

# CEVNI and recreational navigation

**Workshop “European Code for Inland Waterways:  
implementation and the way ahead”**

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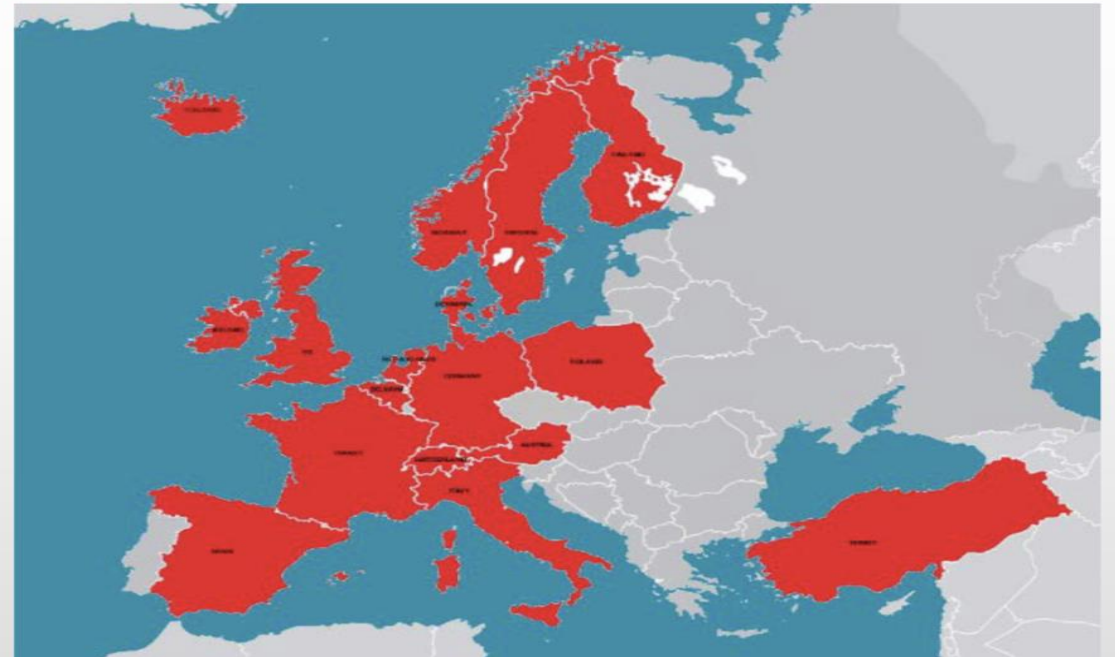


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## Who are we?

Association of **recreational boat users** organisations representing:

- 27 organisations
- from 17 European States
- combined membership of over 1,5 million recreational boaters

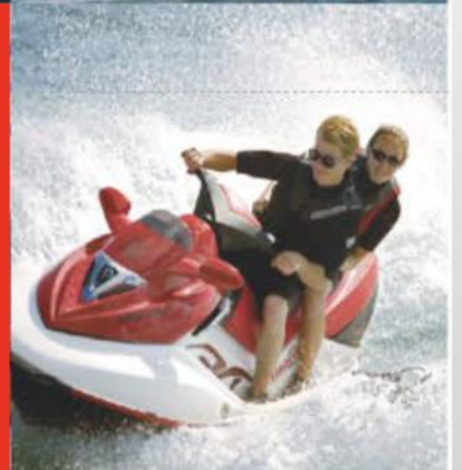


<http://www.eba.eu.com/participantorgs>

**What is a  
recreational  
boat?**

**Dinghy...  
Yacht... RIB ...  
Motor boat...  
Barge...  
Superyacht...**

**What size  
5m... 10m...  
15m... 20m...  
25m... 30m...**



# Challenges

What are the rules and regulations

1. Regionally
2. Nationally
3. Internationally

Finding out can be difficult

- Languages



# CEVNI implemented

## Local boats

- Familiar with the local (national) rules
- May not be aware that the rules are based on CEVNI or which revision

*BUT*

- Feel they know enough to visit other countries that have implemented CEVNI

## Foreign boats

- May not be aware of regional variations to CEVNI



# CEVNI has not been implemented

## Local boats

- Aware of the local rules

*BUT*

- Need to learn the what the rules are if they want to go to other locations or countries
- Learn CEVNI for the main European waterways

## Foreign boats

- Need to be aware that CEVNI does not apply and very similar signs could mean something different



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## CEVNI v COLREG

How to identify where the inland waterways start

- CEVNI signage?

COLREG used as basis on some inland waterways

Finland – CEVNI signs, COLREG, IALA buoyage

It's fine if you know what the rules are but potentially confusing for visitors

# Summary

It can be challenging to know which regulations apply where

Language barriers can make it difficult to ensure that the correct regulations are followed in each region / country.

It would help recreational boaters if CEVNI was more like COLREG with fewer (if any) variations from country to country and region to region.

