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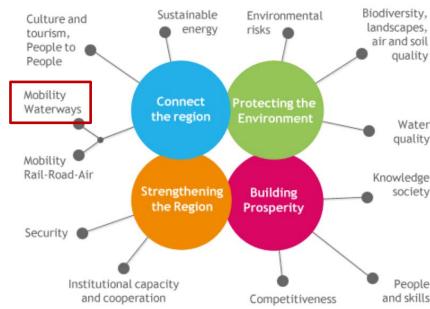




EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

- one of four Macro-regional Strategies of the EU
- established in 2011
- address common challenges together









EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



Working Group structure of Priority Area 1a



WG 1 – Waterway and port infrastructure & management



WG 2 – Business development



WG 3 – Fleet modernisation



WG 4 – River Information Services



WG 5 – Education & jobs



WG 6 – Administrative processes

Action 1.1

Facilitate management of inland waterways in order to provide "Good Navigation Status" and adequate fairway conditions on the Danube and its navigable tributaries

Action 1.2

Foster the application of an integrative approach in the set-up of navigation projects in order to contribute to the achievement of "Good Ecological Status" and "Favourable Conservation Status"

Action 1.3

Contribute to service-oriented constructional infrastructure, aimed at the optimisation of lock operation, as well as the availability and quality of mooring places and bridge clearances where necessary

Action 1.4

Contribute to better multimodal accessibility of inland ports and transhipment sites to other transport modes and their hinterland







Fairway Rehabilitation & Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries



