The COMPETING project aims to increase labor mobility in the inland shipping sector. The project will lay the foundations for the introduction of a competency based future proof of education and training for inland navigation crewmembers throughout the European Union.

Part of the education and training programmes will be sustainable solutions, automation and digitalization and communication on a European level. Also future certificates will be recognized throughout Europe.

Within the scope of COMPETING a curricula and lesson materials, as well as a Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) system will be developed, so that the highest level of quality regarding the implementation of future proof IWT education and training throughout Europe can be ensured. As already mentioned, this proof IWT education and training will be competency based, the following image shows for which areas competence-based standards will be developed.

It is the first time, that all key stakeholders cooperate on a European level to develop a European wide recognized curriculum for IWT, lesson materials and a Quality Assurance/Quality Control system (QA/QC). These accomplishments will result in the implementation of EU legislation, leading to a comparable system for recognition of educational programmes and appropriately qualified crewmembers possessing a Union certificate.

Project background
The COMPETING project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and will run for 36 months (January 2019 until December 2021). There are fifteen partners participating in this project. The consortium, which will implement the project, consist of four categories of stakeholders: IWT education and training institutions, social partners (employers and unions), competent authorities and umbrella organizations as well as members of the Advisory Board. More information is available at: https://www.iwt-competencies.eu/

The tasks of FH OÖ are the guiding and the strategic design of the learning platform. Based on the experience from previous projects and the study programs, the FH OÖ supports COMPETING with didactical input.

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