by CCNR in 2014.
- 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