



Development potentials for the Danube region (biomass & inland waterway transport)

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Targets of PA1a

- Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020
- Solve obstacles to navigability and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2020
- Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries by 2020
- Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2020
- Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020





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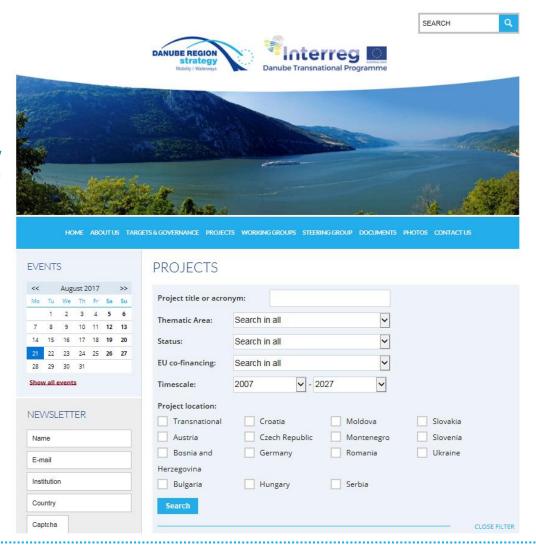
Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



EUSDR PA 1a online project database:

www.danube.navigation.eu/projects

101 projects in total









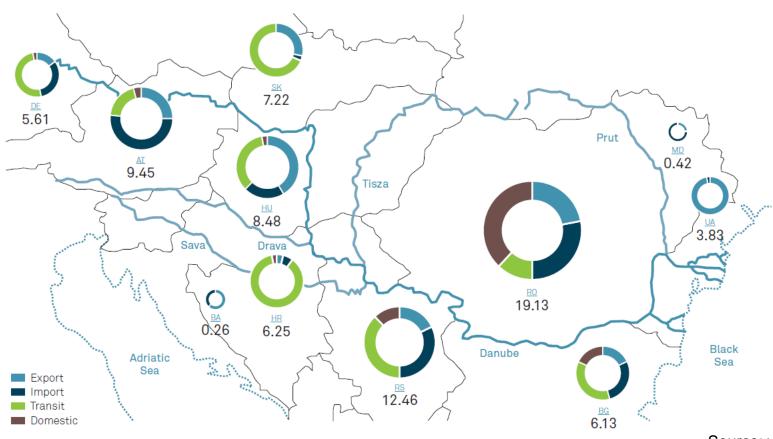
Target 1 Increase cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020

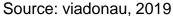






Transport volumes Danube 2017: 39.3 mln tons











Transport volumes still behind expectations

- EUSDR Priority Area is concentrated on the improvement of framework conditions for a stronger market share of Danube navigation:
 - fairway conditions
 - fleet modernisation
 - port network
 - River Information Services
 - qualified personnel
 - reduction of administrative barriers
- EUSDR PA1a strongly welcomes projects such as ENERGY BARGE that actively look for new markets for Danube navigation!







Target 2 Solve obstacles to navigability





Fairway conditions on the Danube - background

- Logistics waterway users need stable fairway conditions and a continuous level of service
- 7 EU Member States / 3 non-EU Member States: Waterway rehabilitation and maintenance is and will remain a national responsibility
- Budget decisions and operational measures are ultimately taken (or not) at national level
- The quality of the Danube corridor is as strong as its weakest link



Corridor approach in waterway maintenance is essential!







Achievements related to improvement of navigability

- Strong partnership and cooperation among waterway administrations and stakeholders
- 2. Definition of common levels of service and work plans
- 3. Successful interplay between policy and project level
- 4. Up-to-date fairway information for waterway users







1. Strong partnership and coordination among waterway administrations and stakeholders

- Network of Danube Waterway Administrations (NEWADA) operational as a driving force since 2009 (SEE)
- EU-Strategy for the Danube Region: Austria (bmvit and viadonau) and Romania (Ministry of Transport) have been coordinating Priority Area 1a (Waterways) since 2012
- European Commission (DG MOVE/DG REGIO) set and retained
 Danube waterway maintenance high on the political agenda