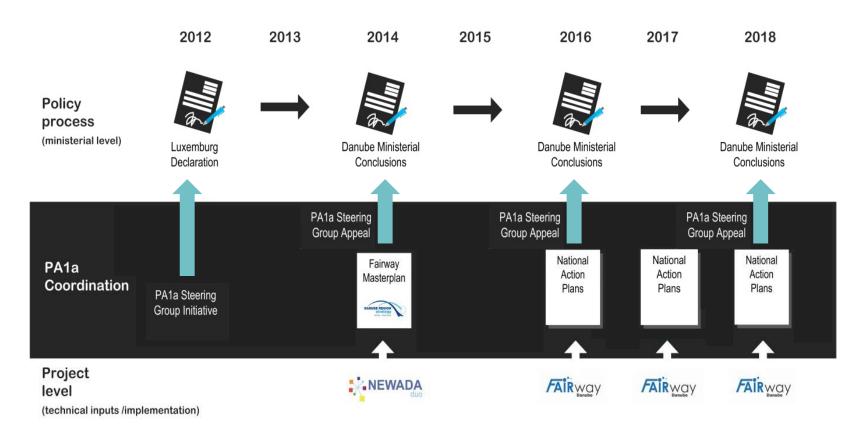








Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan Process



→ process keeps fairway rehabilitation and maintenance on the political agenda





Interreg Danube Transnational Programme





Danube Ministerial Conclusions 3/12/2018

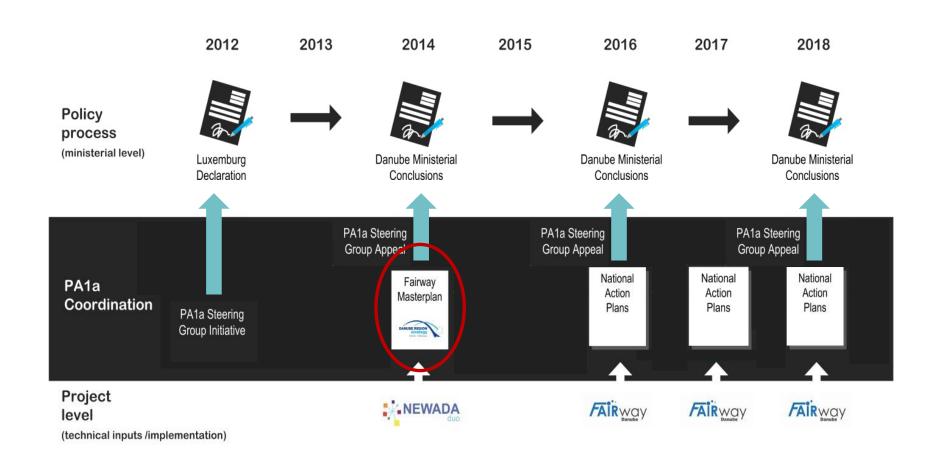




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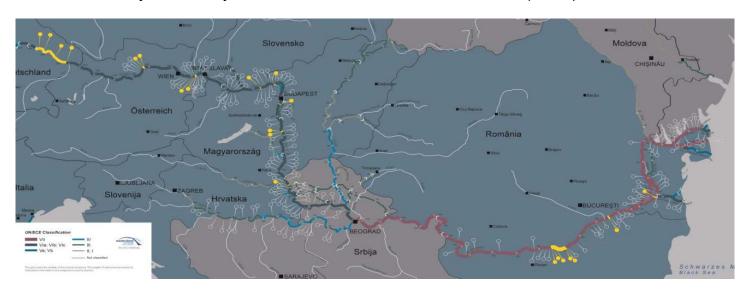






Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan Process

- Lists critical locations as regards fairway rehabilitation and maintenance
 - below 2.5m fairway depth (LNWL) and specified fairway widths
 - Identified by waterway administrations and Danube users (2014)



Specifies the required national measures and additional investments needed to reach the recommended minimum Levels of Service





Interreg **Danube Transnational Programme**

Example from Slovakia

	Key issues	Need for action
SK 01	Level of detail of monitoring data is suboptimal for exact and cost-effective planning of dredging interventions	Support acquisition of up-to-date multi-beam sounding vessels, equipment and software
SK 02	Out-of-date information technology, missing database for monitoring data	Support establishment of Fairway Management System
SK 03	Insufficient number of skilled staff to monitor of the fairway	Secure education and provision of well- trained staff in the short, medium and long term
SK 06	Old and dredging and marking fleet and equipment	Support acquisition of up-to-date dredging and marking vessels and equipment
SK 07	Lack of staff and resulting missing flexibility in case of urgencies (related to dredging activities).	Secure education and provision of well- trained staff in the short, medium and long term
SK 08	Frequent need to adjust fairway marking as substitution for dredging activities	Support implementation of semi-automated marking plans based on a common Fairway Management System

