European Inland Waterway Transport Platform

Input from the sector on the new inland vessel certificate model

- Survey via the Nautical & Technical Committee of the IWT Platform
- Objective: to gather input on practical experiences and wishes
- Questions concerned:
  - Role and experience with the current certificate
  - Strengths and bottlenecks
  - Assessment of proposed changes
  - Expectations regarding digitization
  - Suggestions for implementation and additional improvements
- Please note: concerns about systems related to the certificate arose spontaneously.

Experiences with the current certificate
What works well – and what could be improved?

- **Strengths:**
  - Clear and recognizable
  - Official document, control instrument
  - Standardized layout, paper version appreciated

- **Weaknesses:**
  - Not digital, difficult to adapt
  - Inconsistencies between countries
  - Messy additions when changes are made
  - Language barriers limit accessibility, long processing time.

Wishes and concerns regarding the new model

- Wishes:
  - Uniform and modular
  - Clear distinction between mandatory and non-mandatory equipment
  - Rapid processing of changes
  - Technical information on the front page

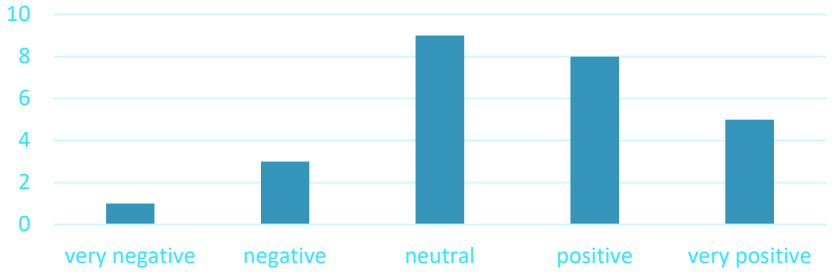
- Concerns:
  - Accessibility during inspections (internet!)
  - Who manages and updates the data?
  - Need for paper backup
  - Confidence in data protection

Digitization: opportunities and preconditions

- **Sector sees advantages:**
  - Less administrative burden
  - Faster processing
  - Ease of use

- **Preconditions:**
  - Reliable systems
  - Clear communication
  - Data protection

Modularity



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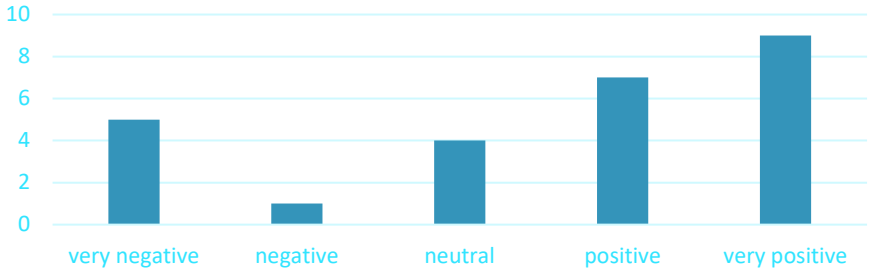
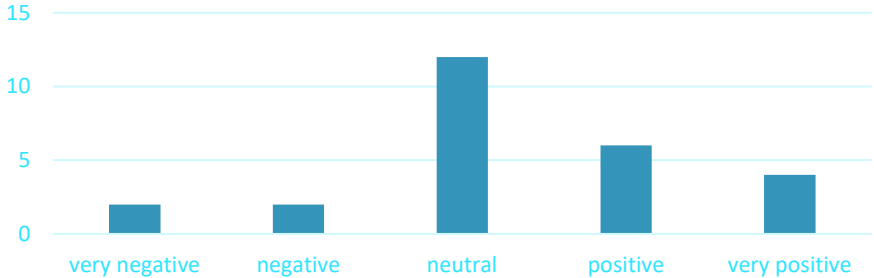
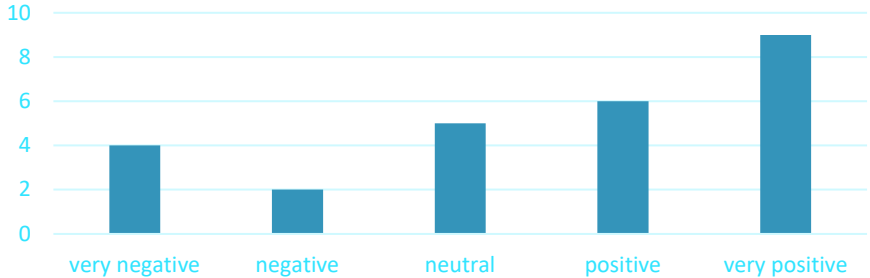


