Welcome to the 1st Transnational Working Group Meeting
## Agenda

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<td><strong>State of play of the DANTE project and barrier reporting tool</strong>&lt;br&gt;PDI (Robert Rafael)&lt;br&gt;• Questions &amp; discussion</td>
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<td><strong>Conclusion</strong>&lt;br&gt;PDI &amp; Danube Commission (Horst Schindler)</td>
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State of play of the DANTE project and barrier reporting tool

24 October 2017
1st Transnational Working Group Meeting
Danube Commission, Budapest

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Danube Waterway: High Potential – Numerous Challenges

**Potentials**

- Danube serves an economic area of circa 90 mio. inhabitants
- Connects CE & SEE with growing markets in Black Sea Region
- Environmentally friendly transport corridor
- Can provide cost-effective logistics for land-locked industries ensuring competitiveness and jobs

**Challenges**

- Ensure standards for waterway maintenance
- Elimination of infrastructure bottlenecks
- Promotion of investment in Danube Ports and unlocking their economic potential
- Modernize Danube fleet
- *Reduce logistics costs by elimination of administrative barriers*
The Green Deal Structure

"GREEN DEAL FOR DANUBE RIVER TRANSPORT"

Political Commitment

Green Danube Fleet

Danube Port Platform

Innovative Danube Logistics

National Governments
Danube States

Vessel & Fleet operators

Ports & Terminal operators

Danube IWT users & logistics operators

Reduction Administrative
Barriers

Infrastructure & Maintenance

State Aid Fleet & Terminal
Modernization

"Green Danube
Fleet Action Program"
(Project planned DTP 2016)

Pilot Projects

Danube Ports Development
Strategy & Action
Plan -> DAPhNE

Pilot projects
(EMS Constanta, Green Port
Giurgiu, etc.)

Pilot projects /
Deployment projects

EFSI leveraged
finance scheme

Current EU Programs
(Interreg, CBC, CEF,
Operational Programs)

PROMINENT (H2020)
LNG Masterplan implementation

Current EU Programs
(National Operational
Programs, etc.)

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Pilot projects
(EMS Constanta, Green Port
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Danube IWT users &
logistics operators

EUSDR PA1A & Danube Corridor Plan & Danube Innovation Centre (INDanube / EIBIP)

Legend:
- Pre-condition for innovation
- Project platform in preparation by Pro Danube

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Benefits & Implementation of Green Deal

- Green Deal provides platform for targeted long-term cooperation of Danube States – Private Sector – European Commission
- Supports key policy objectives in transport & environment / regional development / special focus on the greening of the waterborne transport system
- Ensures high leverage of public spending due to wide-scale engagement of private sector
- Embedded into EUSDR PA1A and related to Danube Corridor Plan
- Steered with help of Danube Transnational Program (DTP) projects – DANTE & DAPhNE started / one planned for spring 2018
- Builds on successful pilot projects which testify viability of concept & produce concrete results to be up-scaled
- Green Deal will create many more valuable projects with tangible results contributing to economic growth, creating jobs and improve environmental performance of transport system of the region
Green Deal official launching event

Danube Transport Day
European Parliament
7 September 2016, 16:00-18:00

Policy makers
Com. Corina Cretu
Herald Ruijters/ DG MOVE
Ionut Mosteanu / RO MT

MEPs
Georgi Pirinski / BG
Gessine Meissner / DE
Ismail Ertug / DE

Key industry representatives from the Danube Region
W. Lüftner / Lüftner Cruises
M. Viefers / Rhenus Logistics
A. Stoean / TTS SA

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How to deal with administrative barriers?

- Identify administrative barriers for IWT on Danube and tributaries and responsible authorities
- Set up an efficient and permanent monitoring system for collecting users experiences (supported by online tools)
- Set up and operate a working platform with responsible authorities in order to adapt administrative procedures and processes with the objectives to reduce administrative efforts and costs for waterway users
- Identify good practices and guidelines for effective administration of IWT activities
- Promote stronger harmonized procedures and processes of authorities effecting IWT transport on Danube and navigable tributaries

