

# Danube Commission

Expert group for the personnel issues in navigation on the Danube

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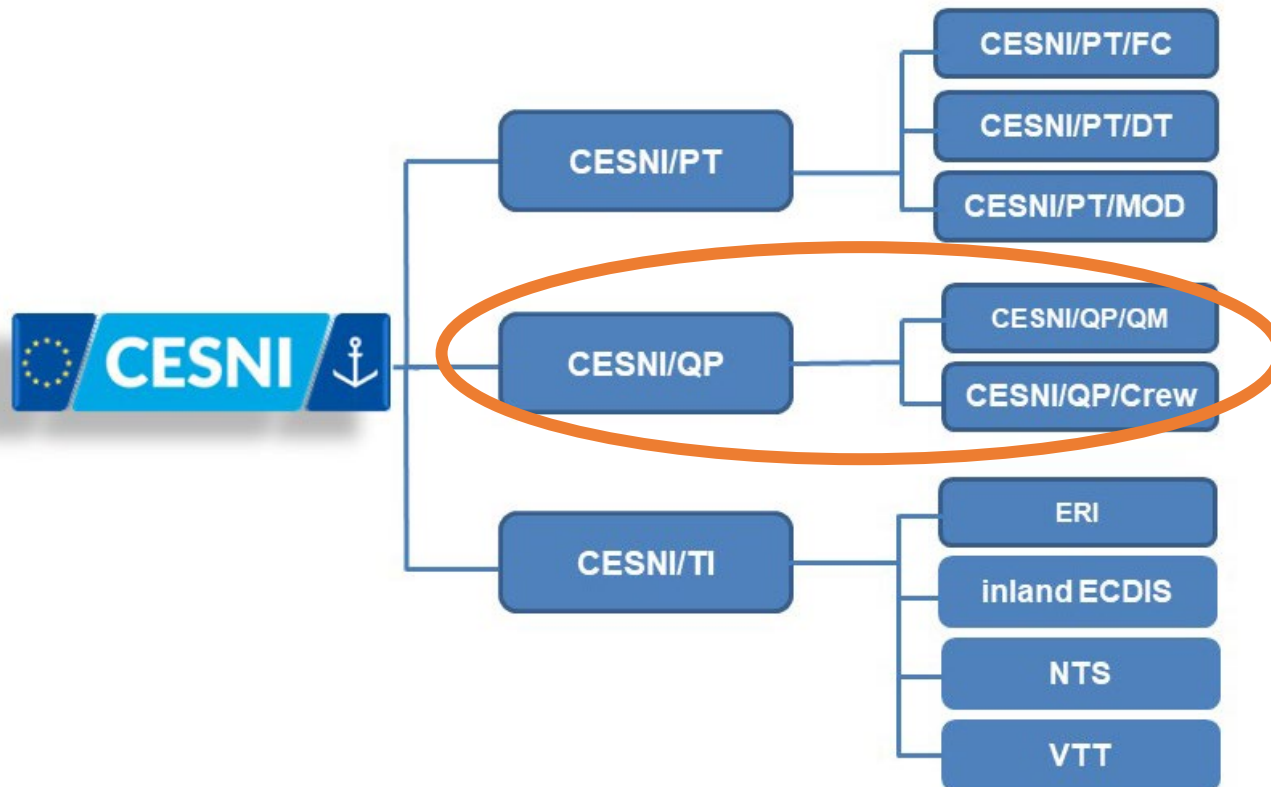
## Information by CESNI Secretariat on CESNI/QP activities

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# Little reminder: CESNI's governance

*Permanent working groups*      *Temporary working groups*



- 4 sessions / year with 3 meetings
- CESNI/QP: permanent working group on professional qualifications
- CESNI/QP/QM: temporary working group on quality management
- CESNI/QP/Crew: temporary working group on crew-related requirements

# CESNI products in the field of professional qualifications

## **ES-QIN: European standard for qualifications in inland navigation**

- Mandatory for EU and CCNR Member States
- Updates when necessary: new ES-QIN 2024

## **Guidelines**

- Eco-efficient navigation
- Competences for new energies (batteries, methanol, hydrogen)
- Basic safety training
- Standardised communication phrases