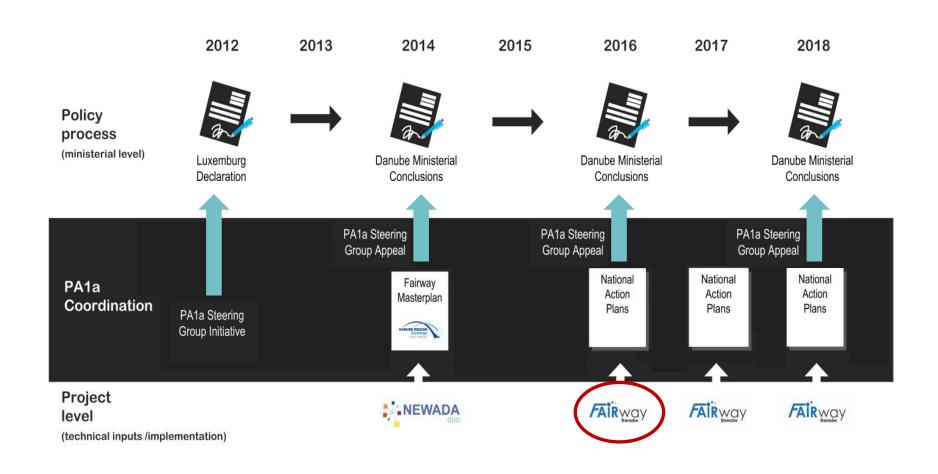




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FAIRway Danube project



Duration

5 years,

from
1 July 2015
until
30 June 2020

Budget

Total: 23,4 Mn EUR

CEF: 19,7 Mn EUR

30%

effective co-funding for AT,

85%

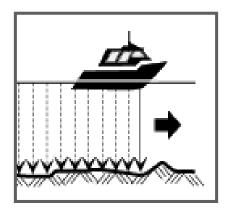
for cohesion countries





FAIRway Danube project

Data gathering

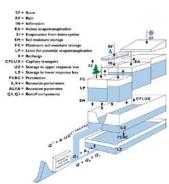


5 Surveying vessels & 39 gauging stations

Data processing and analysis Respond to data



1 transnational and 5 national Waterway management systems



Water level forecast in HU, HR, BG, RO



4 Marking vessels

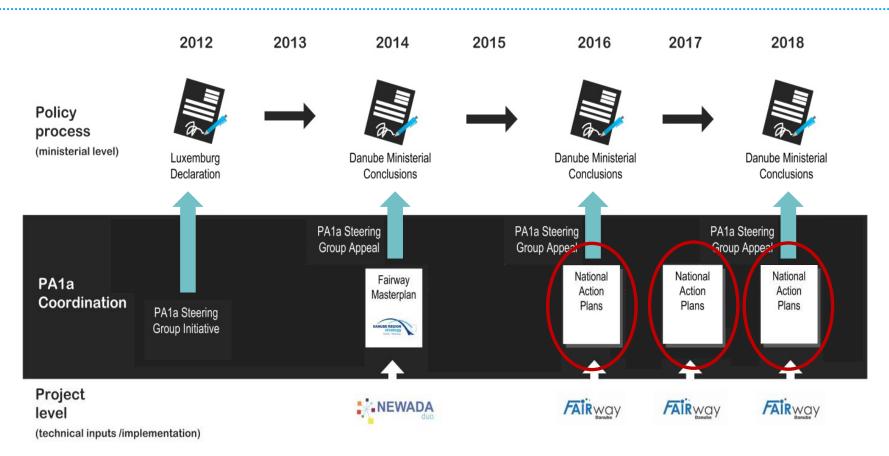




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- → monitor the implementation status of the Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan, as adopted in 2014
- → updated twice per year





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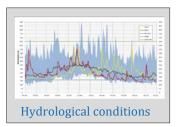
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Status and outlook on:

- situation at critical locations / fairway availability
- hydrological conditions and water levels
- rehabilitation and maintenance activities
- performed and planned activities regarding key issues
- environmental impacts
- expenditures and budget needs

















Status of the Fairway Rehabilitation & Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries

National Action Plans May 2019







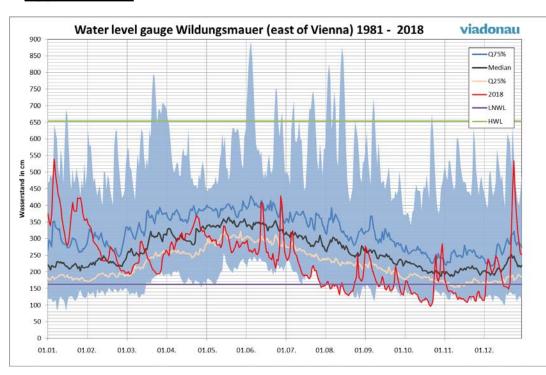




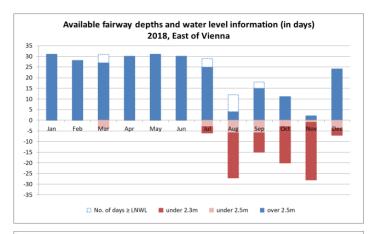


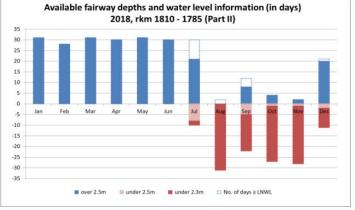
Update May 2019: Fairway availability in 2018 (I)

Upper Danube



water discharge far below multi-annual average, due to extreme heat and low rainfall