2. Definition of common levels of service and work plans



Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan

- Initiated in April 2014 by Danube Region Strategy (Priority Area 1a) in cooperation with the NEWADA duo project
- Prepared in close cooperation between PA1a, the European Commission and the Danube waterway administrations
- Endorsed by the majority of Danube Transport Ministers in 2014, 2016, 2018



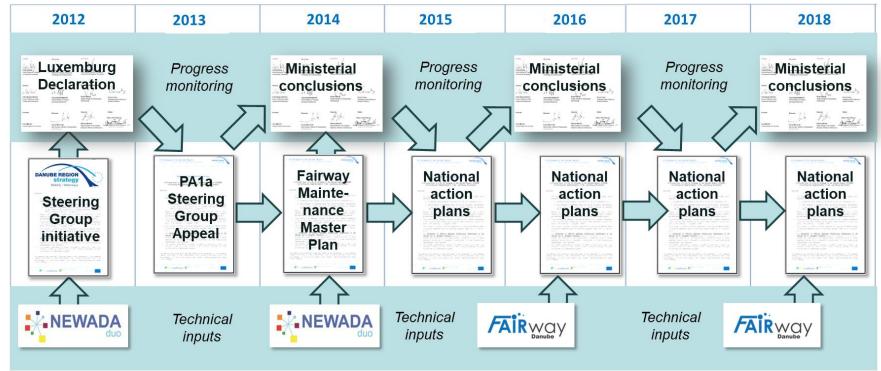


3. Successful interplay between policy and projects

Policy level

Priority area coordination

Project level



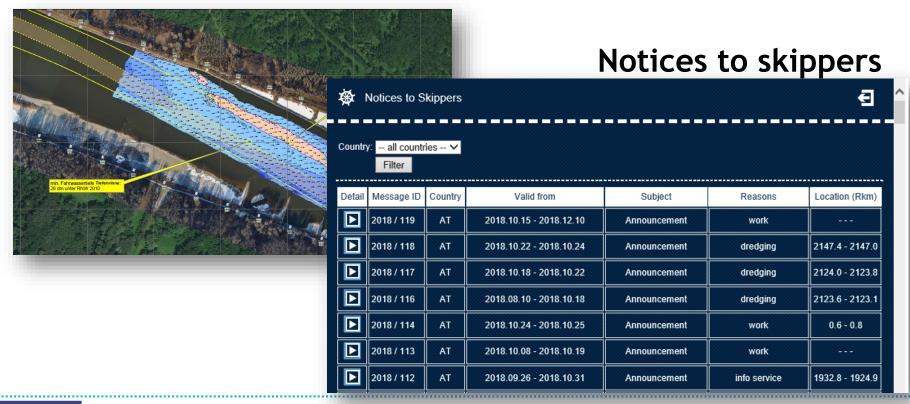






4. Up-to-date fairway information for waterway users

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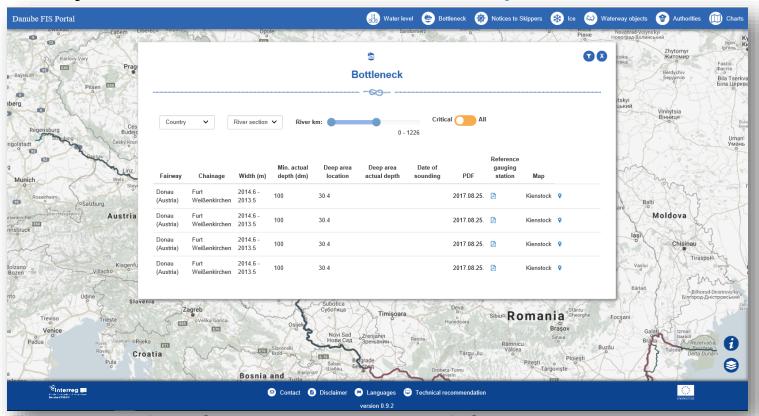








