### **DAPHNE Kick-off**

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## What is EFIP?

- Was created in 1994
- Represents around 200 inland ports in 16 countries of the European Union, Switzerland, Serbia and Ukraine
- The unique voice of inland ports in Europe
- An important information network for and about inland ports
- A "promoter" of inland ports

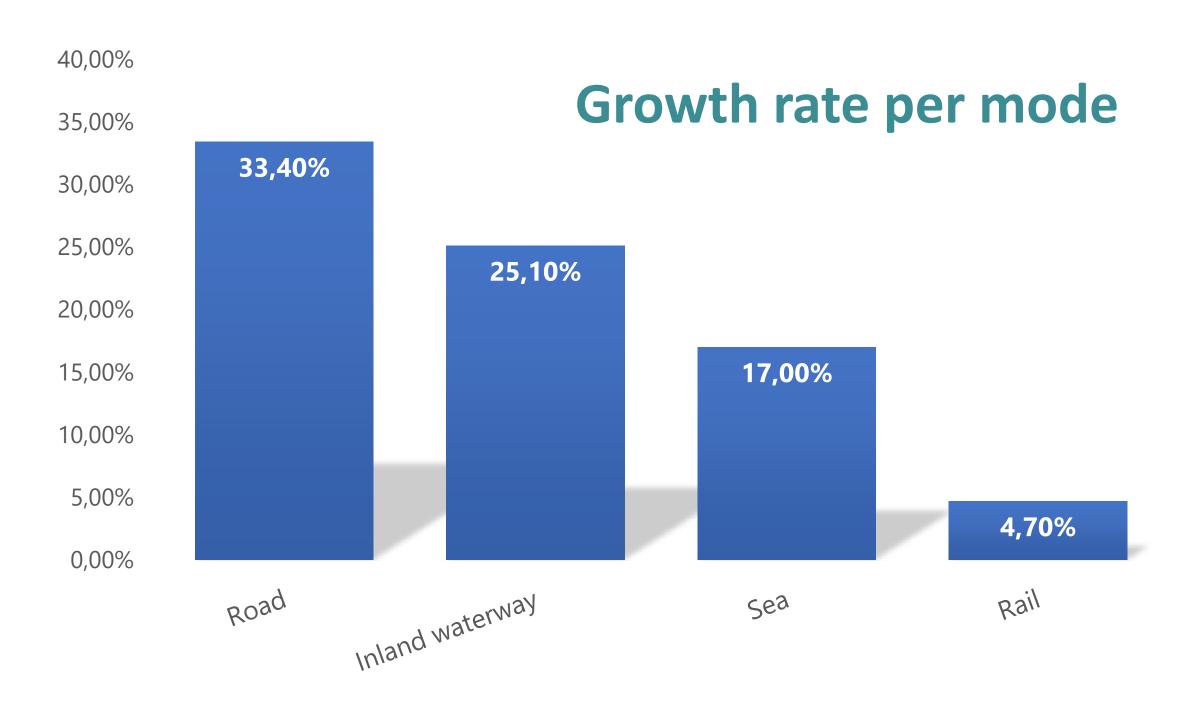


# Main challenges towards 2050!

- EU population living in urban areas by 2050 expected to grow from 74% to 85% pressure on spatial planning in inland ports
- Globalisation 80% increase of freight transport mega ships
- Cost of congestion rise by 50%
- Digitalisation of logistics/ lacking data (real-time traffic and forecasting)
- Greening of transport/ sustainability objectives (Paris agreement)
- Economic prognoses: stagnating drybulk/ container transport new economy/markets: circular economy, bioeconomy...
- ➤ EU aims to have CO<sub>2</sub>-free city logistics by 2030
- EU aims to shift 30% of long distance freight traffic from road to rail and IWW by 2030



















