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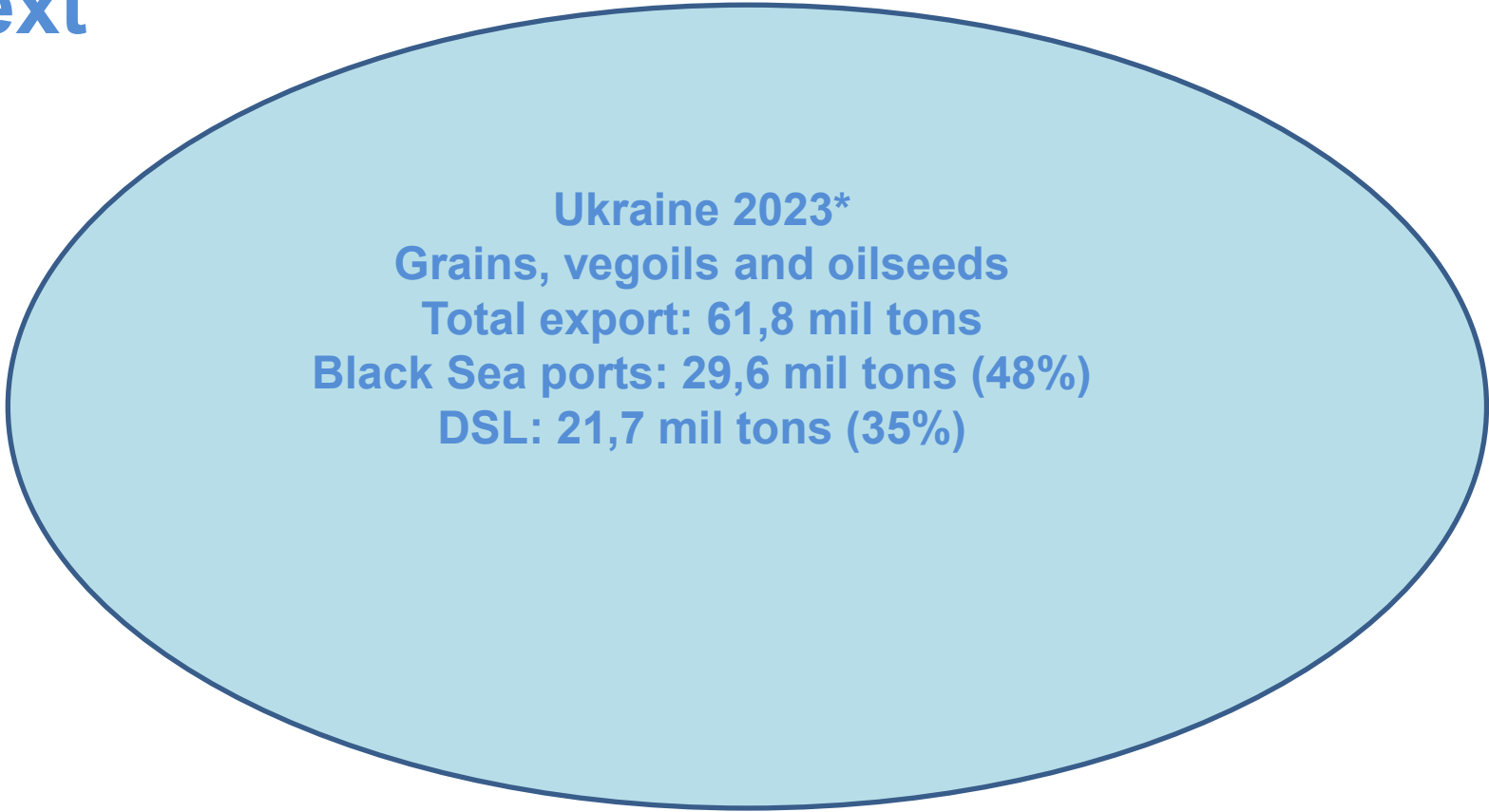
“Danube solidarity lane” – “Danube information and coordination desk”  
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## DSL in context



\*Source: UGAL



## DSL in context – facts and figures Reni, Izmail, Kylia

### Cargo turnover 2023\*

Total: 32.021.180 tons

Grain: 19.725.250 tons

Sunoil: 2.871.210 tons

### Vessels\*

Passages via Sulina:

