DANTE
Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT

Danube Transnational Programme

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

8th June 2017, Budapest
Danube Commission Workshop

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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*
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 withheld 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 Danube States
Reduction Administrative Barriers
Infrastructures & Maintenance
State Aid Fleet & Terminal Modernization

Vessel & Fleet Operators
Fleet modernization Programs & Projects

Ports & Terminal Operators
Development Strategy & Action Plan & Implementation Projects (Danube Port Network)

Danube IWT users & Logistics Operators
MoU - Innovative Danube Logistics / Pilot & Deployment Projects

Existing EU Programs / National Programs / Lead Projects / Financing Schemes

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

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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
Objectives of the DANTE 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

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NATIONAL WORKING TABLES
REQUIRED CHANGES

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## Data requirements in IWT administration

### Danube IWT Administration

#### Data requirements

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<td>River Information Services (Electronic Reporting)</td>
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### Data requirements in IWT administration

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<th>Concerned authorities</th>
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Work approach

DANTE - IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR DANUBE IWT

- 2017
  - Desk research - Analysis of existing procedures (laws & regulations) and administrative processes
  - National Working Table Meetings
  - Report on procedures and and administrative processes in Danube IWT
  - Report on guidelines and recommendations
- 2018
  - Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool
- 2019
  - Transnational Working Group Meetings
  - Strategy & action plan for Danube IWT administration
- 2019+
  - DANTE Facilitation and monitoring platform

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Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT (DANTE)

Project Management
- Work Package 1: Act 1.1
- Work Package 2: Act 1.2
- Work Package 3: Act 1.3

Project Administration
- Act 1.1: PDI
- Act 1.2: PDI
- Act 1.3: PDI

Financial Planning and Control
- Act 1.2: PDI

Technical Coordination and Quality Management
- Act 1.3: PDI

Project Communication
- Work Package 2: BRCCI
- Act 2.1: PDI
- Act 2.2: BRCCI

Stakeholder Management
- Act 2.1: PDI
- Act 2.2: BRCCI

Project Promotion
- Act 2.3: BRCCI

Dissemination Activities
- Act 2.3: BRCCI

Identification of Administrative Barriers & Responsibilities
- Work Package 3: IC
- Act 3.1: PDI
- Act 3.2: IC

Creating, upgrading of tools for reporting and monitoring & elaborate working methodology
- Act 3.1: PDI
- Act 3.2: IC

Collection of Barriers from IWT Users & Setting Up of Database
- Act 3.2: IC

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

Analysis of Procedures and Administrative Processes
- Work Package 4: ARVD
- Act 4.1: SIG/SEZ
- Act 4.2: ARVD

Analysis of Existing Procedures (Laws & Regulations) and Administrative Processes
- Act 4.1: SIG/SEZ
- Act 4.2: ARVD

Elaboration of Country Reports & Consolidated Report
- Act 4.3: FHOO

Identification of Good Practices and Elaboration of Guidelines & Recommendations
- Act 4.4: SIG/SEZ

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

Implementation and Capitalization
- Work Package 5: DC

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

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

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

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Project properties

**ERDF Partners:**
- Pro Danube International
- Danube Commission
- Steinbeis Innovation gGmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center / DE
- iC consulten ZT GesmbH / AT
- University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FHOO)
- 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

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**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
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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