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Expert Meeting on Development of Ports and Port Operations

Topic 2.1 – Update on policy framework relevant for Danube ports

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European and national port policy - main goals of EM PORTS

- Monitor port policies of the European Union and the DC member states as well as related documents;
- Contribute to the process of preparation of port policy documents on European level, providing feedback in public consultations, information exchange with DC member states;
- Provide and exchange information among the members of the expert group on port policies, good practices in port development and port operations, in cooperation with professional organisations for the port sector;
- Facilitate and monitor studies and projects related to port development, greening and digitalization of inland ports.



European and national port policy - key documents (1)

- Different definitions of term “port” in DC member states
- The definition of "port" of the Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1084 of 14 June 2017 could be used in order to harmonize the definition of ports:
 - *"A port is an area of land and water equipped with facilities for the mooring of vessels for the purpose of cargo-handling, supply and protection. Ports provide for the reception of waterborne vessels, their loading and unloading, the storage of goods, the receipt and delivery of those goods and the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, crew and other persons and any other infrastructure necessary for transport operators in the port."*
- Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube (Danube Convention)
- European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)
- Regulation (EU) 2017/352 of the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers establishing a framework for the provision of port services and common rules on the financial transparency of ports
- European Green Deal, December 2019
- The Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy, December 2020



European and national port policy- key documents (2)

- Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 - **Revision process of TEN-T**
 - Regulation was adopted by EC on 14 December 2021;
 - The inclusion of climate change resilience topic is highly beneficial for inland ports./The revised TEN-T also does not recognize passenger transport in inland ports and the rail connections to ports are not defined;
 - TEN-T proposal was updated on 27 July 2022. On 5 December 2022, the European Council agreed a negotiating mandate ("general approach") for the draft regulation on the EU guidelines for the development of the TEN-T;
 - Aspect of Articles 21 and 22. An amendment to Article 21 has been adopted (reception facilities, degassing facilities, noise reduction measures, measures to reduce air and water pollution/reception and degassing stations);
 - The final adoption is estimated for mid of 2023, after the decision of European Parliament. It is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2024.
- Commission Notice C(2021) 5430 - Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027
 - Climate proofing will need to be demonstrated before and during implementation of infrastructure projects, at least for optional financing from CEF in 2022;
 - From 2023 onwards - call for proposal, climate proofing becomes a requirement (according to the work programme). Topic of the METEET workshop in mid 2023.
- NAIADES III – thirty five actions out of which two actions explicitly address ports
 - Study on greening of inland ports, as a European Parliament initiated Pilot study, has been contracted by EC/DG MOVE in December 2022 (Ecorys);
 - Request the European Standardisation Organisation for harmonised standards for alternative fuels infrastructure for inland waterways and ports; ES-TRIN 2025 (entry into force in January 2026);
 - The 8th NAIADES III Implementation Expert Group meeting was held on 12 December 2022. PLATINA3 project presented the position paper "Analysis to assess the need for measures to promote low/zero carbon ships".
- EU Taxonomy Regulation EU 2020/852

The first "EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act", entered into force on 1 January 2022 and sets down the technical screening criteria which must be satisfied for an economic activity to be considered as contributing to the environmental objective of climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation. A separate delegated act, which set down the technical screening criteria for the remaining four environmental objectives identified under the EU Taxonomy framework, was finalized in 2022 and entered into force on 1 January 2023. Preparation of the position paper within the project *Platina 3*.
- EUSDR Action Plan/PA1a Action 1 - Contribute to improve waterway and port infrastructure & management plan; Interreg/Danube Transnational Program 2021-2027
- EU Cohesion Policy 2021 – 2027 (L231 of 30 June 2021); Objective 3 – A more connected Europe
 - ERDF/CF Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 / ETC Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 / CPR Regulation (EU) 2021/1060
 - EU MS can submit ERDF/CF draft programs to DG Regio as from 1 September 2021
- Horizon Europe/Waterborne Transport/Co-programmed partnership „Zero Emission Waterborne Transport (ZEWT)



European and national port policy - contribution of EG Ports

- Contribute to the review of Directive 2014/94/EU on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (the AFIR) with the aim to facilitate the use of alternative fuels. On 14 July 2021, EC published a proposal on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU. Implementation of the AFIR; the greatest challenges for the roll-out of alternative fuels infrastructure for waterways and ports: issues of demand, incentives and technical regulations. The role of the Platina 3 project;
- Contribute to the amending of the Combined Transport Directive 92/106 in 2022. Close cooperation and communication with the UIRR (International Union for Combined Road-Rail Transport) and the EFIP (European Federation of Inland Ports). Planned completion of all activities is scheduled for the end of 2023;
- Support “Fit for 55 package” implementation;
- Contribute to the implementation of EU regulation on electronic freight transport information (eFTI);
- Feed into work of EC-Digital Transport and Logistics Forum (DTLF) and CESNI/TI;
- Contribute to the Rhine Danube Corridor Work Plan, 17th Meeting of the RD Core Network Corridor Forum meeting was held on 29 September 2022;
- Contribute to EUSDR-PA1a document: “Policy Recommendation on Ports Development” (initially planned for the end of 2022, still in the preparation phase).



Questions & Answers / Discussion

- Additional topics of interest
- Priority should be given to
- Next EG Ports meeting should focus / present / investigate ...
- Any other comments



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Thank you for
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