Inbound: 827

Outbound: 2069

Passages via Bystroe:

Inbound 2240

Outbound: 1289

Vessels operated (incl barges): 14.031

\*Source: USPA



## DSL in context – facts and figures

### Sulina Channel traffic 2023\*

- Inbound: 1632
- Outbound: 2657
- % Ukraine via Sulina
  - Inbound Ukr: 50,7%
  - Outbound: 77,9%
  - Total: 67,5%

### Constanta grains traffic (2023)\*\*:

Total grains Constanta: 36 mil tons of which:

- 14 mil tons Ukrainian grains (39%)
- 8,4 mil tons (60%) by barges

\*Source: AFDJ

\*\* Source: APMC



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## DSL– activities(Sulina)

### Support AFDJ in increasing vessels traffic on Sulina Canal

#### **Statistics:**

June 2022: 10-12 movements/day

March 2024: 20-22 movements/day

#### **Actions taken:**

- Improve traffic management with a number of organisational measures on the side of all relevant authorities
- Increase of number of pilots by AFDJ and improvement of cross-border information flow USPA-AFDJ

### **Assisting in setting up an EU funded project “PRIMUS” for investment in canal infrastructure:**

- Acquisition of technical vessels
- Acquisition of fairway signalisations system (buoys/lamps)
- Acquisition of Pilotage Portable Units (equipment and software)
- Acquisition of Support System for pilotage service
- Acquisition of an application for electronic bathymetric charts



## DSL– activities (Constanta)



- Support APMC and Port community to facilitate cargo flows from Ukraine
- Permanent contact with port operators updating the current situation and challenges in the traffic.  
One to one and port community meetings
- Identification with the port community of the main bottlenecks
- Addressing the identified challenges to the authorities and administrations
- Modification of submitting of Discharging permits for barges carrying Ukrainian grains
- Regular meetings with the authorities (ANR, Customs) and administrations (APMC, Black Sea Danube Canal Administration, Customs)
- Promoting to the authorities measures and plans for improvement of traffic:
  - E-queueing for trucks (implemented since November 2023)
  - Barge traffic Management (in progress)
  - Installation of 1-2 mooring areas in the inner roads for ship to ship transshipment (project phase)



## DSL– activities (Danube ports)

- Support APDM and Port community to facilitate cargo flows from Ukraine
- Permanent contact with port operators in Giurgiulesti, Galati and Braila updating the current situation and challenges in the traffic. One to one and port community meetings
- Promoting the activity of the Moldavian and Romanian river-maritime ports to the Ukrainian business community (UGAL and trading houses)
- Identification with the port community of the main bottlenecks
- Addressing the identified challenges to the authorities and administrations





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## DSL– activities (match making and assistance)

### Market

1. **Creating contact lines among different market players: traders, port operators, shipping companies for creating new business lines or improve existing ones in relation with Ukraine**
2. **Facilitating, advising and solving operational issues on the logistics chains connecting or connected to Ukrainian ports**
3. **Keeping market players updated with new cargo flows and operations on Black Sea Corridor**
4. **Tracking market trends and promoting Danube Corridor to attract and increase new transport capacities**
5. **Advising shipping companies and port operators in connection with cargo flows to/from Ukraine**





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## DSL– activities (Removing admin barriers)

**Facilitate arrangements with Border Police, Customs and Port Control at BCPs in Galati, Constanta and Isaccea: increase the number of inspection teams, reducing waiting times for controls**

**Abolishing Phyto-sanitary controls at borders for transit cargo (grains) coming from Ukraine. Activities carried out in close cooperation with EC DG Move and market stakeholders**

**Modification of submitting of Discharging permits for barges carrying Ukrainian grains**





## DSL - Next steps: coordination activities

- Regular clearing meetings with relevant authorities to work off the identified problems and those which will occur in the practical implementation of logistics chains:
- Continuation of facilitating potential logistics chains using identified locations by organising dedicated stakeholder meetings (online and physically in Romania)
- Regular meetings with EC/DG MOVE/UA and RO authorities for:
- Regular on-site meetings in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine
- Facilitate better fairway maintenance on entire Danube to safeguard fleet capacity (DC Expert Group meeting 28/29 February with waterway administrations)

**Thank you for your  
attention!**

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