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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR DRAWING UP
STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF INLAND NAVIGATION

**Collection of CESNI resolutions and decisions
Meeting of 16 April 2026 in Strasbourg**

Communication from the Secretariat

The Secretariat transmits herewith the collection of CESNI resolutions and decisions that were adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 16 April 2026.

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Resolution CESNI 2026-I-1

Temporary Working group in the field of vessel technical requirement

The European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (“CESNI”),
having regard to Article 8 of its Rules of Procedure,

having regard to its Internal Regulations on Working groups,

having regard to Resolution CESNI 2024-II-on the work programme 2025-2027,

at the request of the permanent Working group on technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (CESNI/PT),

decides to create a temporary working group on navigation and information equipment, remote operation and automation (CESNI/PT/NIRA), as defined in Annex 1.

This Resolution shall enter into force immediately.

Annex

Mission of the temporary Working group on navigation and information equipment, remote operation and automation (CESNI/PT/NIRA)

1. Mission

ES-TRIN (Article 7.06 and Annex 5) sets out requirements for navigation and information equipment, covering both laboratory testing for type approval and installation on board. Annex 5 sometimes refers to other standards, such as ES-RIS for Inland AIS equipment or EN 303 676 for navigational radar installations.

The CESNI work programme 2025-2027 envisages the following task:

- PT-5: "To update requirements for navigation, position and information equipment" (priority II)
- PT-7: "To draft minimum requirements for track guidance assistant for inland navigation" (TGAIN) (priority I)
- PT-8: "To draft minimum requirements for bridge collision warning systems (possibly including a test standard)" (priority II)
- PT-9: "To draft requirements for the equipment on remotely operated craft on the basis of the experience collected, and then subsequently, to draft requirements and recommendations relating to remote operation centres" (priority II)

The temporary Working Group CESNI/PT/NIRA is responsible for preparing proposals for requirements relating to the above tasks, ensuring the involvement of experts from delegations, manufacturers of equipment or providers of remote operation services, and the sector. In drafting the proposals, the aim is to facilitate the development of innovation while ensuring the safety and ease of navigation. Particular attention will also be paid to interoperability in order to support innovation.

In concrete terms, in 2026, the temporary Working group will begin developing a test standard for type-approval of TGAIN according to ES-TRIN, while taking into account the work of the CESNI/TI Working Group on the display of TGAIN information on Inland ECDIS. The temporary Working group will also assess the need to supplement the TGAIN requirements on collision risk detection. Furthermore, based on preparatory work by the CCNR, it will propose requirements for the use radars which are currently not type-approved, such as solid-state radars, under certain nautical conditions. In the medium term (2027), it will continue by developing technical requirements applicable to remote operation.

The CESNI/PT/NIRA temporary Working group shall carry out its mission under the supervision of the CESNI/PT permanent Working group. Where necessary, it proactively informs other working groups (e.g. CESNI/TI for task TI-14 on positioning equipment).

2. Composition

The composition of the CESNI/PT/NIRA temporary Working group shall be as follows:

Germany
Austria
Belgium
France
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Poland
Switzerland
EADINS
Sea Europe
IWT Platform

Following a proposal by one of the above-mentioned members, the Working group can decide to invite individual experts to participate in the work on a particular topic (for example experts of the radar manufacturers).

3. Work scheduling

The CESNI/PT/NIRA temporary Working group will carry out its work in the period 2026-2027, with a view to incorporating the findings in ES-TRIN 2029/1.

4. Number and frequency of meetings

No more than 8 meeting days are planned for 2026-2027.

The number and duration of meetings shall only be increased in consultation with the CCNR Secretariat, upon agreement of the Working group CESNI/PT and in accordance with the multi-year financial agreement between the CCNR and the European Commission as referred to by Article 2, paragraph 4 of the Internal Regulations on working groups.

5. Reports by the Chair of the temporary Working group

In accordance with Article 3 (4) of the Internal Regulations on Working groups, the Chair of the temporary Working group shall provide regular reports to the CESNI/PT permanent Working group on its work.

6. Support by the Secretariat

The CCNR Secretariat shall provide the CESNI/PT/NIRA temporary Working group with organisational and administrative assistance.

- Drafting of the agenda of the meetings and the list of the decisions made during the meetings (no detailed minutes);
- Ensuring group members receive the same level of information on substantive and administrative issues;
- Help with organising meetings and with communication;
- Help with drawing up proposals for submission to the CESNI/PT permanent Working group.

7. Working language

In accordance with Article 2 (2) (e) of the Internal Regulations on Working groups, the CESNI/PT/NIRA temporary Working group shall work in English. The basic documents will be circulated in the four CESNI working languages.
