

Mission Statement

ÖWSV actively represents the general interests of the stakeholders of the Austrian navigation sector and intensively champions the creation of frame conditions favourable to navigation.

ÖWSV promotes the interests of navigation.

- Our objectives include the development and promotion of navigation and the creation of frame conditions for navigation in Austria.
- Towards this purpose, we co-operate pro-actively and constructively with all institutions of the state and society as well as with all economic organisations of significance for attaining these objectives.
- We strive towards obtaining a public position that enhances the profile of our members and renders our Association attractive for potential members.
- “Danube Day” – an experts’ convention combined with a social event – is just one of the important activities designed to promote and advance navigation in Austria.

ÖWSV recognises and analyses new developments in navigation.

- We pursue an information policy that enables the Association on the one hand to provide comprehensive insights into current navigation affairs for our members and on the other hand, through our contacts with the media, to update the public on all special activities of our Association.
- Ongoing media work and the publication of the magazine “Schifffahrt und Strom” are key elements of our information policy.
- We analyse and comment navigation issues, propose solutions and in this manner launch the discussion of relevant topics.

ÖWSV promotes cross-border co-operation projects and contacts and moreover champions a strong international information network.

- We co-operate intensively with other institutes and organisations active in the field of navigation.
- We pursue lobbying activities at the national and international levels.

ÖWSV supports its members with qualified and practice-oriented information and promotes contacts and the exchange of experience between its members.

- We want to act as a forum of dialogue between all “friends of navigation” to enable the exchange of know-how and experience in the field of navigation.
- We maintain and promote professional and social contacts between our members.

ÖWSV supports and promotes basic and advanced training initiatives concerning inland navigation.

- We want to create awareness and to strengthen the image of navigation among our target group – young people.
- We focus on the training situation in the sector and develop suggestions for improvement.