

Call Watertruck+ technical info and review sessions

What is Watertruck?

Watertruck is an innovative concept for the transport of goods on small waterways (CEMT I-IV) which can unlock the economic potential of a region by using small, self-propelled or unpropelled barges and pushers. The concept allows for a maximal flexibility of operations whilst maintaining a maximal regional scope, linking the small inland waterways to the TEN-T core network.

The Watertruck+ project, a TEN-T/CEF project, aims to do just that. The goal is to provide the market with the tools for the construction of a fleet of 500 vessels, rolling out the Watertruck concept across the various European regions.

As a first step, certain **standards** will be established in order to reduce production costs and improve the interoperability of the vessels, both in terms of sailing areas and in terms of cargo type. The **standard design** for different sizes of barges will be developed.

As a proof of concept, a small fleet of 28 barges (of which 16 self-propelled) and 3 pushers will be constructed and deployed in a large-scale trial phase, shipping some 1,6 million tonnes of cargo per year.

The results of the trial phase will be combined with a financial toolbox, to create a **Master Plan** which will contain business cases for the construction and financing of a large European fleet of Watertruck+ vessels.

The construction of the fleet of 31 vessels

As from 2017, 31 vessels will be constructed. These vessels will have to:

- Adhere to the Watertruck+ standards
- Adhere to the Watertruck+ design specifications for barges
- For self-propelled barges and pushers: restricted emissions (EURO VI and a significant reduction in CO2 emissions)
- Be as cost efficient as possible from a TCO/LCA point of view



Technical info and review sessions: May 24-26 2016, Gorinchem

In order to achieve this goal the Watertruck+ partners wish to consult the market with regards to the latest innovations in inland navigation:

- Design & materials
- Construction
- Propulsion
- Outfitting & customizations
- Finance

Market players who offer innovative services or products in any of the above categories, are invited to present their company, services and/or products to the Watertruck+ partners during the Technical info and review sessions which will take place on May 24th-26th at the venue of the Maritime Industry conference in Gorinchem (NL).

In a separate meeting room, you will be given 30-35 minutes to present yourself, followed by 10-15 minutes reserved for Q&A by the project stakeholders/investors.

If interested, please send a mail to johan.boonen@watertruck.eu with:

- Your company and personal contact details
- A brief description of your services or products

You will then be contacted shortly with a proposal for your presentation slot.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
The Watertruck+ project team

