



## Press information

### Agreement of HTG and PIANC on mutual membership signed today

The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) and the German Port Technology Association (HTG) have signed the Agreement on Mutual Membership in Brussels today. This puts the Joint Agreement of 1993 on the Promotion of Cooperation on a new footing.

Both associations use their expertise to support the technological development of the waterways, ports and shipping. They offer their members an interdisciplinary exchange of experience and cooperation in the field of technology and science – HTG at national, PIANC at international level.

Today's signing has laid the foundation for informed knowledge management and the direct exchange of experts within the two industry associations. Current challenges are the developments concerning climate action, climate change adaptation and the digital transformation.

In a cross-sectional comparison, the waterways are the most environmentally friendly and sustainable mode of transport. "We will redouble our efforts to reinforce this advantage", said Reinhard Klingen, Chairman of the HTG. The associations also devote special attention to attracting new recruits. PIANC is well- and directly connected internationally via Young Professionals (YP). "The YP have created a platform that makes meeting up easier and encourages making new contacts", said the President of PIANC, Francisco Esteban Lefler. HTG, with its Junge HTG (Young HTG – JHTG) and its around 50 active members, has an ideal platform for exchanges between young and experienced engineers. The JHTG, for instance, conducts a biennial workshop, at which young students meet experienced engineers to discuss their first career steps.

An initial joint event of PIANC and HTG will be on the subject of early contractor involvement and integrated project management. In October 2022, PIANC published a comprehensive report on this. At HTG's last congress, the current state of play on this subject was reported on and discussed in detail.

Further information is available at <https://pianc.baw.de> and <https://www.htg-online.de> (both in German only).

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