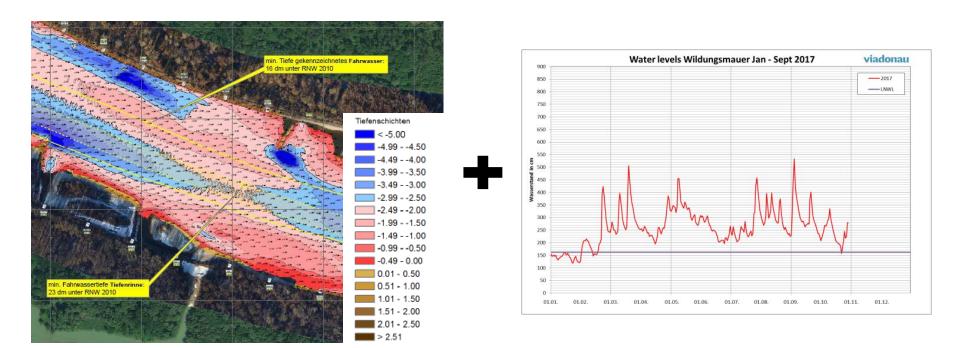








Fairway availability statistics



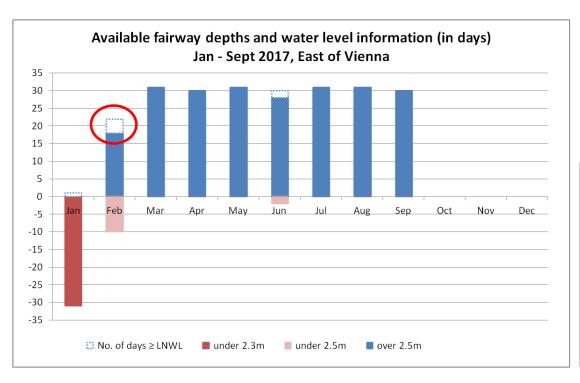
shallowest point of the surveyed riverbed in relation to the rising and falling water levels

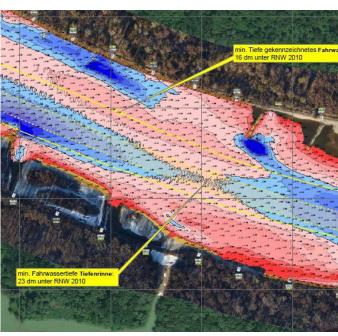






Fairway availability statistics





- No. of days on which 2.5m fairway depth would have been possible due to the hydrological conditions (No. of days ≥ Low Navigable Water Level)
- No. of days on which 2.5m fairway depth were actually achieved (or not)

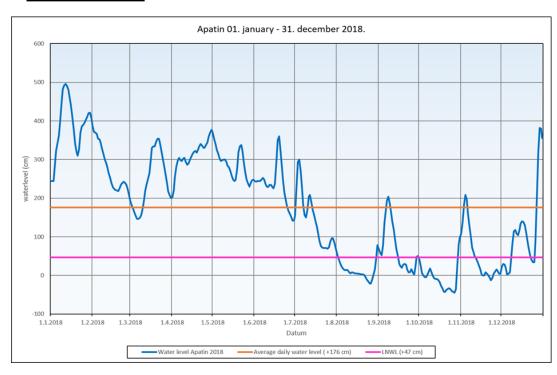




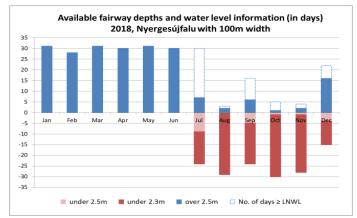


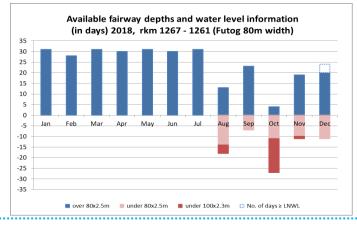
Update May 2019: Fairway availability in 2018 (II)

Central Danube



water discharge far below multi-annual average, due to extreme heat and low rainfall





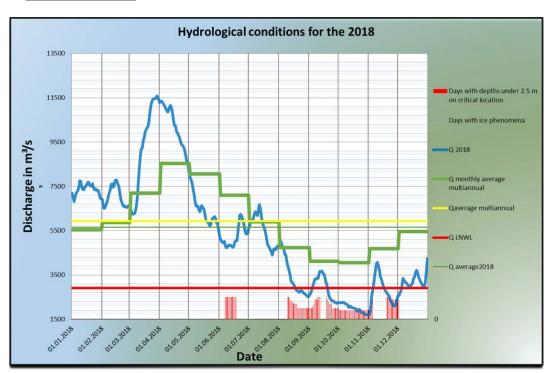




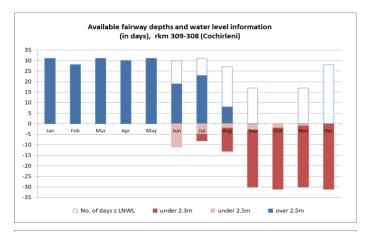


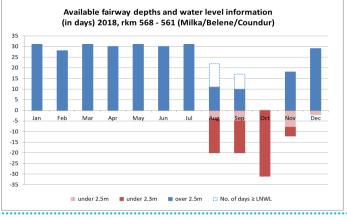
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Lower Danube



water discharge far below multi-annual average, due to extreme heat and low rainfall



