

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and its partners are bringing together top representatives from politics, business and society to assess the prospects of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as fuel and cargo in inland waterway transport. Interactive panel discussions will help determine the next steps to take with regards to the profession's activities and the policy framework, giving fresh impetus to the introduction of LNG.

EVENT

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2015

from 12:00 to 17:30

“LNG STRATEGY SYMPOSIUM - INLAND NAVIGATION AND PORTS”

Maison de la Région Alsace | 1 place Adrien Zeller | 67070 Strasbourg | FRANCE



The CCNR has been working on the regulatory framework for the use of LNG, thereby supporting the sector's initiatives to reduce pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs of inland navigation. By the end of this year, all provisions for vessels with LNG propulsion will have been adopted, thus providing high safety standards and necessary legal security to investors.

In view of growing European LNG imports, this alternative fuel can play a vital role to foster innovation, sustainability and competitiveness of inland waterway transport. Vessels cannot only use LNG as an alternative fuel, there is also a great potential to transport LNG from the seaports to their hinterland. Despite the advantages of LNG, barriers hampering LNG investments in both infrastructure and fleet remain today.

The CCNR and its partners are pleased to announce the “**LNG Strategy Symposium – Inland Navigation & Ports**”. All stakeholders are invited to share their visions on the prospects of LNG as fuel and cargo in inland waterway transport.

The symposium's interactive panel discussions shall focus on the most important strategic issues for the further deployment of LNG in inland navigation and elaborate on strategies to overcome investment barriers. The hemicycle-environment of the symposium site will ensure an atmosphere conducive for lively debates and will encourage active involvement of all participants.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Strasbourg.

Yours Sincerely,

Hans van der Werf
General Secretary

Moderator: **BENJAMIN HOFMANN**, Institute for Political Science, University of St. Gallen
Interpretation provided in German, French and Dutch.

11:30 Welcome of the participants

12:00 **Keynote speech** **PAWEL WOJCIECHOWSKI**
European Coordinator for the Rhine-Alpine Core Network Corridor

12:30 *Networking lunch*

13:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION 1** **INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLICIES**

What are the strategies to develop a network of LNG bunker stations?
How do environmental policies affect the introduction of LNG?
What is the outlook on the regulatory framework and standards for LNG?

MICHAEL DIETRICH Head of Technical Department - Port of Mannheim
PIETER VANDERMEEREN Technical Manager Environment - Antwerp Port Authority
MANFRED SEITZ General Manager - Pro Danube Management GmbH
CEES BOON Sector Coordinator Harbourmaster Policy Dept - Port of Rotterdam Authority

14:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION 2** **MARKETS AND BUSINESS STRATEGIES**

How will global market developments shape the potential of LNG as fuel and cargo in inland navigation?
How to reduce investment costs and risks?

GUNTHER JAEGERS CEO - Reederei Jaegers, DTSG and Chemgas
ALAIN BOURGEOIS Vice President, Gas & LNG - Bergen Energi AS
BEN MAELISSA CEO - Danser Group
BRAM KRUYT Director Inland Waterways - Wärtsilä
CEES DIKKER Business Development LNG - Shell

15:30 *Break*

16:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION 3** **COOPERATION AND FINANCE**

How can inland waterway transport cooperate with other modes of transport, industries and world regions?
What financial instruments and incentive mechanisms can support LNG projects?

JEAN-BERNARD ERHARDT LNG Task Force - French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy
ELISABETH VAN OPSTALL Director - RebelGroup
KHALID TACHI Director - Expertise and Innovation Centre Inland Shipping (EICB)
PATRICK CNUBBEN Cluster Manager Bio-Energy & Gas - Energy Valley Foundation

17:00 **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

This event is open to the public within the limit of available places.
Please register **by 25 September 2015** on the following link:

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