

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CCNR

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The delegations of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) have appointed Mrs Lucia Luijten as the new Secretary General of the CCNR, with effect from 1st November 2021. She will succeed Mr Bruno Georges, whose term of office expires at the end of October.

With a Masters degree in environmental sciences, specialising in wastewater technology, Mrs Luijten joined the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management – formerly the “Ministry of Transport and Water Management” – in 2002 where she worked, until 30 September, as head of the inland navigation and navigable waterways department (since 2013).

As Deputy Commissioner of the Dutch delegation, Mrs Luijten has played an active role in the work of the CCNR and CESNI (European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation) since 2015. In particular, she chaired the CESNI in 2015 and 2018-2019. She welcomes being able to bring her expertise and experience to bear in support of the CCNR, directly from Strasbourg.

The delegations of the Member States, and the members of the Secretariat, would like to welcome Mrs Luijten and express their profound gratitude to Mr Georges for his many contributions, as the head of the Secretariat, in support of Rhine and European navigation, throughout the 5 years of his term of office.

ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the CCNR's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The CCNR works closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.



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