Focus on the objectives of the Danube Region Strategy
Objectives of the project

- Improve administrative procedures and reduce bureaucratic processes as well as related charges and fees for IWT on Danube and navigable tributaries
- Cooperate with public authorities to develop and implement simplified administrative procedures and processes
- Reduce time losses and costs caused by unnecessary administrative regulations and processes for Danube businesses
- Eliminate/Reduce red tape and abuse of administrative power
- Strengthen the competitive position of companies, support economic growth and the creation of jobs in the region by increased efficient public administration
- Introduce stakeholder consultation procedures and processes in legal and regulatory acts of public administration relevant for IWT
- Harmonize regulations and administrative processes for transport and transhipment operations (“Same River-Same Rules” concept)
Thematic areas (1/2)

Procedures and processes of the following national authorities will be analyzed and monitored:

- Border Police and Tax & Customs authorities *)
- Navigation authorities (traffic control authorities)
- Port authorities (Harbor master) /administrations
- Waterway and Canal administrations
- Other authorities (such as Health Control, Disaster Management, Law Enforcement/Water Police, etc.) which impose administrative barriers to the movement of inland vessels and the transportation and transshipment of goods on the river and in the ports

*) the PA1A/EUSDR technical secretariat via donau has recently carried out an investigation on border and customs procedures and processes and has developed a model process for border crossings. The work in this area will be updated and used as basis for the structured dialogue in the relevant working table of the PA1A/EUSDR working group on administrative processes
### Thematic areas (2/2)

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**NATIONAL WORKING TABLES**

**REQUIRED CHANGES**

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Data requirements in IWT administration

Danube IWT Administration
Data requirements

- Data available for all authorities
- Data that is not available for each authority, but can be harmonised into identical format
- Country-specific data requests
- Data requests where the necessity is to be evaluated

**River Information Services (Electronic Reporting)**

**European Hull Database**

**Data requirements in IWT administration**

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Work approach (1/2)

DANTE - IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR DANUBE IWT

- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2019+

- Desk research: Analysis of existing procedures (laws & regulations) and administrative processes
- National Working Table Meetings
- Report on procedures and administrative processes in Danube IWT
- Report on guidelines and recommendations
- Transnational Working Group Meetings
- Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool
- Strategy & action plan for Danube IWT administration
- DANTE Facilitation and monitoring platform

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Work approach (2/2)

**Partners & ASPs**
- Ship owner associations
- Port & Terminal operator associations
- Private IWT sector companies
- Logistics associations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Consultants
- Universities, Knowledge Centres
- IWT promotion agencies
  - [External Experts as subcontractors]

**Administrative Procedures & Processes**
- Border Police and Tax & Customs authorities
- Navigation authorities (traffic control authorities)
- Port authorities (Harbor master administrations)
- Waterway and Canal administrations
- Other authorities (e.g. Health Control, Disaster Management, Law Enforcement/Water Police, etc.)

**Workshops and Working Tables**
- Involvement of national and European authorities/international organizations
- Execution of meetings with responsible authorities in EUSDR/PA1A working groups on a national and transnational level

**Stakeholders - Relevant Authorities**
- To be identified and involved in workshops and working tables
- Long-term commitment towards implementation of identified measures

**Facilitation of modification**

**Implementation & Monitoring**

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Work breakdown structure - overview

Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT (DANTE)

Project Management
- Work Package 1: PDI
  - Act 1.1: PDI

Project Administration
- Act 1.2: PDI

Stakeholder Management
- Act 2.1: PDI

Financial Planning and Control
- Act 1.3: PDI

Project Promotion
- Act 2.2: BRCCI

Dissemination Activities
- Act 2.3: BRCCI

Identification of Administrative Barriers & Responsibilities
- Work Package 3: IC
  - Act 3.1: PDI

Creating, upgrading of tools for reporting and monitoring & elaborate working methodology
- Act 3.2: IC

Analysis and Validation of Reported Existing Barriers & Responsible Authorities
- Act 3.3: IC

Collection of Barriers from IWT Users & Setting Up of Database
- Act 3.4: IC

Project Communication
- Work Package 2: BRCCI
  - Act 2.1: BRCCI

Identification of Good Practices and Elaboration of Guidelines & Recommendations
- Act 4.3: FHOO

Analysis of Procedures and Administrative Processes
- Work Package 4: ARVD
  - Act 4.1: SIG/SEZ

