

Resolution on the proposal for a Council directive implementing the European Agreement concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport

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PURPOSE: to protect health and safety of workers in the predominantly cross-border sector of inland waterway transport.

NON LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2014/112/EU implementing the European Agreement concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport, concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)

CONTENT: the Directive **implements the European Agreement concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport**, concluded on 15 February 2012 by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF).

The agreement shall apply to mobile workers employed as members of the navigation personnel (crew members) or in another function (shipboard personnel) on board a craft operated within the territory of a Member State in the commercial inland waterway transport sector

The Agreement sets out **minimum standards** regarding: (i) working time and reference period; (ii) daily and weekly working time; (iii) working days and rest days; (iv) seasonal work on passenger vessels (v) rest periods; (vi) breaks; (vii) maximum working time during night time; (viii) annual leave; (ix) protection of minors; (x) emergency situations; (xi) health assessment; (xii) safety and health protection.

Member States are allowed to **maintain or introduce equivalent or more favourable provisions** than the Agreement. Together with social partners, they may lay down, in the light of changing circumstances, legislative, regulatory or contractual arrangements different from those prevailing at the time of the adoption of the Directive, provided that the minimum requirements are complied with.

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