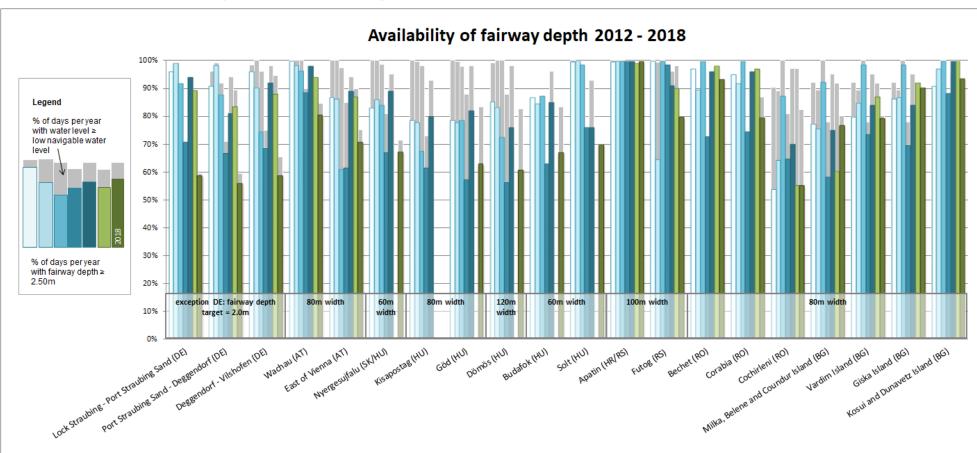








Availability of fairway depth at critical sections 2018



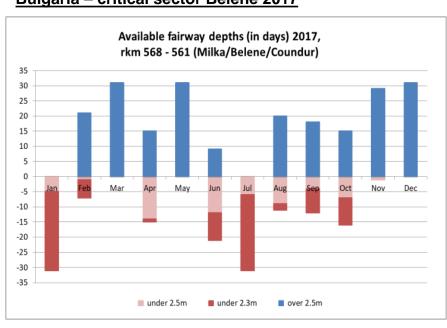




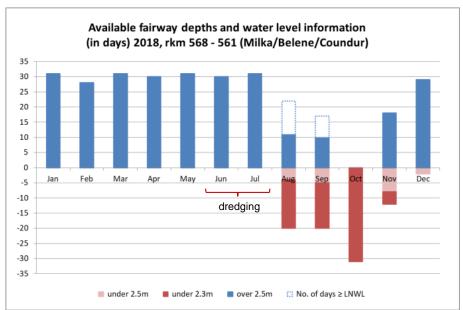


But: Improvements compared to previous years

Bulgaria – critical sector Belene 2017



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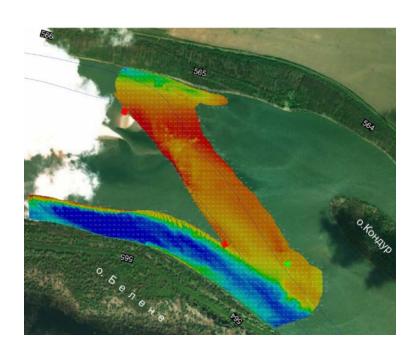
- → key issues of the Fairway Master Plan are gradually addressed
- → timely surveying and dredging, active fairway realignment

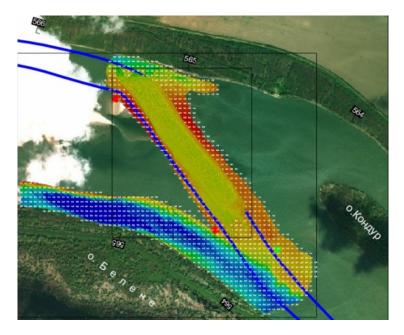






Example: Surveying Belene area (Bulgaria), before and after dredging in 2018



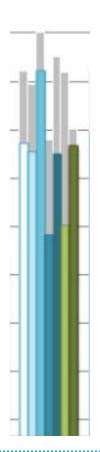








Example: Impacts of surveying/dredging in Belene area (Bulgaria)



Investments and increased activity level show effect:

- Pro-active waterway management
- Timely surveying
- active realignment of fairway
- Targeted dredging
- > Maintenance target could almost be reached despite the bad hydrological circumstances

