

WHAT IS THE WFD NAVIGATION TASK GROUP?

Background and participation

Since 2003, PIANC has chaired and hosted the Water Framework Directive Navigation Task Group. Originally a meeting of five associations, it now comprises a 'thematic cluster' of 14 navigation-related organizations. In addition to PIANC, the following organizations participate in the Group's activities, between them representing a wide variety of commercial and recreational, maritime and inland navigation interests:

- Central Dredging Association (CEDA)
- European Barge Union (EBU)
- European Boating Association (EBA)
- European Community Ship-owners' Associations (ECSA)
- European Dredging Association (EuDA)
- European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP)
- European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)
- EU Recreational Marine Industries Group (EURMIG)
- Inland Navigation Europe (INE)

The Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine, the Danube Commission and the International Sava River Basin Commission are also invited to participate in Task Group activities as observers. Where highlighted blue, please allow the user to click to go to the relevant Association's website

Aims and objectives

The Task Group aims to:

- raise awareness of the WFD and its implications for ports, harbors, commercial and leisure navigation, and dredging,
- develop an understanding, through exchange of knowledge and experience, of the implementation process in different EC Member States, and
- through participation in CIS activities and the provision of relevant information, to try to ensure that the Directive is implemented in a consistent manner (ie. that a level playing field is achieved) insofar as navigation interests are concerned.

In pursuit of these objectives, the Task Group participates in several CIS activities ([click here](#)) (to go to (A)), has prepared a number of Position Papers and Discussion Documents ([click here](#)) (ie. to go to (B)), and has organized various conferences and workshops ([click here](#)) (ie. to go to (C)).

The Minutes of the latest Task Group meeting can be found by [clicking here](#).