

SWP 5.4 Policy Support Technical support for an impact assessment

Recognition and Modernisation of Professional Qualifications in Inland Navigation

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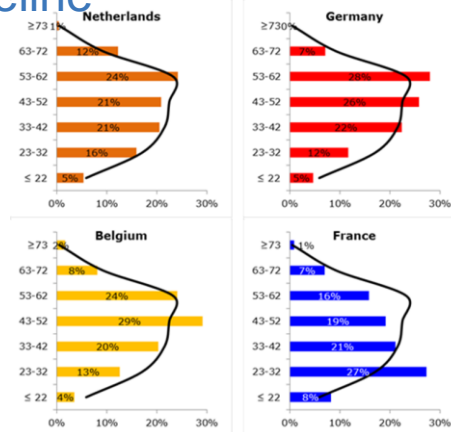
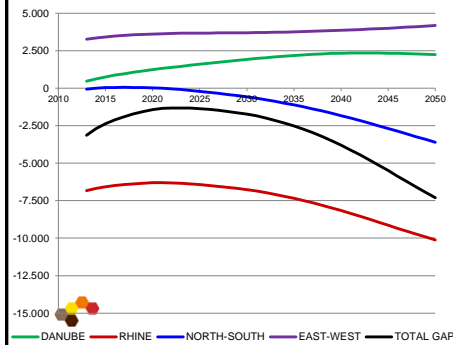
Problem drivers

- **The European Inland navigation labour market is hampered by a number of obstacles, characterised by**
 - deficits related to professional qualification, training and certification of IWT workers
 - PD 1: Difficulties with mutual recognition of professional qualifications of workers from within the IWT sector (BM+OW)
 - PD 2: Difficulties with mutual recognition of relevant professional experience of workers from outside the sector (e.g. maritime sector)
 - PD 3: Knowledge of specific situations (KSSs) may prevent boatmasters to operate on a certain stretch (BM only)
 - PD 4: Difficulties with the recognition by national authorities of SRBs or of the information contained in the SRBs
 - which also negatively affect safety in inland navigation
 - PD 5: Standards for IWT education set at national level have not kept up with technological development
 - PD 6: Language problems



Labour market - baseline

- **Ageing:** a lot of retirements are expected in the near future
- **Lack of qualified staff,** now and in the long term, in particularly on the Rhine corridor.

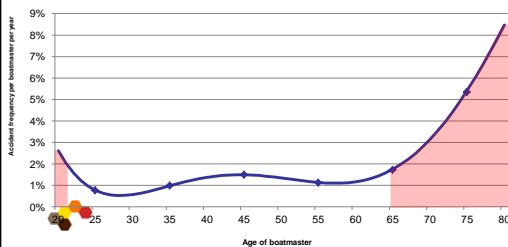
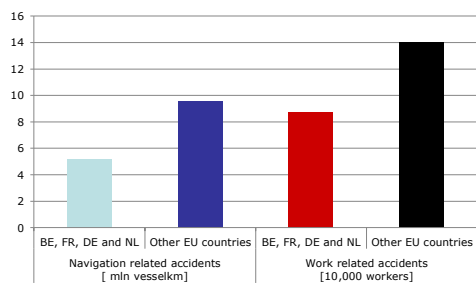


- **Inflow:** on long term, the inflow of new workers in IWT is not enough to compensate for retirements and the increasing demand for workers.



Safety - baseline

- Evidence based information on accidents:
 - Age
 - Nationality or flag
 - Education



Measures

- PD 1: Mutual recognition of professional qualifications BM/OW
 - BM: Extension of certificate, EU wide minimum requirements, EU mutual recognition, Common harmonised requirements
 - OW: Mutual recognition of function description without harmonisation, Harmonisation with EU minimum requirements
- PD 2: Mutual recognition of qualifications of workers outside the sector
 - BM: Minimum requirements
 - All crew: Minimum requirement
- PD 3: KSS
 - BM: Minimum criteria, Minimum standards for exams
- PD 4: SRBs
 - Harmonisation of paper SRB, eSRB+ eLogbook big bang, eSRB+ eLogbook gradual
- PD 5: Education standards (focus on safety)
 - Voluntary certification, Mutual recognition of diplomas, EU wide minimum standards
- PD 6: Language
 - Voluntary, Mandatory (via education, BM certificate or EU minimum requirements)



Measures and impact areas

	Investment costs	Development of IWT	Competitiveness IWT	Employment / job creation	Mobility	Job quality	Functioning internal market	SMEs	Administrative costs	Safety	Environment/reduced fuel use	Consumers	Third countries
PD 1: Current workers	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green
PD 2: Workers other sectors	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
PD 3: KSS	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Red	Red	Green	Green	Yellow
PD 4: SRB	Red	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
PD 5: Education / training	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green
PD 6: Language	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Green

