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PIANC InCom WG 219 - Guidelines for Inland Waterways Infra- structure to Facilitate Tourism

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Inland Waterways International





Inland Waterways International



Composition of the working group :

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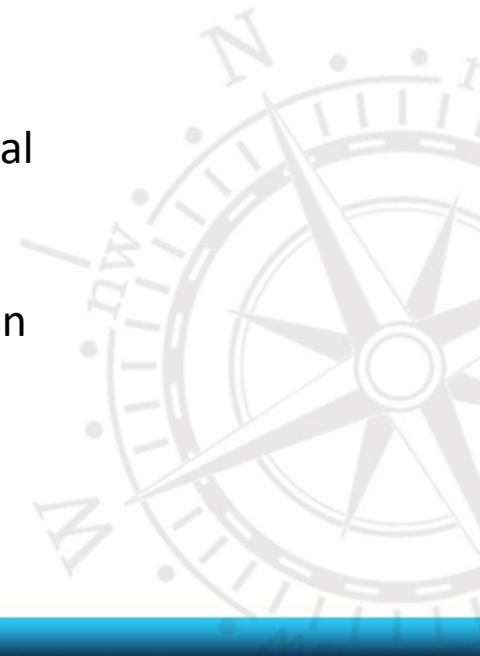






Focus of PIANC WG 219 :

- to allow recreational navigation to develop on the facilities provided
- on the conditions for co-existence of the commercial and recreational navigation functions
- to provide a safer, hence more enjoyable, navigation through busy river and canal sections



Case studies :



Case study :

1. The Netherlands



the Amsterdam Eco-friendly Canal



Case study

2. Australia



the Australia Eco Tourism



Case study

3. Myanmar



the Inle Lake



Case study

4. Iran



Waterways and wetlands



Case study

5. Central Africa



the Congo Basin



Case study

6. France



City of Lyon – rivers Rhone and Saône



Case study

7. USA



the Alton Marina, Mississippi River, Missouri



Case study

8. Serbia



the Danube River



Case study

9. Belgium



The Portus Ganda Marina, confluence of Rivers Lys and Scheldt



10. USA



The NYS Canal System, New York



Course of work : (virtual meetings)

- Kick-off meeting on 8 June 2020
- 2nd Kick-off meeting on 11 February 2021
- Meeting on 2 June 2021
- Meeting on 25 August 2021
- Meeting on 29 September 2021
- Meeting on 12 November 2021
- Meeting on 20 December 2021
- Meeting on 9 February 2022
- **Meeting on 21 March 2022 in Alexandria (live)**



Course of work : (virtual meetings)

- Strategy steps to follow
- Defining Table of Content
- Defining case studies
- Producing and presenting case studies in the Working Group
- Elaborating chapters in Table of Content
- Collecting produced work and extra information on PIANC Sharepoint



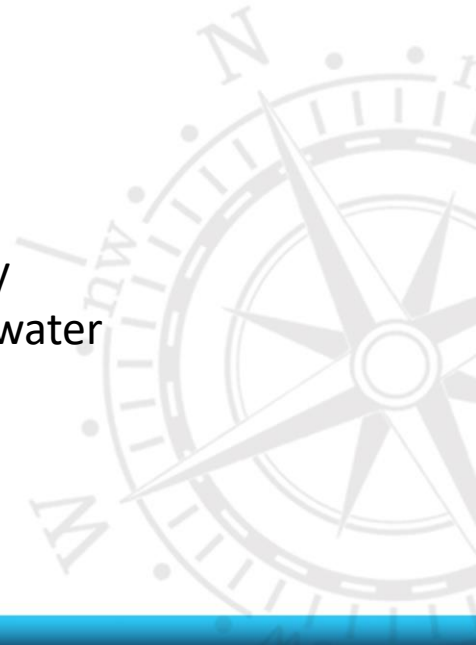
State of affairs and progress :

- Introduction of the Guidelines : completed
- Case studies : completed
- Completing the Table of Content : in progress
- Meeting of WG every month
- 23 May : giving feedback to PIANC INCOM
- End of 2022 : final report of the Working Group



Conclusions :

- collaboration PIANC and IWI has a reinforcing effect
- advantage of bringing together various expertise
- Covid 19 was a killjoy for bringing people together
- virtual meetings are less productive than live events
- the Guidelines should inspire investors to (re)build waterway infrastructure to attract tourist activities on and next to the water



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