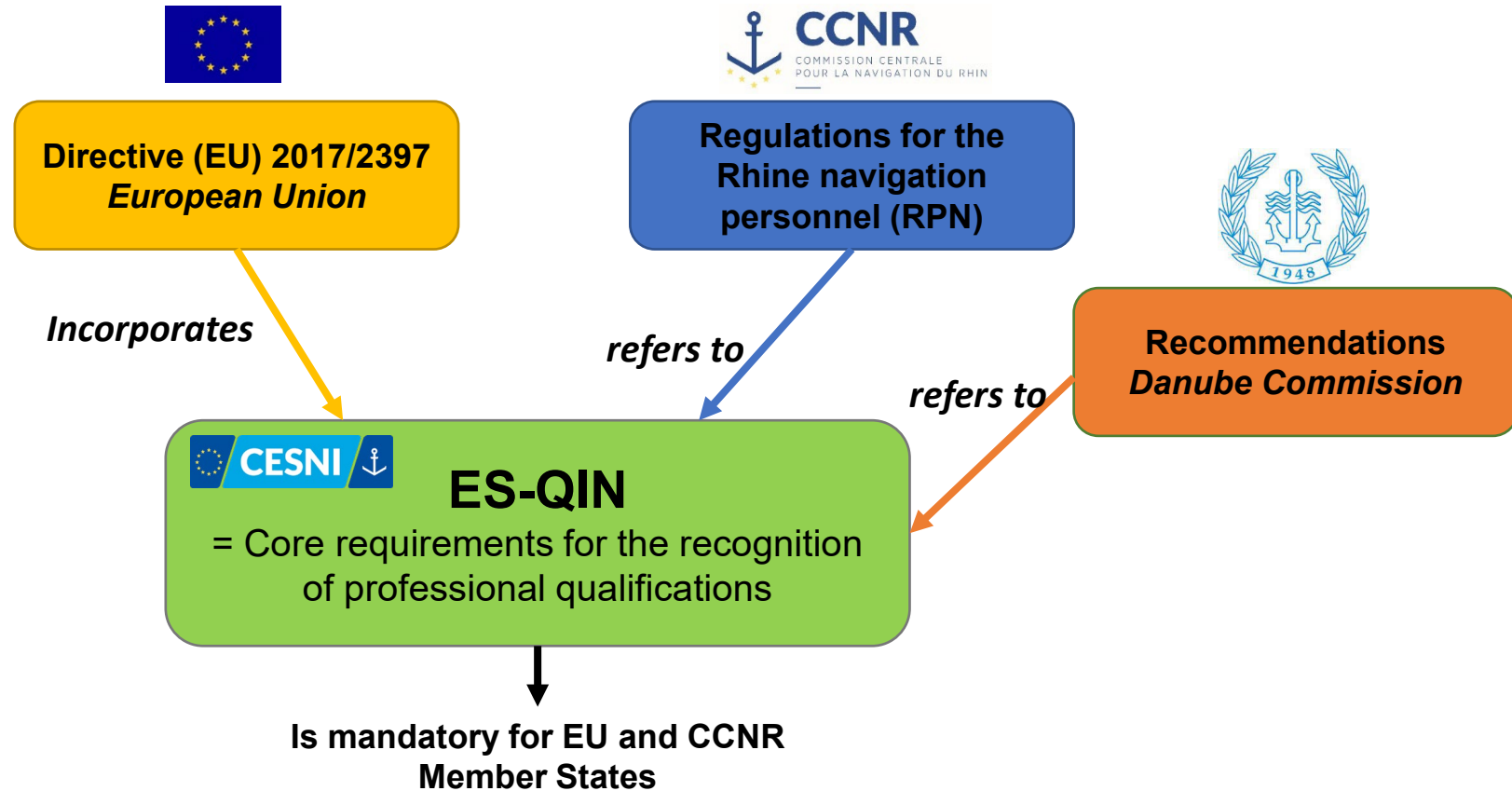
## **Other products to harmonise rules in Europe**

- Model exams
- Model medical certificates
- FAQ for the administration of certificates
- Brochure on TGAIN
- Explanatory notices

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Objective:  
**HARMONISATION**  
over all Europe

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ES-QIN IN THE DIFFERENT FRAMEWORKS



ES-QIN 2024 transposed into EU law with delegated regulation (EU) 2026/118

# CESNI products in the field of professional qualifications

## Ongoing work

### E-tools



- Concept: digital version of logbooks, service record books and all certificates of qualifications
- Technical and functional requirements

### Crewing requirements

- Tables for minimum crew as core rule
- Modernisation and flexibility



- High-impact rules for all waterways
- MS involvement in the development of these new rules is crucial for workable rules

## CESNI/QP activities

### Next CESNI meeting of the Exam Commissions

#### ➤ Goals

- Collection and exchange of best practices on the implementation of the examination rules
- Considerations on the uniform interpretation and application of the CESNI standards
- Strengthened cooperation and exchange of information

#### ➤ February 2027

#### ➤ Budapest (to be confirmed)

# Agenda item 4 – Mailing list of medical experts of CESNI Member States



## Medical aspects dealt in CESNI/QP/QM

- Medical standards in ES-QIN
- Model of medical certificate
- Explanatory notice for the medical practitioners



## Questions from competent authorities related to the interpretation of these rules

- Examples of questions: restrictions for obesity or implanted cardioverter defibrillators (ICD)
- Need to collect argued opinions from medical experts



## Objective of a mailing list of medical experts of CESNI Member States

- Collect direct opinions of appointed medical experts (by the Secretariat)
- Submission of opinions to CESNI/QP/QM for discussions and final decision

**Danube Member States are invited to send the name of their medical experts to the CESNI Secretariat**

# Agenda item 5 – Education and further professional training

## Establishment of a European MCQ database

- **Objectives**

- Creating a pool of MCQ to help creating examinations carried out by national competent authorities
- Ensure a level playing field in Europe
- Costs savings from a long-term perspective



- **Methodology**

- “Keep it simple” approach
- Use the already existing questions submitted by Member States
- Quality management with a check-list criteria (harmonisation of requirements) to select the questions that may be included in a European database

- **State of play: results from the group of volunteers in 2025 (pilot project)**

- Check-list of criteria to select MCQ to be included in the database (quality management tool)
- Significant volume of questions already submitted for review (300)
- Qualitative assessment is time-consuming (36 questions examined in 2x3 hours)



# Agenda item 5 – Education and further professional training

## Establishment of a European MCQ database

- **Encountered limits**

- Lack of technical knowledge among the volunteers
- Lack of representation among Member States, especially outside the Rhine
- Workload too high compared to the number of volunteers



- **Recommendations from the group of volunteers**

- Create a new dedicated group composed on technical experts (e.g. current or former boatmasters)
- **Condition beforehand: assess the level of interest, commitment and expected use of a European database among all Member States**



- Assessment done via a survey (CESNI/QP (25) 24)
- Need of answers from ALL Member States  
(so far: Austria, Slovakia, Romania sent their answers)
- Answers may be sent to the CESNI Secretariat, asap



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