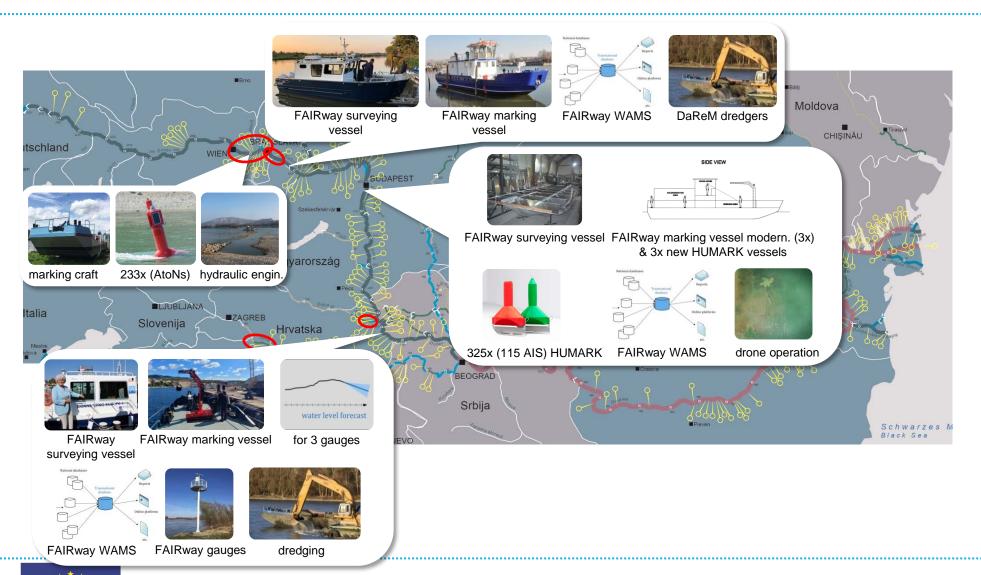




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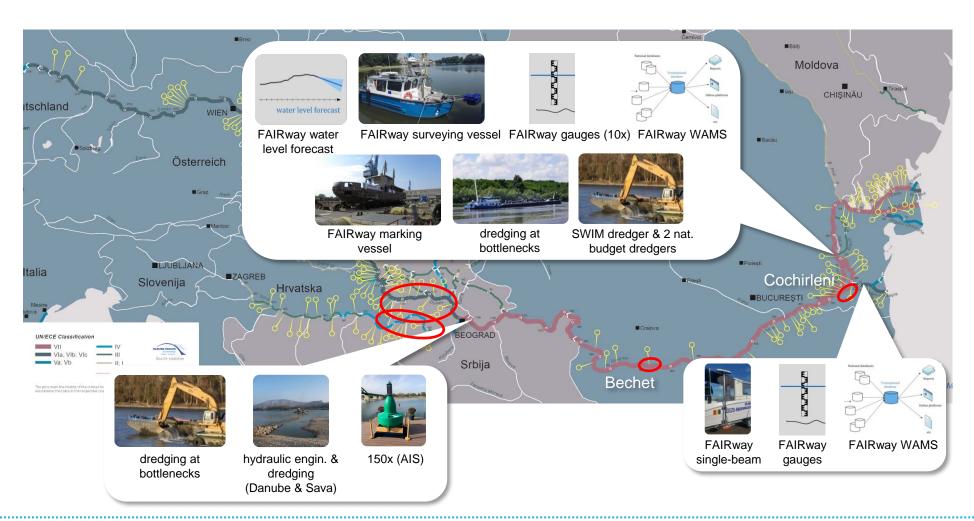
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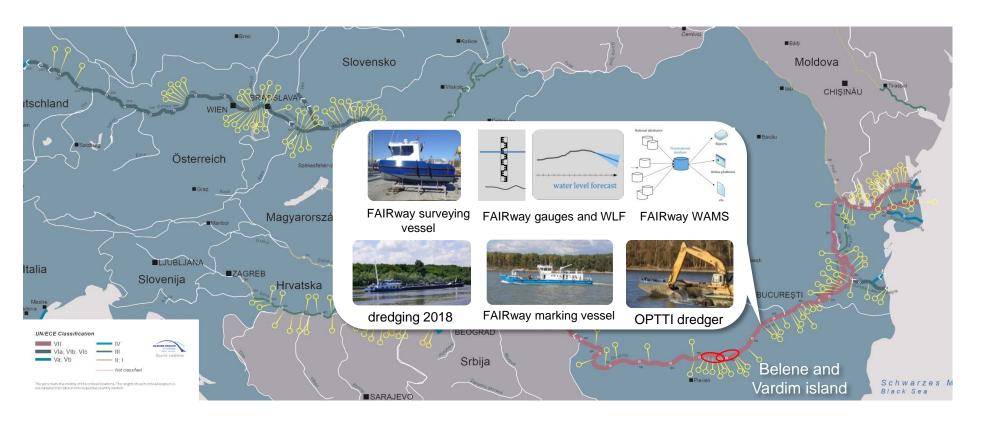


















