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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I hereby confirm that Ramboll Management Consulting together with the Department of Transport and Regional Economics of the University of Antwerp have been commissioned by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) to undertake the support study on the evaluation of Directive 2005/44/EC on harmonised river information services (RIS).

More than ten years after the adoption and transposition of the Directive, an important level of experience has been accumulated at EU, Member State and stakeholder's level. At the same time, important IT and technological developments took place. RIS has been recently included in the Digital Inland Waterway Area strategy (DINA)¹, whose aim is to interconnect and unlock the potential of information systems on infrastructure, people, vessels, management and cargo components of inland waterway transport.

It is therefore appropriate to examine whether the framework for RIS is fit for purpose and delivers as intended/expected. This evaluation links with the initiatives prepared by DG MOVE, where digitalisation is one of the key areas including among others the European Maritime Single Window environment and the electronic transport documents. The evaluation will provide the evidence base for a possible revision of the current RIS framework and inform any further decisions on the development of legislation.

In the course of this assignment, the research team of Ramboll and the University of Antwerp will need to collect relevant data from various knowledgeable sources at the international, EU, regional and national levels.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide to the research team in this regard.

If you require any further information, please contact the project manager in charge, Vanessa LUDDEN (VANL@ramboll.com) of Ramboll Management Consulting, or the official in charge of DG MOVE D.3 Ports and Inland Navigation, Mario SATTTLER (Mario.SATTTLER@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/studies/2017-10-dina.pdf>