

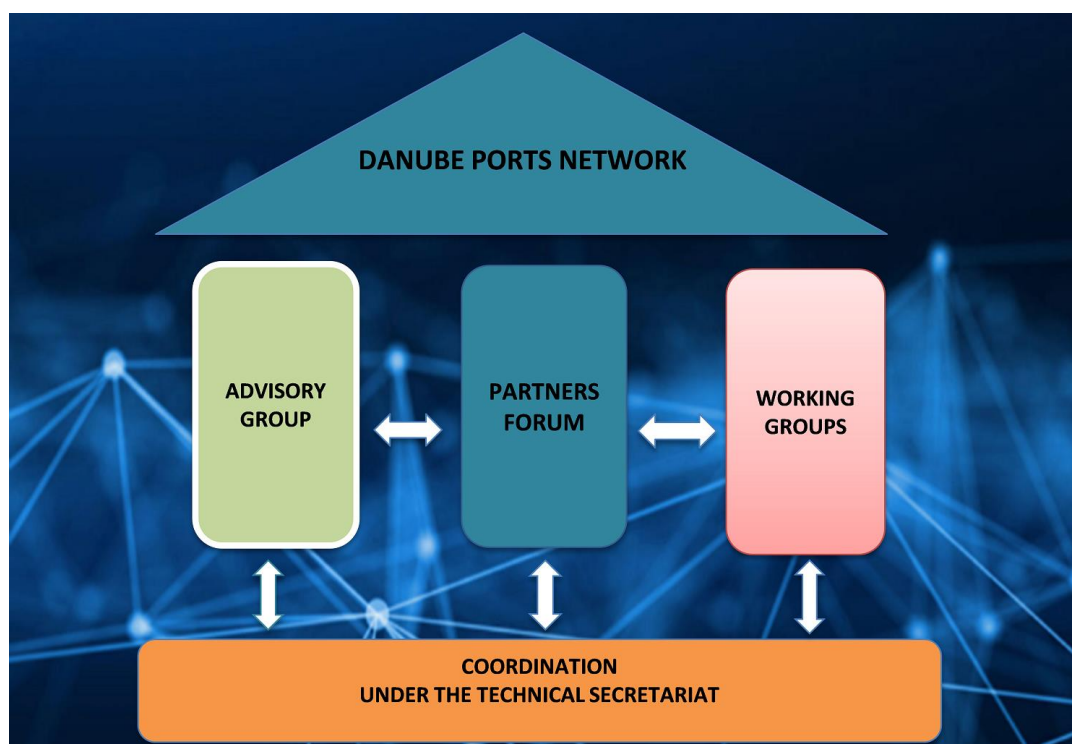
DAPhNE – PROJECT PROGRESS OVERVIEW

Annex to the 4th Electronic Newsletter

Important news coming from the project partners involved in the development of the Danube Ports Network

During the second Steering Committee meeting which took place on 26th of September 2018 in Enns, details about the recently launched Danube Ports Network were presented and agreed upon. The Danube Ports Network (DPN) is a new actor in the Danube Region's Port Governance System. Launched in June 2018, it acts as a regional coordination and collaboration platform involving public and private Danube port organisations.

This permanent working platform for ports, namely the Danube Ports Network, 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**.

