

# Community-fleet capacity policy to promote inland waterway transport: modernisation and restructuring of the EU fleets

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The European Parliament adopted by 620 votes to 20, with 34 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 718/1999 on a Community-fleet capacity policy to promote inland waterway transport.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted at plenary are the result of an agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council. They amended the proposal as follows:

Through their amendments, the co-legislators stipulated that the measures taken by the Member States should seek to:

- make it easier for inland waterway carriers leaving the industry to obtain an early retirement pension or to transfer to another economic activity, inter alia by providing comprehensive **information**,
- organise vocational training or retraining schemes for crew members, including workers and owner-operators, leaving the industry and provide appropriate information about those schemes,
- encourage adaptation of vessels to technical progress in order to improve working conditions, including health protection, and promote safety,
- encourage innovation in respect of vessels and their adaptation to technical progress as regards the environment, including **environmentally-friendly vessels**,
- encourage ways of **leveraging the use of the reserve funds** in conjunction with available financial instruments, including, where appropriate, under [Horizon 2020](#) and the [Connecting Europe Facility](#), and with financing instruments from the European Investment Bank.