

PILOT OPERATION OF THE DANUBE PORTS NETWORK



MAJOR OBJECTIVES of DAPHNE project

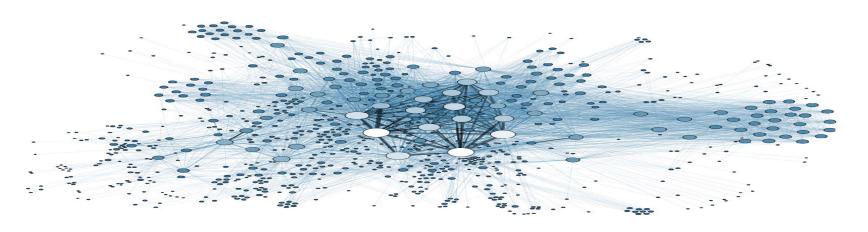
- Know-how transfer for a common Danube port development strategy;
- Inter-sectoral & transnational cooperation for better port services;
- Innovative IT solutions for the Danube Port community;





This network allows the transnational cooperation of the Danube community and it is a real-life test for the know-how transfer within the region.

THE DAPHNE PROJECT DELIVERS IT AS THE DANUBE PORTS NETWORK PLATFORM!





This permanent working platform for ports not only facilitates the know-how exchange between its members but also promotes and makes use of a set of jointly elaborated guidelines and recommendations that will be made available to more than 60 ports in the region.





6.3.PILOT OPERATION OF THE DANUBE PORTS NETWORK



The implementation of the DAPhNE project will result in improved collaboration in the Danube region between public & private port sector representatives, facilitated by top management & decision support tools designed to promote and further advance IWT transport and to consolidate the position of the ports as ecofriendly multi-modal hubs.



6.3.1.Initial Danube Ports Network meeting;

- The initial meeting of the Danube Ports Network Organisation is planned for February 2018;
- At the event the members can jointly decide on the yearly work program and the best approach to implement it;
- By that time a draft work plan will be available for consultation and amendment at the meeting;
- PDR will be the coordinator;
- The participants to this meeting are: EHOO, iC, APDM, MPAC, OUC,MT, BPICo, PAV, ILR, HFIP, VPa.s, Giurgiu, PoV, CTE, DANLOG, MTITC, PGA.



6.3.2 Danube Ports Network yearly work plan

- It lists the items to be done at network level during one year;
- The SK & RS PPs will participate in the trial operation of the Danube Ports Network Organization and will supply feedback to the draft work plan;
- To promote the interests of Serbian & Slovak ports, these PPs will attend all events planned in 6.3 & will encourage national stakeholders to get involved in the network.



6.3.2 Danube Ports Network yearly work plan

- Another key task of the network is the planning and implementation of two types of biennial events: Port Policy Days & the Port Info Days;
- The Port Policy Day is designed as a workshop allowing more than 60 Danube ports to discuss policy and management issues and also to exchange information on current projects & innovative technologies applied;
- One such event is foreseen to be organized in Vienna in September 2017 and another one in Constanta in April 2019;



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- The Port Info Day event is meant to promote Danube Ports as logistics & services centers and it allows the transport users & industry representatives to connect and create synergies.
- For a greater impact at regional level it was decided to integrate this event into the Munich Logistics Fair organized in May 2017 & 2019.

These events will be attended by the DAPhNE PPs, but national & international stakeholders will also be invited to attend.



6.3.3. Danube Ports Network Survey

PDR will suggest a draft for the survey to be applied to the network members. The final version will be agreed with the PPs involved in this activity.



The survey will be used to collect feedback allowing for a better organization & functioning of the network.



6.3.4. Monitoring report for the pilot of the Danube Ports Network;

- This document includes the results of the survey and also lists the suggestions from the members in order to improve the performance of the network overall.
- PDR will coordinate the survey process, will collect the documents and will elaborate the monitoring report for the pilot run of the Danube Ports Network.



Danube Ports Network will continue to function as a permanent independent entity whose main role will be to facilitate the communication between parties & to organize events with the purpose of strengthening the ties between the port community.





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