



A look back at the fifth ADR expert class (Transport of Dangerous goods) in Osnabrück, 4-8 July 2022.

After 2 years of waiting due to the Covid crisis, we finally had the opportunity to organize the fifth ADR Expert Class that took place in Osnabrück Germany. The program was developed by the ECR Harmonie Sub Working Group dangerous goods transport. Like always, the program was intense but very satisfying for the candidates.

The Expert Class was officially opened by Frank Schouwaert (Chairman ECR Harmony Meeting) who gave a presentation of the working of ECR and its upcoming future with EGTC. After the floor was given to Mr. Roland Schüler (Remondis Germany and delegate from FEAD), who gave a presentation of dangerous waste. A combination of waste and ADR is a difficult topic as Mr. Schüler showed in his presentation. He also gave us a glimpse of what will be the changes for chemical waste with the modification of the ADR 2021. One thing is clear, waste and ADR will always be a never-ending story.

Of course, participating in the Expert Class means making a multiple choice test. After that, the first day ended with a presentation of Andre Schenkel and Eric Crénéguy about the (over)classification of dangerous waste and the related responsibilities of ADR versus waste legislation.

The second day Vlastimil Bártu and Jessie Van Den Heuvel gave a detailed feedback of the result of the test. One thing is clear, continuous study about dangerous goods is necessary

The day continued with practical cases, prepared by Andre Schenkel. The expert class was divided into working groups followed by a deep discussion together. In addition, some of the experts prepared cases themselves, which were discussed as well. These discussions were the living proof that ADR regulations are sometimes not easy to understand, and can let to different interpretations.

At the last day, Jean-Michel Piquion gave us a presentations of the amendments of ADR 2023. A good inspector must be prepared for what is coming. Sjoerd Tuinstra explained how accidents with dangerous goods are handled in the Netherlands with a presentation of accident analyses and investigation.

After the official closure of the program another glass was raised, looking back to a successful week. On to the next year! (note: due to renovation of the Monastery the expert class of 2023 won't be organized in Osnabrück! We will let you know in time were to go to for another wonderful ADR adventure!