Analysis of Existing Procedures (Laws & Regulations) and Administrative Processes
- Act 4.2: ARVD

Support to Elaboration of Model Procedures and Processes
- Act 5.3: IC

Involvement of National and European Authorities / International Organizations
- Act 5.1: PDR

Execution of Meetings with Responsible Authorities in EUSDR/PA1A Working Groups
- Act 5.2: DC

Technical Coordination and Quality Management
- Act 1.3: PDI

Dissemination Activities
- Act 2.3: BRCCI

Elaboration of Country Reports & Consolidated Report
- Act 4.4: SIG/SEZ

Facilitation of the Implementation of Results and Monitoring
- Act 5.4: DC

Implementation and Capitalization
- Work Package 5: DC

Project Promotion
- Collection of Barriers from IWT Users & Setting Up of Database
- National Working Table Meetings
- Execution of Meetings with Responsible Authorities in EUSDR/PA1A Working Groups

Project Management
- Project Communication
- Identification of Administrative Barriers & Responsibilities
- Analysis of Procedures and Administrative Processes
- Implementation and Capitalization

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## Timeline of project activities

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- Pro Danube International
- Danube Commission
- Steinbeis Innovation gGmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center / DE
- iC consulents ZT GesmbH / AT
- University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FHOO)
- Waterborne Transport Development Agency (ARVD) / SK
- Slovak Shipping and Ports JSC / SK
- Hungarian Federation of Passenger Fleet Operators
- Hungarian Federation of Inland Waterway Freight Forwarders (MBFSZ)
- Romanian Ministry of Transport
- Romanian River Ship Owners and Port Operators Association (AAOPFR)
- Pro Danube Romania
- Constanta Port Business Association
- Port Authority Vukovar
- Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**IPA Partner:**
- Shipmasters Association of Serbia

**Associated Strategic Partners:**
- International Sava River Basin Commission
- Rhenus Logistics Austria GmbH
- Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports
- BRODOKOMERC NS d.o.o. / RS
- Port BULMARKET EAD / BG
- Union of Romanian Inland Ports
- Danube Cruises Romania srl
- Danube Logistics SRL / MD
- Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure
- Ministry of National Development / HU
- State Enterprise Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority
- Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic

**Duration of the project:** January 2017 - June 2019
**Total budget:** 1,982,786 EUR
**ERDF Contribution:** 1,650,134.75 EUR
**IPA Contribution:** 35,233.35 EUR

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Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool

• Objectives in line with the vision of “Same River – Same Rules”
  • To provide a tool for the stakeholders of Danube navigation:
    » to report administrative barriers that they have experienced
    » to name positive experiences
  • Sound database is pre-condition for putting lights on barriers
  • Will be the basis for interventions / further actions

www.prodanube.eu/administrativebarriers
Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool

• Available in 8 languages
  – English
  – German
  – Slovak
  – Hungarian
  – Serbian
  – Croatian
  – Romanian
  – Bulgarian
Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool

- Available to collect inputs in the field of the 5 thematic areas from experts on the field
- Easy-to-use
- Available from fix and mobile equipment
Results achieved by September 2017

- First round of national working table meetings rolled out
- DANTE is selected as EUSDR Strategic Project
- Continuous co-operation is ensured with:
  - DG MOVE
  - EUSDR PA1a & PA11
  - The IWT sector
- The Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool was launched on 21 September 2017
- Series of the transnational workshops is started right now
Building on existing projects & initiatives such as:

• Study on administrative and regulatory barriers in the field of inland waterway transport (NEA 2008)
• PLATINA Sub-work package 1.2 - Monitoring administrative barriers
• DARIF in the frame of EUDRS Priority Area 11 - Security
• World Bank Initiative on reducing administrative barriers in Danube transport
• Work of technical secretariat EUSDR PA1A on Border Control Model Processes
• EC objective and initiatives addressing better governance and increase of administrative capacity
• PDI Concept “Same River – Same Rules”
• PDI Policy initiative "Green Deal for Danube River Transport"
Summary & Outlook

- 30-months project to come up with simplified – harmonised – digitalised procedures and processes for Danube IWT administration
- Danube IWT Administration Strategy with the related action plan
- DANTE Platform – Project+ to monitor and facilitate the implementation
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