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Delegations will find attached comments by **Lithuania** on the above proposal.

**Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2005/44/EC on harmonised river information services (RIS) on inland waterways in the Community**  
**7938/24**

<p>Article 2, Paragraph 1 <i>Scope of application</i></p>	<p>LT insists on keeping the scope of the draft RIS directive as close as possible to the current text/scope. The proposed compromise wording (the word “<i>interconnected</i>”) is somewhat ambiguous and could be interpreted in a way that interconnectivity between inland ports via other transport modes could also be considered as interconnectivity for the purposes of this directive. Hence, it could be regarded as an extension of the scope compared to the current RIS directive.</p> <p>LT suggests a small adjustment of the compromise proposal. It would ensure that the scope of the RIS directive stays unchanged and avoids misinterpretation:</p> <p><i>This Directive applies to the implementation and operation of RIS on all inland waterways and inland ports of the Member States which are part of the trans-European transport network, as specified and listed in Annex I and II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and which are interconnected <b>by inland waterways</b> to inland waterways and inland ports of another Member State which are part of the trans-European transport network, as specified and listed in Annex I and II to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council.</i></p>
<p>Transposition period</p>	<p>LT supports the suggested transposition period of 3 years (<u>at least</u>).</p>