Easy access via <u>www.danubeportal.com</u>



Relaunch of portal planned for summer 2019







Target 3 Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports







Status regarding multimodal port terminals in the Danube corridor

- There are approximately 70 ports along the 2.414 km length of the navigable Danube
- Partly obsolete port infrastructure and out-dated equipment
- The Rhine-Danube Corridor include 19 core ports, all are inland waterway ports except Constanţa and Galaţi, which are both inland waterway and maritime ports.
- In terms of multimodal connections, all of the core network ports have road and rail connection but of varying quality in terms of number of lanes and capacities







Needs regarding multimodal port terminals in the Danube corridor

- Danube Transnational Programme:
 - Project platform allowing the elaboration of a transnational strategy for Danube ports and targeted actions to improve the functioning of Danube ports:
 - creating the legal instruments and methodologies facilitating port investments by the public and the private sector
 - increasing the service level for port users and prepare ports for development projects
- Structural Funds and Connecting Europe Facility:
 - Investment opportunities in ports infrastructure and multimodal connections







Achievements to develop multimodal port terminals

- Activities in PA1a mainly focused on project support activities:
 - PA1a issued 8 letters of recommendation for port-related projects
 - PA1a project database includes 28 projects, of which 18 are in preparation phase
- Investment projects for ports along the Danube have been monitored by means of the Rhine-Danube Corridor work plans
- Actual implementation of the projects is however largely beyond the control of the priority area







Working Group on administrative processes







Common characteristics of the border control procedures along the Danube



 Complicated and long-winded procedures with numerous control forms to be filled out by ship crews



SIMPLIFICATION

 Missing coordination across the Danube riparian states: differences in legislation and law enforcement



HARMONISATION

 Multiple submission of the same data as most of the documents have to be provided in paper form



DIGITALISATION





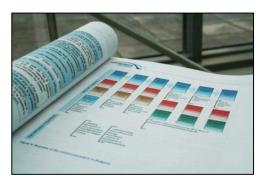


Updated practical manual for border control procedures along the Danube



Overview of practical information on border controls along the entire Danube, describing current practices and procedures:

- steps of the control process including control forms
- detailed information on specific control points
- opening hours, contact information of control authorities, place of controls etc.



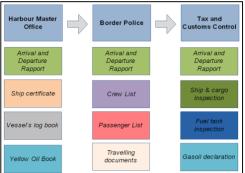




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Release

Publication of the updated Practical Manual on the EUSDR PA1a website:

<u>www.danube-navigation.eu/wg-6-administrative-processes</u> (please feel free to distribute it further).







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Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)



First set of harmonised forms

- Arrival and departure report
- **Crew list**
- **Passenger list**

Implementation on national level prepared by the joint working group

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- Investigate/specify embedding of harmonised forms in River Information Services
- Define a pilot system as joint activity of PA1a/PA11 in cooperation with RIS COMEX (http://www.riscomex.eu)
- Specify system architecture for pilot implementation in the year 2020



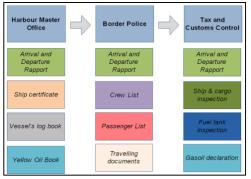


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Opportunities generated by ENERGY BARGE







Cargo-specific focus initiatives on transnational level (1)

ENERGY BARGE supported the EUSDR Priority Area 1a in

- specifying the modal shift objectives of PA1a in more detail
- introducing a cargo-specific approach in order to answer the following questions:

What are the logistics requirements of potential customers in the biomass and bioenergy sector?

How can Danube logistics services be promoted in this sector? Which cargo and transport routes are most promising?







Cargo-specific focus initiatives on transnational level (2)

ENERGY BARGE supported the EUSDR Priority Area 1a in

- involving potential customers of inland waterway transport services and logistics service providers (via project events, B2B meetings, bilateral meetings)
- initiating pilot investments and new business contacts to develop new transports in this promising market segment
- facilitate know-how exchange between supply and demand in the field of Danube logistics







Conclusions and outlook

ENERGY BARGE as good practice for future initiatives

- further cargo-specific focus initiatives for other markets and segments
- market-neutral platforms between industry and logistics sector
 - definition of logistics requirements
 - exchange of know-how and good practices
 - initiation of new transports and contacts







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