

PROGRAMME | 15-17 SEPTEMBER 2026

JOINT MEETING OF THE INSPECTION BODIES

Hotel nhov, Rotterdam (Netherlands)
Wilhelminakade 137

The **joint meetings of the inspection bodies** are held periodically to ensure close cooperation between the experts of the Inspection bodies, technical services and approved classification societies respectively, as well as developing common interpretations of technical requirements for inland navigation vessels. After the previous meetings in Budapest (2008), Wrocław (2012), Vienna (2018), and Zagreb (2023), the Netherlands offered to host the next meeting under the auspices of CESNI from **15 to 17 September 2026 in Rotterdam**.

The representatives and experts of **CESNI's Member States and observers, including the experts of the Inspection bodies, international organisations and approved organisations** are welcome to take part in this meeting.

Participation in the meeting is free of charge.

This meeting has three main **objectives**:

1. **To inform** the experts in the field about how CESNI works, as well as the main developments in the ES-TRIN (new elements of ES-TRIN 2025) and the international regulatory frameworks.
2. **Exchange of experience** between the experts of the Inspection bodies, technical services and approved classification societies, as well as representatives of the national authorities, on the application of the technical requirements.
3. **Exchanges between the experts** responsible for drafting the regulations and those responsible for applying them. This will be an opportunity to provide feedback on difficulties encountered in interpreting the technical requirements and propose interpretations in a coordinated manner.



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Chair: Justine Godard, French delegation

Meeting sequence

After an introduction, the meeting will concentrate on examining questions raised and submitted by experts prior to the meeting concerning the specific application of the technical requirements. The working method will be to alternate between plenary discussions (with interpretation in 4 working languages) and progressing the various issues individually in a number of small groups (without interpretation). Every group will examine a different issue and will then present its results on the last day (pooling).

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

9:00 *Registration*

10:00 **Welcome speeches**

Michiel van Kruiningen, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
Mattheus Wassenaar, Human environment and Transport Inspectorate
Muhammed Elemenler, European Commission
Hester Duursema, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

11:30 **Working session within small groups**

Participants will be assigned to a group in accordance with the working language indicated in their registration form.

13:00 *Lunch break on the spot (Hotel nhow), offered by CESNI*

14:00 **Working session within small groups**

16:00 *Coffee break*

16:30 **Working session within small groups**

18:00 *Close*

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9:00 **Inland navigation in the port of Rotterdam**

Johan Gille, Port of Rotterdam Authority

9:20 **Future of inland navigation in the Danube Region**

Ivan Bilić-Prčić, Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS) and former CESNI chair

9:40 **Overview of the amendments introduced in ES-TRIN 2025 and those foreseen in draft ES-TRIN 2027
Online tool to monitor the transitional provisions**

Benjamin Boyer and Laurianne Serfass, CESNI Secretariat

10:00 **Working session within small groups**

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:20 **Working session within small groups**

12:30 *Lunch break on the spot (Hotel nhow), offered by CESNI*

13:30 **Working session within small groups**

17:00 *River cruise through the Port of Rotterdam and dinner, offered by the Netherlands (host)
Meeting point at the quay near the Restaurant Prachtig (Willemsplein 77)*

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

9:00 **Pooling of the results achieved in small groups and discussion**

12:30 **Conclusions**

Justine Godard, chair and Raphaël Wisselmann, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine

13:00 *Lunch break on the spot (Hotel nhow), offered by CESNI*

14:30 *End of the joint meeting of the Inspection bodies*