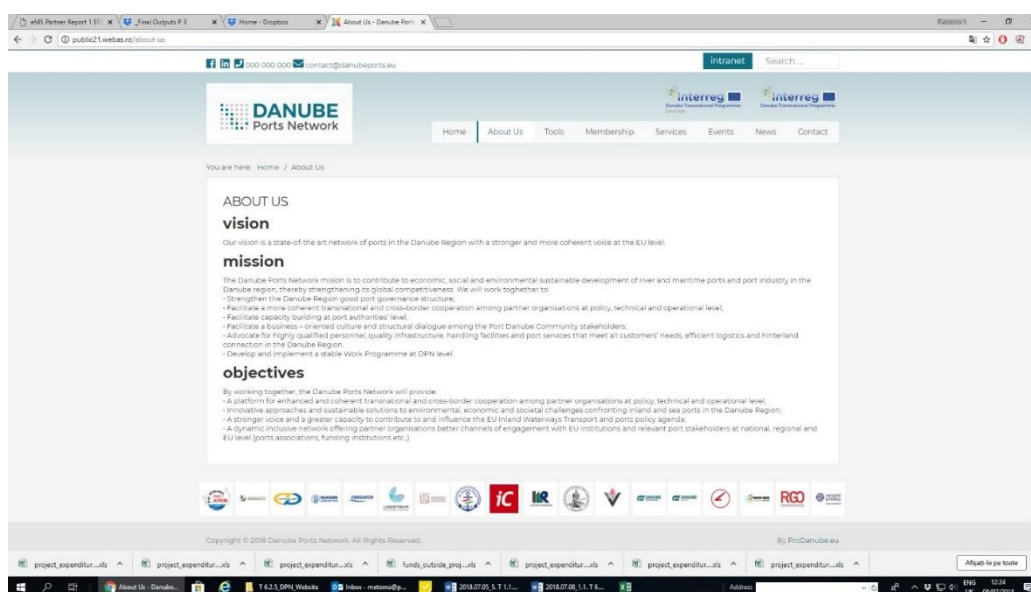


In terms of governance, the DPN is neither an Association nor a Society – which are formal membership organizations requiring registration, more complex decision-making processes etc., but rather a Network, which by definition is a less formal setting bringing together Partners and not Members. However, the Network requires management & coordination. Its governance structure, decision-making process, modus operandi & partners roles & responsibilities are governed by a Cooperation Agreement which shall not bind partner organizations or their staff to any financial or other liability without further formal documentation.

Among the services offers, DPN takes pride for:

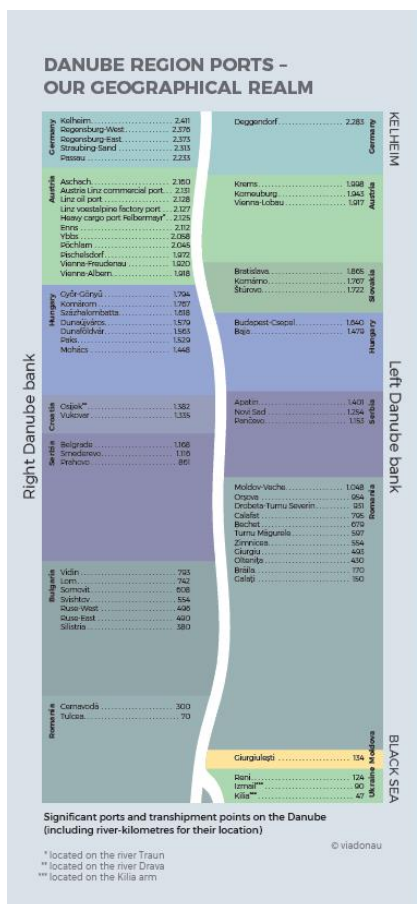
- Developing & implementing common interest projects & strategic initiatives,
- Initiating port policy & network awareness activities,
- Fostering active cooperation, strategic alliances & partnerships to benefit the network,
- Facilitating network collaboration & support activities.

To promote the Danube Ports Network at regional level, a website www.danubeports.eu was created, thus allowing interested parties to also join the network via online subscription.



The website of the Danube Ports Network is the one of the main means of communication that the network will have to promote itself and its activity and to keep in touch with its members.

So far, the initial DPN brochure has been released giving more information on matters such as partners, work focus, advantages of being a partner, etc. This brochure can be accessed [here](#).



JOINING THE DANUBE PORTS NETWORK

Implementing and consolidating the capacity of the Danube Ports Network will require continuous and sustained effort from all its partner organisations.

Get involved. Join the Danube Ports Network

Are you a public or private port organisation or terminal operation entity in the Danube Region and willing to become a network partner?

Join us.

Please complete and submit your application to the Technical Secretariat for review at:

<https://danubeports.eu/join-the-network>



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DANUBE Ports Network

The Danube Ports Network concept has been initiated within the framework of the 'DAPHNE - Danube Ports Network' project (January 2017 - June 2019). It provides a response to the need for a more coordinated and ambitious collective action to a range of sectoral and societal challenges increasingly impacting upon Danube Region's ports good governance & competitiveness.

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