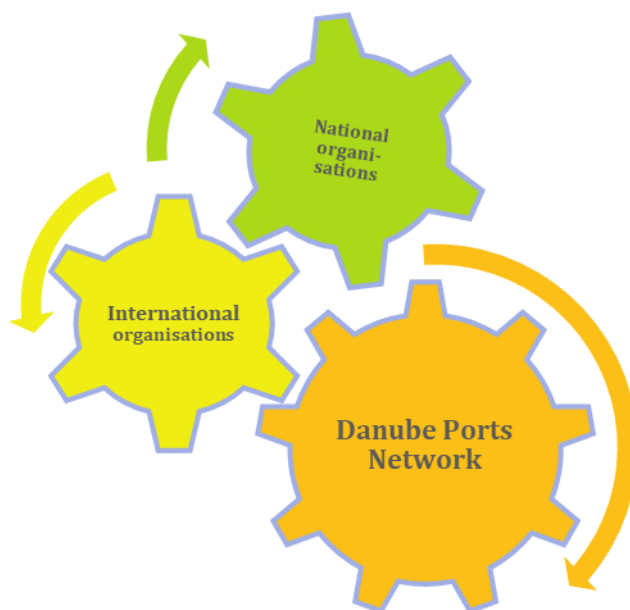


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### Port Strategy and Network (WP6)

The Danube Ports Network Platform is one major achievement of the DAPhNE project. This independent entity is meant to be a **permanent communication channel** amongst the members of the Danube Port Community and will enable the promotion, use and further dissemination of the deliverables, outputs and results of the DAPhNE project. Progress was achieved in the setting up of this network, in particular with the organization of the **Initial Meeting of Danube Ports Network** on 15 February 2018, in Galati, Romania.



As a preparatory step in setting up the Network, a SWOT Analysis on Danube Ports is being prepared by the project partners. This document will point out the issues that IWT and maritime ports are faced with and will serve as an important input for the Port Development Strategy & Action Plan.

The following elements participating to the setting up and enlarging of the Danube Ports Network which are currently under elaboration are:

- Electronic database of the members of the network
- Bylaws
- Financial model and Business plan
- Yearly work plan
- Website of the Danube ports network

The **business plan** together with the bylaws and the **yearly work program** will contribute to the elaboration of the Concept for the Danube Ports Network, which is a major output of the DAPhNE project.

To contribute to the development of the envisioned Danube Ports Network, two types of biennial events are implemented within the project framework, namely: Port Info Day and Port Policy Day who are designed to promote the Danube Ports Network and the DAPhNE project activities. A first edition of these events already took place in 2017, and a second edition will take place in the second half of 2019 in Constanta, Romania