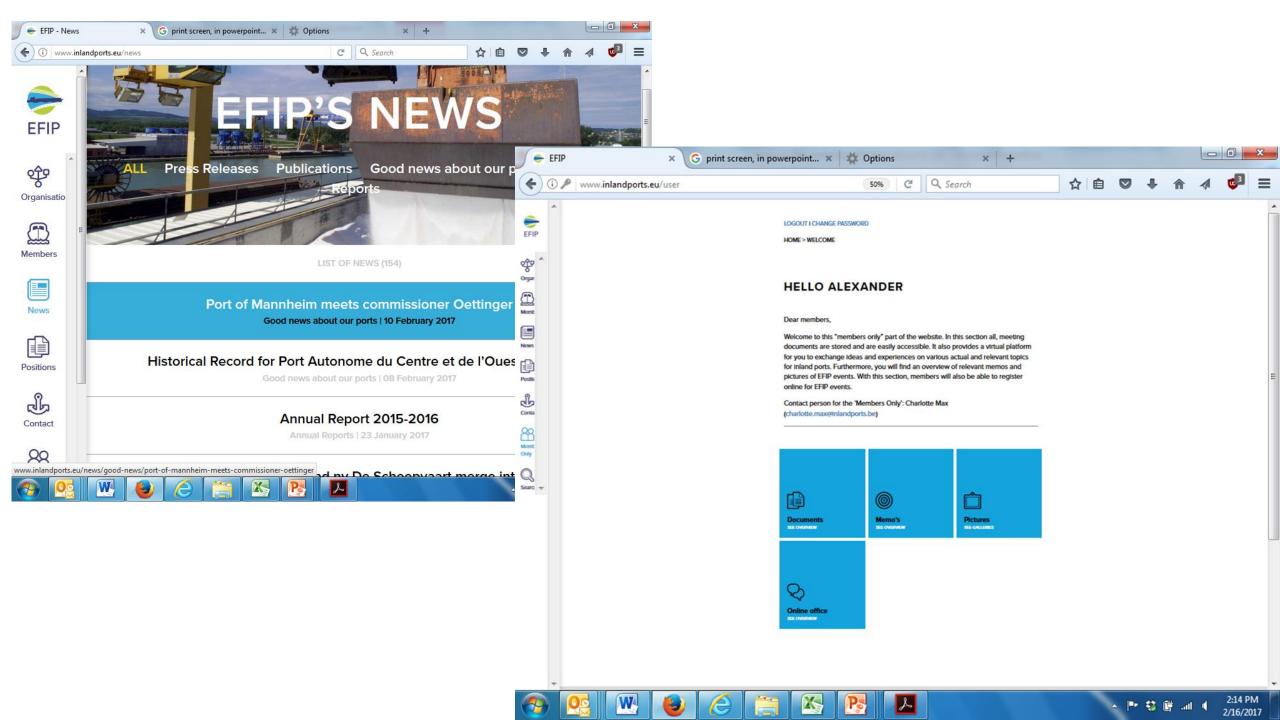




# Danube – top priority for EFIP

- Development of the Danube region top-priority for EFIP
- 8 of the 10 Danube countries represented in EFIP
- Strong voice towards EU-institutions. Together with EBU,INE, ESO, EFIP requested a ministerial meeting on the Danube, 20 June 2016
- DAPhNE is the type of bottom-up (pilot) projects the EU needs -> EFIP is an alliance!
- EFIP underlines the potential of Danube ports as nodal hubs and cost-effective logistics and centres for regional development
- Cooperation could stimulate the absorption rate of EU-funds and will lead to a better positioning on the EU level.







## What is needed?

#### From the sector:

- Innovative ideas (barges, logistics concepts, tools for cooperation) upscaling
- Change of mind-set: from a pure land port to a supply chain port
- Land-use planning reflecting logistics and the needs of inland ports
- High quality infrastructure, in particular good multi-modal connections
- Active engagement with potential customers/ PPS investments
- Strategic approach helping relevant industries settle in the port

#### From the EU:

- Appropriate financial framework to support the role of ports in TEN-T
- Burdenless regulatory framework for the sector (NRMM, State aid, etc.)
- Policies supporting combined transport (rail connections, Single wagon load services, IWW-friendly access of seaports, etc.)
- Reliable framework conditions for investments/state aid



