DANTE

Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

8th June 2017, Budapest Danube Commission Workshop



Project co-funded by European Union Funds (ERDF, IPA)

Danube Waterway: High Potential – Numerous Challenges



- 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



- 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



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



→ Set-up of the DANTE project in the DTP's 1st Call in line with the objectives of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region



Green Deal for Danube River Transport – Rationale & Concept

- 1. Eco-efficient & reliable transport system needed for sustainable growth in region
- 2. Danube logistics can provide cost-effective logistics solutions to many industries supporting competitiveness, growth & jobs
- 3. High economic potentials of Danube withhold by infrastructure shortcomings, unfavourable regulatory framework & structural problems
- 4. Long-term cooperation of public & private sector can break vicious cycle of infrastructure degradation & reduction of transport demand
- 5. Restoration of trust into Danube through commitment of stakeholders

"GREEN DEAL FOR DANUBE RIVER TRANSPORT" **National Governments Vessel & Fleet Ports & Terminal Danube IWT users & Operators Danube States Operators Logistics Operators** State Aid Reduction Infrastructure Fleet modernization **Development Strategy & Action MoU - Innovative Danube** Fleet & Administrative & **Programs & Projects Plan & Implementation Projects Logistics / Pilot & Terminal** Maintenance (Danube Port Network) **Deployment Projects Barriers** Modernization Existing EU Programs / National Programs / Lead Projects / Financing Schemes **EUSDR PA1A & Danube Corridor Plan & Danube Innovation Centre (INDanube / EIBIP)**



Green Deal official launching event

Danube Transport DayEuropean Parliament

7 September 2016, 16:00-18:00







Policy makers







Herald Ruijters/ DG MOVE



Ionut Mosteanu / RO MT

MEPs



Georgi Pirinski / BG



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Ismail Ertug / DE

Key industry representatives from the Danube Region



W. Lüftner / Lüftner Cruises



M. Viefers / Rhenus Logistics



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Objectives of the DANTE project

- Improve administrative procedures and reduce bureaucratic processes as we 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

	GOOD PRACTICES							
	Germany	Austria	Slovakia	Hungary	Croatia	Serbia	Romania	Bulgaria
Border Police and Tax & Customs authorities	Proposed Action holder: Danube Commission							
	External peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out							
Navigation authorities (traffic control authorities)	Proposed Action holder: Austria – PDI							
	External peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out							
Port authorities (Harbor master) /administrations	Proposed Action holder: Hungary – MAHOSZ							
	External peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out							
Waterway and Canal administrations	Proposed Action holder: Romania – PDR							
	External peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out							
Other authorities	Proposed Action holder: Bulgaria – BRCCI							
	External peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out							
	NATIONAL WORKING TABLES							

REQUIRED CHANGES



Data requirements in IWT administration

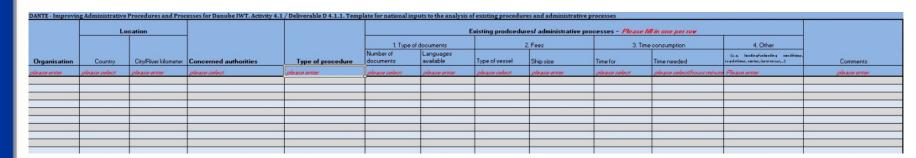


Data available for relevant authorities

River Information Services (Electronic Reporting)

European Hull Database Data that are not available for each authority, but can be harmonised into identical format

Countryspecific data requests Data requests where the necessity is to be evaluated





Work approach



DANTE - IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR DANUBE IWT

2017

2018

2019

2019+

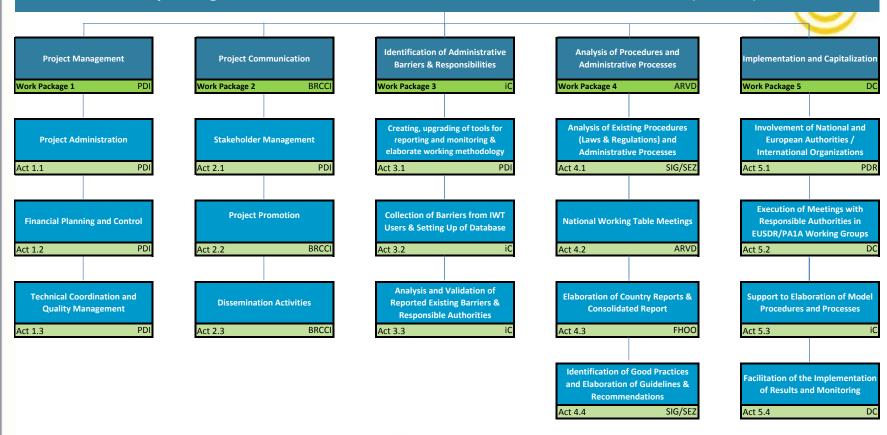




Work breakdown structure - overview



Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT (DANTE)





Project properties

ERDF Partners:

- Pro Danube International
- Danube Commission
- Steinbeis Innovation gGmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center / DE
- iC consulenten ZT GesmbH / AT
- University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FH00)
- Waterborne Transport Development Agency (ARVD) / SK
- Slovak Shipping and Ports JSC / SK
- Hungarian Shipping Federation (MAHOSZ)
- 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



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



Cooperation between PA1a and DANTE

- EUSDR PA1a provides an implementation platform for targeted measures to improve administrative processes along the Danube
 - definition of thematic priorities: currently border controls
 - work programmes & concrete measures to eliminate administrative barriers
 - working groups including public authorities, shipping sector and interest representations to monitor implementation
 - permanent consultation with the governmental stakeholders
- DANTE will feed PA1a with practical sector inputs by
 - identifying administrative barriers and proposing viable solutions for their elimination
 - organising and focusing the shipping sector's support for the implementation of measures
 - claiming and monitoring improvements of specific administrative processes towards public authorities including feedback on the existing procedures
 - defining the Danube IWT Administration Strategy









Thank you for your attention!



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