

Status of Inland ENC's in Europe

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Inland ENC's and Inland ECDIS in Europe

- IEHG is currently only dealing with the standardization of Inland ENC's
- The European countries have also developed a common standard for chart viewers
- The standard is based on the maritime S-52 standard for Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)
- The European "Inland ECDIS standard" contains the Product Specification for Inland ENC's and the Performance Standard and test procedures for Inland ECDIS applications



Legal Status of Inland ENC's in Europe

Inland ECDIS Standard Edition 2.0

- Adopted as mandatory regulation for the river Rhine by the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR) in 2006, all amendments of the EG until version 1.2.2 have been adopted, too
- Adopted as recommendation for all inland waterways by the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) in 2007
- Adopted as recommendation for the river Danube by the Danube Commission in 2008
- The European Union planned to publish a binding regulation, but had internal problems (missing human resources)



Legal Status of Inland ENC's in Europe

Inland ECDIS Standard Edition 2.3 (latest edition)

- Adopted and published by the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR)
- Adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE)
- The Danube Commission recommends to use always the latest version which is published by UNECE
- The European Union has announced to publish this version as a binding Commission Regulation; IENCs have to be produced within 30 months after the publication for all inland waterways of the European Union of class Va and above (suited for vessels/convoys with a length of more than 85 m)



Country	class	coverage	published	available for free	used version of standard
Austria	Va +	Full (330)	yes	yes	2.1
Belgium (Flanders)	IV - Va +	Full (472)	yes (with exception of 1 see harbours)	Belgium has been behind at publishing inland ENC's see: www.bvna.be	2.0 / 2.1
Bulgaria	Va +	full	planned	yes	2.1
Switzerland	Va +	full (Rhine)	yes	yes	2.0
Czech Rep.	IV	Full (305)	yes	yes	2.0
Germany	Va +	3000-4000 km	yes	yes	1.02, 2.0 and 2.1 (Main, MDK, Danube)
France	Va +	215 km	yes	yes	2.1
Croatia	IV +	full	yes	yes	2.1
Hungary	Va +	Full (378)	Yes (edition 2007)	yes	1.02, 2.1 in preparation
Luxemburg	Va +	yes	yes	no	1.02
Netherlands	IV +	1700/2000	yes	yes	2.1 (bathymetry added in 1.02)
Poland	Va +	yes	planned	Not decided yet	2.1
Romania	Va +	1107	yes	yes (not free for Black Sea Danub)	2.1
Serbia	Va +	full	yes	yes	2.1
Slovakia	Va +	full	Under disc.	yes	1.02
Ukraine	Va +	full	yes	no	1.02



Implementation of Inland ENCs in Europe

- More than 11000 vessels equipped with Inland ENCs (6000 commercial vessels)
- Three certified applications for navigation mode (with radar overlay, > 818 in use)
- All applications are compatible with edition 2.0 and 2.1
- Adaptation to edition 2.3 partly done, partly in preparation

Questions ?

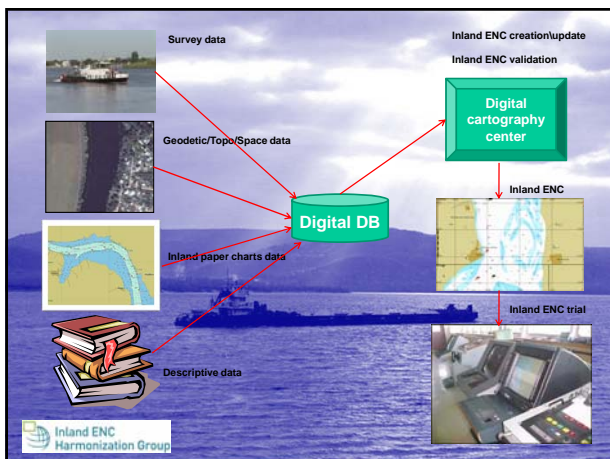
More Information at: <http://www.ris.eu>





According to Federal Task Program on implementation of GLONASS on transport, 26 000 km of inland waterways were surveyed, equipped and covered with Inland ENC.







Do you have questions?
