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**SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE
 ON
 INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT**

Work programme 2014-2015

WHAT?	HOW?	SCHEDULE	STATE OF PLAY
<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Expected results</i>		
1. Improvement of on-board working and living conditions and access to port side facilities		2014-2015	
To take stock of the present rules and standardisation methods	Invite an expert to the sectoral social dialogue committee to update social partners on current legislation and standardisation methods as well as to present the outcome on the studies on psychological stress at the work place and fatigue		
To establish social partner recommendations for improving the working and living conditions on board	<p>The social partners will seek to attain these objectives via a social partners' project - if funded, the main outcome would be a compendium of all existing working conditions in EU Member States in inland waterway transport.</p> <p>Develop social partner recommendations for improved working and living conditions with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) psychological stress b) fatigue 		

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2. Harmonisation and modernisation of professional qualifications	Coordinated social partner participation in inter-national working groups	1st semester 2015	
To establish EU recognised professional qualifications for all functions in inland waterway transport	Active support to the development of an EU legal framework Active support to the establishment of standards for examination, training and education		
3. Harmonisation and modernisation of manning requirements	Coordinated social partner participation in inter-national working groups	2014-2015	
To establish harmonised and modernised manning requirements	Evaluate Impact Assessment on manning requirements (2008) in the light of the working time agreement as well as the framework and standards for professional qualifications Develop social partners' position on manning requirements based on the outcome of the scientific research on fatigue		
4. Uniform rules to apply social security legislation		2015	
To establish a uniform legal framework for determining the applicable social security legislation in inland waterway transport	Contribute to the development of and support a proposal to extend the scope of the rules laid down in the agreement based on Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 to all EU Member States		
5. Unfair competition in inland waterway transport		2014	
To establish social partner recommendations on fair competition in inland waterway transport	Collect case studies and identify causes of social dumping and unfair competition		