

## **DAPhNE – Project progress by Work Packages** Annex to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Electronic Newsletter

### **Dissemination activities (WP2)**

DAPhNE partners are actively organising public events and participating at relevant conferences or workshops, meaning to promote the project and to collect valuable input for the project activities under implementation. In the last six months, the two most notable events organised by the consortium were the Port Policy Day (October 2017, Budapest) and the Initial meeting of the Danube Ports Network (February 2018, Galati). Besides of that, most partners attended the EUSDR Annual Forum (October 2017) and several events in Europe such as Danube Transport Day at the European Parliament (November 2017, Brussels), [Hamburg International Conference of Logistics](#) (October 2017, Hamburg) and Setting the course - inland navigation in 2050 (October 2017, Duisburg). Also, a set of promotional materials have been produced and started to be distributed.

#### **Project Events**

The [Port Policy Day](#) which was held on 18 October 2017 in Budapest brought together 50 experts from the Danube port community (port authorities/administrations, port operators), IWT stakeholders, representatives of ministries of Danube States and of European Commission services relevant for port governance/port policy as well as of international organisations including financial institutions. In a workshop atmosphere, the participants discussed current and forthcoming policy issues of strategic importance for the development of Danube ports (funding options, state aid schemes, etc.).

The [Initial meeting of the Danube Ports Network](#) took place at Galati, on 15 February 2018 with the active participation of all project partners. The event's goal was to discuss the purpose, mission, vision, structure and next steps for setting up the envisioned Danube Ports Network (DPN), as well as to ensure its functionality and sustainability after the finalization of the project.

#### **Participation in conferences**

The DAPhNE project partners participated at the 6th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region which took place on 18-19 October 2017 in Budapest. Under the title 'A secure, connected and prospering Danube Region',

the Forum emphasised the different challenges related to, and perspectives of, energy security, transportation development, clean connectivity issues and financing opportunities. The DAPhNE partners took part also in the EUSDR Priority Area 1A / DTP Pole 7 capitalisation session on 19.10.2017, where the progress on the DAPhNE project was introduced.

On 23 November 2017, Pro Danube International together with MEP Ana-Claudia Tapardel organized the second edition of the “[Danube Transport Day](#)” in the European Parliament, an event dedicated to the promotion of Danube transportation as vital element of the economic development of the Danube region. The event brought together representatives from the European Commission, from the European Parliament, from the Danube States, high-level industry leaders as well as more than 70 experts and stakeholders with a dedicated interest in the Danube navigation. Representatives of the DAPhNE consortium actively participated in this very important event for the IWT sector.

### Promotional materials

Besides the events, the DAPhNE consortium have produced a set of promotional materials such as brochures, pens, umbrellas, selfie sticks, roll-ups thermoses and calendars and started to distribute them among stakeholders.

