GREEN DANUBE

Integrated transnational policies and practical solutions for an environmentally-friendly Inland Water Transport system in the Danube region





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Background

NAIADES II => smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for the inland waterway sector contributing to the Europe 2020 strategy.

Coordinated action of the sector and public authorities at Member State, European and international levels is needed.

Green Danube aims to contribute to *better integrated* and coordinated policies targeting at further development of inland waterway transport while limiting negative impacts of the transport system on the Danube ecosystem.





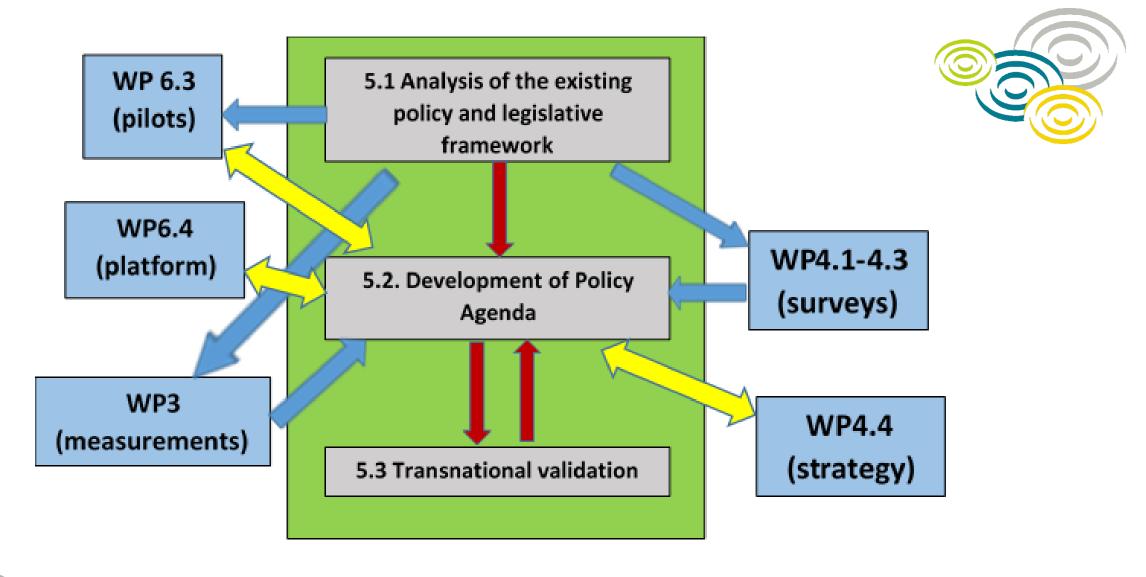


Objective



- The main objective of this work package is to elaborate a **Policy Agenda** that provides recommendations for policy orientation, integrating key project conclusions into the existing EU, national and regional policy and legislative framework.
 - (1) the findings of specific project activities, such as air emissions assessment; analysis of green technologies; the strategy for emission reduction; experiences with setting up environmental information centers and transnational pilot actions and campaigns;
 - (2) a targeted assessment of existing policy and legislative framework;
 - (3) validation with relevant stakeholders.







5.1 Analysis of the existing policy and legislative framework 05/2017-12/2017



Targeted mapping, scanning and analysis of existing EU, regional and national policies and legislative framework that have relevance for Inland Waterway Transport with an aim of providing an extensive knowledge base to develop a Policy Agenda. This will cover among others the following elements: development directions of various policies, trends, drivers, obstacles, and comparison of policies across countries in order to identify key similarities and differences, prospects for future policy development, inconsistencies, overlaps, gaps in policies and legislative framework, stakeholders' roles and responsibilities.

The analysis will provide a comprehensive overview and a synthesis of the information gathered and reviewed with an overall aim to ensure a firm basis for the development of the Policy Agenda.









- EU level scanning of documents will be performed by REC and CER.
- National level mapping and scanning will be carried out based ona template by CER for Romania, REC for Hungary, PDM for Austria, BDCA for Bulgaria, CRUP for Croatia, DCC for Serbia and DST for Germany.
- The scanning will be complemented by targeted interviews with key stakeholders.
- Analysis aiming at the synthesis of the information gathered will be coordinated by REC.





Preliminary scope for policy scanning



Transport policies

Energy and climate policies

Air quality policies

Green economy, ecoinnovation, resource efficiency policies Environmentallyfriendly IWT system in the Danube Region Nature conservation policies

Water policies

NAIADES-II

Danube Strategy



5.2 Development of policy agenda on integration project outputs into existing legislative framework 12/2017 – 06/2019





- Based on the findings of project activities and of the task WP 5.1 a Policy Agenda will be developed. The PA will present recommendations for policy directions, measures, actions and steps that integrate project results into the EU policy landscape.
- (1) areas in need of further development and (2) potential solutions.
- The PA is planned to address the following themes: challenges and opportunities for the IWT in the Danube region, emissions control, green technologies, transnational dimensions, information exchange and sharing, safety aspects, governance approaches, awareness raising, new pathways to act on supporting sustainable Inland Waterway Transport.



5.3 Policy Agenda transnational validation 08/2018 - 06/2019

- The draft PA will be discussed with relevant stakeholders on a validation workshop in all participating country and will be finalized after it has been presented and discussed on an International Policy Workshop.
- Responsibilities for the one-day national workshops in the 7 participating countries: CER for the Romanian, REC for the Hungarian, PDM for the Austrian, BDCA for the Bulgarian, CRUP for the Croatian, DCC for the Serbian and DST for the German event.
- After the national validation workshops, the updated version of the Policy Agenda will be presented on an International Policy Workshop (in Szentendre, Hungary). The main aims of the event are to prioritize identified actions, and to discuss the way forward and the means needed to ensure that recommendations are taken up.











