

Who we are

A European platform of national & regional waterway authorities & organisations promoting waterway transport

- An independent platform, without commercial interests since 2000.
- We bring key waterway players together to actively advocate EU initiatives, which make waterways easier to use for freight and people.

Our mission & agenda

Europe's network of navigable rivers and canals links up ports, urban and industrial centres. With more and better waterway transport, we want to strengthen an effective alternative for congested transport.

We strongly believe in a multimodal Europe with waterways as backbone to make mobility & logistics less carbon-intensive at the service of European industry and society.

Our policy agenda covers

- a quality and climate proof cross-border waterway infrastructure network with good multimodal access;
- effective digital inland waterway services to facilitate seamless, sustainable and safe transport & logistics;
- facilitation of a long-term policy rewarding future-oriented innovation.

What we do

- exchange national & regional knowledge & best practice and mount common projects;
- discuss EU policies and proactively advocate EU initiatives and measures which make waterways more attractive and easier to use;
- provide access to an extensive network of EU and national contacts;
- promote and demonstrate the economic and societal benefits of waterway transport;
- listen to and consult users, clients & stakeholders of waterway transport in Europe on needs & concerns and cooperate around topics of common interest.

Our achievements

- a specific EU policy for the development of waterway transport (Naiades 1, 2 & 3);
- all dedicated EU international waterways designated as EU core infrastructure to ensure good infrastructure quality by 2030;
- integration of good navigation status in TEN-T to ensure the quality and reliability of existing infrastructure;
- EU co-financing up to 50% for EU waterway infrastructure works in the general CEF envelope;
- a framework directive to harmonise the cross-border deployment of River Information Services (RIS);
- EU co-financing up to 50% to ensure RIS implementation;
- a strategic research agenda for inland waterways & ports;
- introduction of low-sulphur fuel for waterway vessels;
- extension of 'de minimis' rule to inland waterway transport to facilitate state aid.



Why join?

Part of a strong network

With INE you join a dynamic network of European waterway colleagues to exchange national & regional experience and best practice, debate success and failure, pool resources & ideas and work on joint projects.

United voice in Brussels

75% of all national transport legislation has its origin in the EU. With INE you team up with European colleagues and you can directly dialogue with EU institutions about initiatives and proposals to support waterway policies at home.

Access to information

As a member you receive regular news updates and access to an information database of EU initiatives, legislation, funding opportunities & events which have an impact on waterways and shipping and matter for your activities.

Active promotion

In INE you find a European wide channel to promote your actions, best practice and projects to better advocate waterways.

Why De Vlaamse Waterweg nv became a member



“Working with and within INE gives the opportunity to exchange best practices and learn from each others challenges and opportunities. It also strengthens our connection to European institutions, carrying out a strong, clear and in the sector supported position towards the European Commission.”

Nadège Dewalque, De Vlaamse Waterweg nv

Why viadonau co-founded INE



“Promotion of inland waterway transport is an important task on our agenda. As a driving force for the development of transport on the Danube we strongly believe in cooperation and we appreciate the joining of forces with peer organisations in other European countries.”

Gert-Jan Muilerman, viadonau

3 membership categories

Executive

To set out the strategic direction of the association.

2026 fee

€35,000

Effective

To team up with waterway colleagues across the European Union on inland waterway transport and EU policy.

2026 fee

€11,000

Corresponding

To receive regular news updates on our activities and on EU policies impacting inland waterways transport.

2026 fee

€3,300



Current membership

Executive members

- Koninklijke Binnenvaart Nederland (NL)
- viadonau - Österreichische Wasserstraßen - Gesellschaft mbH (AT)
- Vlaamse Overheid - Departement Mobiliteit & Openbare Werken (BE)
- Voies navigables de France (FR)



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Effective members

- Administrația Canalelor Navigabile (RO)
- Administração dos Portos do Douro, Leixões e Viana do Castelo (PT)
- Administrația Fluvială a Dunării de Jos (RO)
- Agenzia Interregionale per il Fiume Po (IT)
- De Vlaamse Waterweg nv (BE)
- Ministerstvo građevinarstva, saobraćaja i infrastrukture - Plovput (RS)
- Ministère de la Mobilité et des Travaux Publics (LU)
- Ministerstwo Infrastruktury (PL)
- Ministerstvo dopravy a výstavby (SK)
- Ředitelství vodních cest České republiky (CZ)
- Service Public de Wallonie (BE)
- Trafikverket - Swedish Transport Administration (SE)



Corresponding members

- Port de Bruxelles/Haven van Brussel (BE)
- Rádiós Segélyhívó és Infokommunikációs Országos Egyesület (HU)



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Membership Application form

Please fill out this form on the letterhead of your organisation, scan it and send it by email to :

President of the Board
Inland Navigation Europe
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Phone : +32 470 197170
Email : info@inlandnavigation.eu

The undersigned : _____

acting in the capacity of : _____

Organisation : _____

Address : _____

declares that

- having become acquainted with the Statutes of Inland Navigation Europe (INE),
- the organisation wishes to become a corresponding / effective / executive (delete as appropriate) member of INE

requests to be considered for membership at the next Board meeting/General Assembly of INE

Place : _____

Date : _____

Signature : _____