**Group Discussion**

**„The incredible new discovery of inland navigation!!“**

You have now received a lot of interesting and useful information about the inland vessel as an environmentally friendly transport alternative. Now it is time for you to take action yourself!

**Scenario**

The inland vessel is the new, innovative and revolutionary discovery in sustainable transport logistics. This discovery raises many questions among the population.

Therefore a panel discussion will take place to inform people about the inland vessel and to present different points of view and perspectives.

**There you go**

Step 1: Divide into groups

Divide into groups of equal size, the group size should be between 5 and 6 people. The groups can also be smaller or larger depending on the total number of participants.

Step 2: Choosing a moderator

Each group will choose a moderator, he/she will moderate the group discussion, but the other group members will also be actively involved as discussion participants.

Step 3: Preparation (max. preparation time 45 minutes)

Assigns different roles to the remaining group members, those who are not the moderator. Possible roles are for example

* Researcher in the field of sustainable transport logistics
* Inland navigation operator
* Truck driver
* Politician
* Environmentalist

The individual group members are now preparing for the discussion. What is your point of view on the incredible new discovery of inland navigation? What arguments do they have to support this point of view?

Suggestions or a helpful input to the individual roles can be found on the next page.

All participants in the discussion must come up with suitable key data for the introduction round
(e.g. title, age, name, how many years of professional experience)!

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| **Moderator*** short introduction at the beginning
* small introduction of the discussion participants
* Guiding questions for the discussion, special questions to individual participants also possible
* Concluding words

! Make sure that all participants are equally involved in the discussion! |
| **Researcher in the field of sustainable transport logistics*** Attitude towards inland navigation: positive
* Field of research: sustainable transport logistics
* Provides important and up-to-date information about the new discovery of inland navigation
 | **Politician*** Attitude towards inland navigation: rather positive
* creates new jobs
* promises economic upswing
* Concerns: lack of laws and guidelines
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| **Inland navigation operator*** Attitude towards inland navigation: positive

Possible arguments:* jobs
* environmental friendly
* no congestions
 | **Truck driver*** attitude towards inland waterway vessels: negative
* threatens your job security
* endangers your livelihood

Possible arguments:* Trucks tried and tested and flexible
* not all goods can be transported by inland waterway
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| **environmentalist*** Attitude towards inland navigation: divided opinion
* Inland navigation is more environmentally friendly than other modes of transport
* Worries: Rivers, ecosystems polluted
* Questions you ask yourself: will the barges affect the river habitat? Will locks affect the ecosystem and especially the fish? Will the barges pollute our waters?
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Step 4: Implementation

Now that you are all well prepared, it is time for the discussion!

**Have Fun!**