Conclusions

- increased visibility of the navigability issues through regular National Action Plan Updates
- implementation of the Master Plan is well under way
- more budget is being allocated for the implementation of the Master Plan
- necessary to keep the current momentum

 project pipeline and (maintenance) budgets







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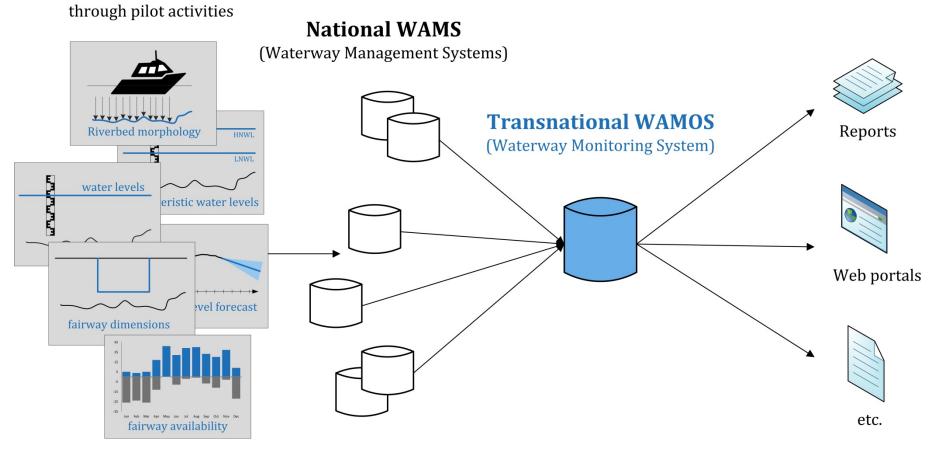
Digitalization of the Waterway within FAIRway Danube (Sub-Act 3.3/4.2)

<u>WAMOS</u> (<u>WA</u>terway <u>MO</u>nitoring <u>S</u>ystem)



WAMOS – System Environment

Improved basic data





WAMOS – Motivation & Opportunities

- ➤ Digitalization of fairway related data
- > Harmonization of basic data
 - ✓ Catalogue of required data (common data format)
 - ✓ Common procedures
 - ✓ Common documentation & reporting tools
- Compile and displaying of basic fairway data
- ➤ Analysing and evaluation of basic fairway data
- > Extract the relevant information
 - ✓ Deriving of statements (incl. budget, dredging activities, planning,...)
 - ✓ Reporting, Generation of common User Information



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WAMOS - Basic Data (Inputs)

- ECDIS layer (D4D-Portal, Datawarehouse for Danube)
 - ✓ Published ECDIS charts are available in WAMOS
 - ✓ Verification of ECDIS-charts within WAMOS
- ERDMS (European Reference Data Management System RIS-Index)
 - ✓ Static data of the fairway (incl. hectometres, gauging stations, reference waterlevels (LDC, RN, HDC), objects and referenced meta data,...)
 - ✓ Verification of RIS-Index within WAMOS
- National Waterway Asset Management Sytems (WAMS)
 - ✓ Delivery of GIS-data (incl. sounding results, fairway dimensions,...)
 - ✓ Bottleneck-Webservice (static data referenced to the bottleneck area)
 - ✓ Available FAIRway Depths-Webservice (calculation of available depths within the fairway)
 - ✓ Waterlevel Gauge Measurements (water levels according to NtS 4.0 standard)



WAMOS – Outputs I

Extract <u>Waterlevels</u> for every gauge available on the Danube (according to NtS 4.0 standard)





WAMOS – Outputs II

Extract <u>Available Fairway Depths</u> for Stretches & Individual bottlenecks (example – Vienna East – Freudenau to the border of Slovakia)





WAMOS – Outputs III – user information