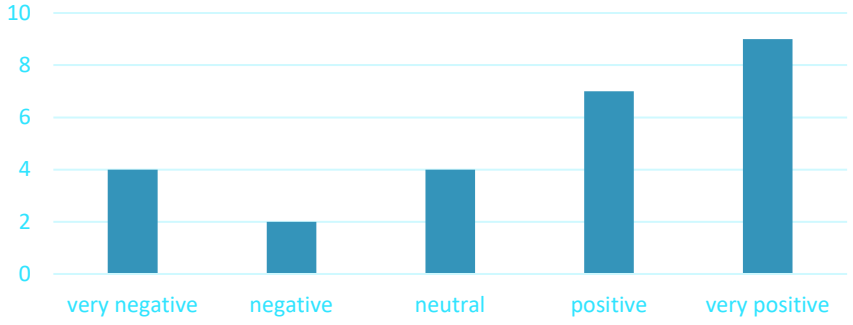
Improved vessel identification



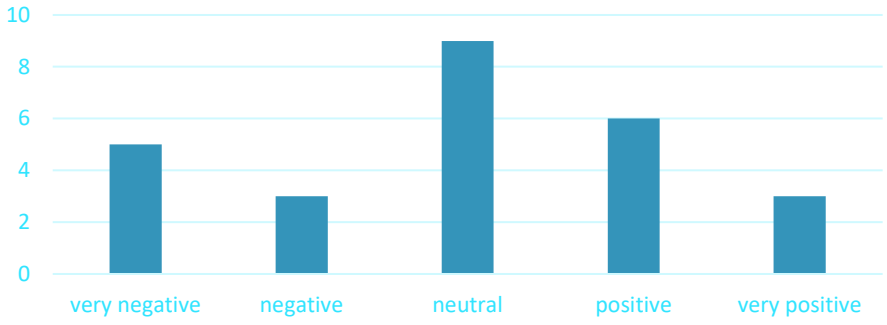
Dedicated fields for exceptions



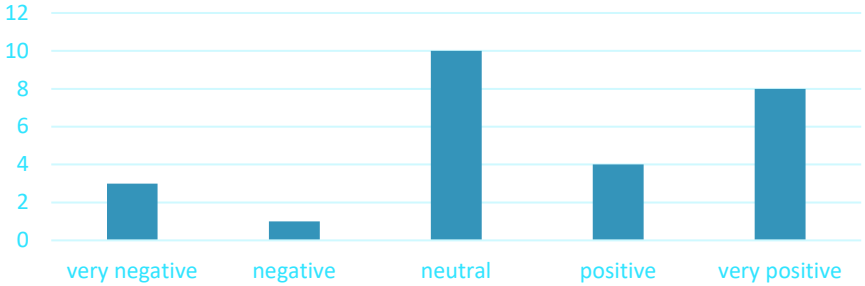
Improved presentation of zones and freeboards



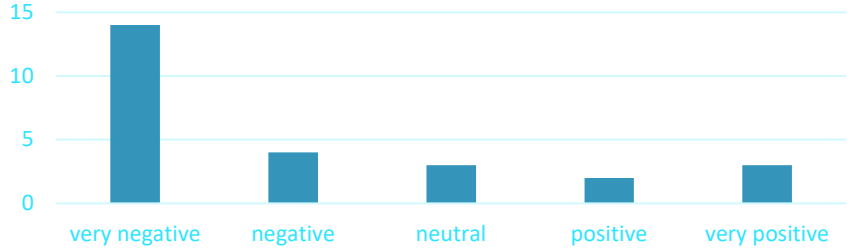
New classification of vessel types



Fewer free -text fields, more standardisation



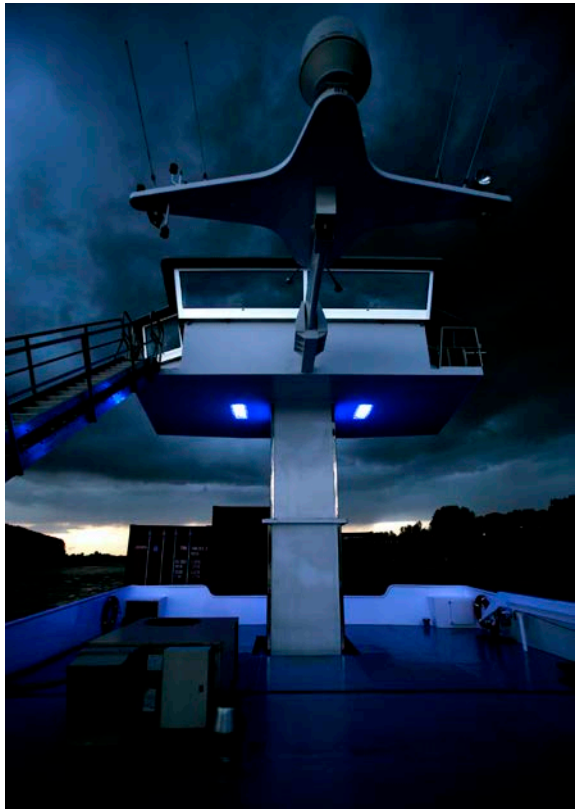
Proposal to store certain data exclusively in a database, rather than on the certificate



Broader perspective from the sector outside the certificate model itself - Concerns

- Respondents spontaneously expressed concerns about the functioning of the EHDB and national databases
- These concerns do not affect the core of the model, but are crucial for its successful implementation
- The sector asks CESNI to take these preconditions into account in the further development of the model

Working together towards a future proof certificate -



- The sector is willing to contribute ideas and support
- Let's ensure we have a model that works in practice and inspires confidence
- Key considerations for smooth implementation:
  - Good communication and explanation
  - Step-by-step implementation
  - User-friendliness for all generations

- **Change can be daunting**