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**Guidelines for Inland
Waterways Infrastructure 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 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



Case study

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

Meetings on 2 June, 25 August, 29 September, 12 November, 20 December 2021

Meetings on 9 February, 21 March in Alexandria (live), 27 April, 30 June, writing sessions on 26 October at PIANC HQ in Brussels.

Between times : a lot of e-mails among ourselves

International exposure 2022 :

Marlog 11 Conference in Alexandria - Egypt (March)

WCC in Leipzig - Germany (May)

International exposure 2023 :

PIANC InCom meeting in Ghent - Belgium (February)

Marlog 12 Conference in Alexandria – Egypt (March)

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 2022 : giving feedback to PIANC INCOM

End of March 2023 : final report of the Working Group

Some conclusions so far :

- 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

Thank You