

Pro Danube International (PDI) Lead Partner



Pro Danube International (PDI/Pro Danube) is a non-profit association representing over 130 companies with strategic interest in a more efficient Danube transportation system. PDI advocates improvements in the waterway infrastructure, initiates projects for port development and fleet modernization and promotes the abolishment of administrative barriers. PDI is able to unite a critical mass of private and public stakeholders to improve the regulatory framework of IWT and launches projects to support economic growth and creation of jobs in the Danube region. PDI staff has ample expertise from relevant previous projects listed in chapter 2.3.1.5. PDI is observer to the EUSDR PA1a Steering Group and interacts directly with EU institutions as well as other international

stakeholders. It defines and carries out policy actions like the initiative on better fairway conditions and acts as a strong voice of the Danube sector vis-à-vis policy makers and media. PDI recently launched the “Green Deal for Danube river transport”, a policy initiative that received significant appreciation from the private sector and the EU Commission Services. The Green Deal represents a policy instrument which provides a coordinated framework for joint private and public actions to improve efficiency and eco-performance of IWT.

Pro Danube is contracted by DG MOVE for the roll-out of the European Inland Barging Innovation Platform (EIBIP) project to establish and operate the Innovation Transfer Centre for Danube IWT – INDanube. Synergies are already identified between INDanube and the DAPhNE project. Furthermore, Pro Danube was invited to the series of the NAIADES Implementation Meetings, whereas the opportunity will be used to disseminate the actions and results of DAPhNE and to exchange know-how and experiences on the European level that will be beneficial for the Danube region.

PDI is the lead partner for the DAPhNE consortium.

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www.eibip.eu