



## DANUBE PORTS NETWORK

DPN OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT

10 April 2019, Vienna



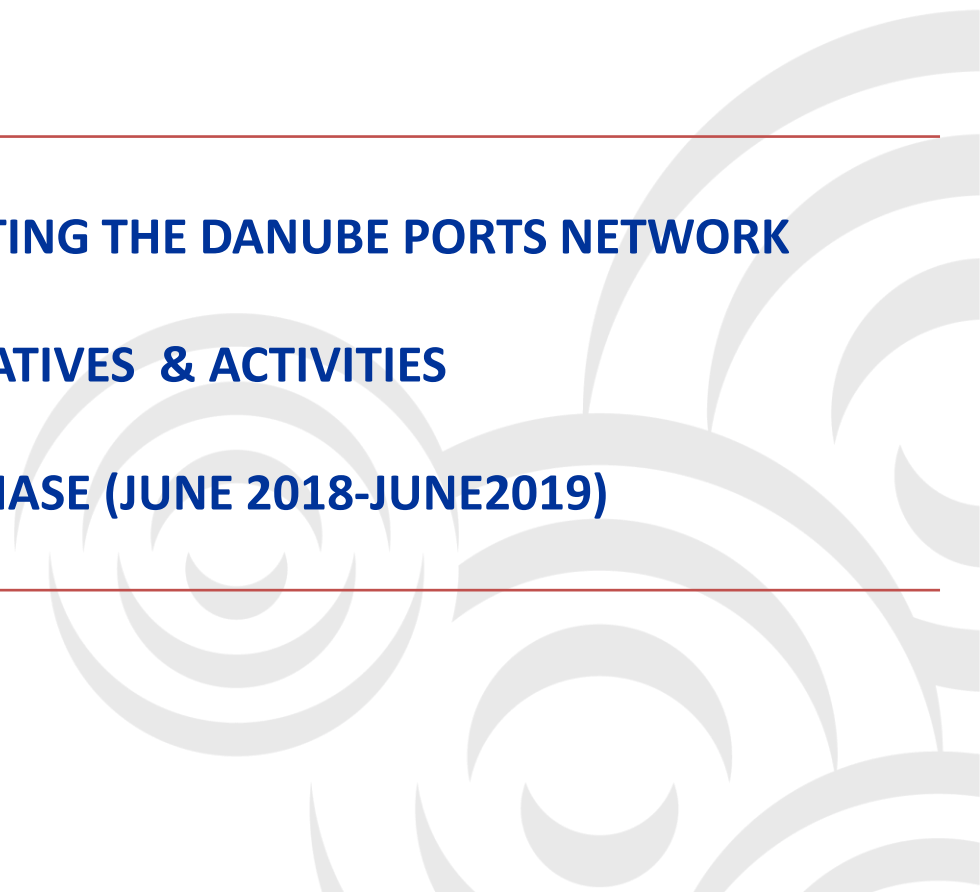
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## **BUILDING & CONSOLIDATING THE DANUBE PORTS NETWORK**

### **KEY INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES**

#### **PILOT ACTION PHASE (JUNE 2018-JUNE2019)**

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### DANUBE PORTS COOPERATION WITHIN A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Key driver: necessity of transformation in the Danube Region's port sector
- DPN has the potential to be an excellent mechanism for economic, environmental and social transformation in the Danube Region's port sector.
- With good management, strategic guidance, good will and determination, DPN shall achieve more than single port organizations' approaches.

**DPN emerging as a new actor in the Danube Region port governance system.**

**A stronger voice &  
greater capacity**

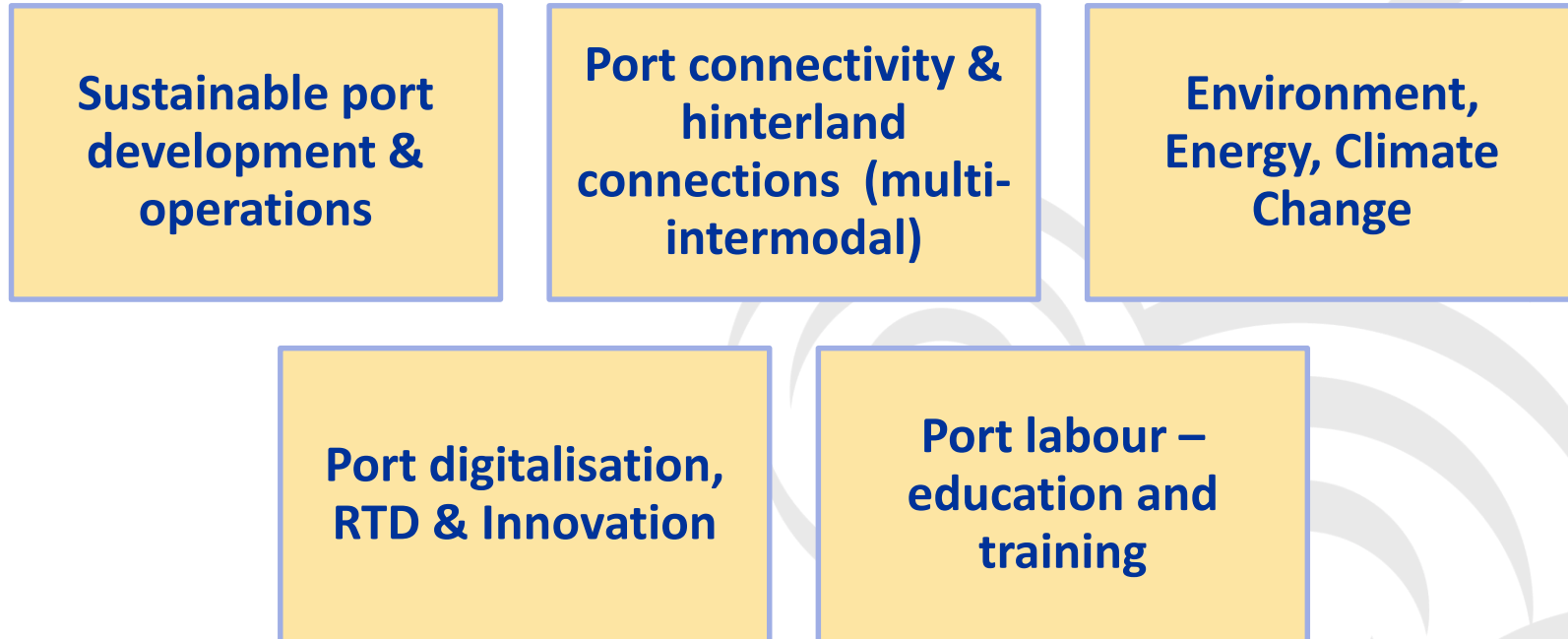
**Knowledge creation  
& dissemination**

**Enhanced reach out  
to key stakeholders**

**Project-based access  
to financial support**

**A well - coordinated  
cooperation  
platform**

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### COMMON INTEREST PROJECTS & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

- Identifying & accessing funding opportunities;
- Common interest projects initiation;
- Project implementation & Coordination services;
- Monitoring port technologies & business trends;

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### PORT POLICY & NETWORK AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

- Public policy advocacy
- Cooperation, Strategic alliances & Partnerships;
- Awareness & port policy dedicated events;
- Representation & contribution to external events & initiatives.

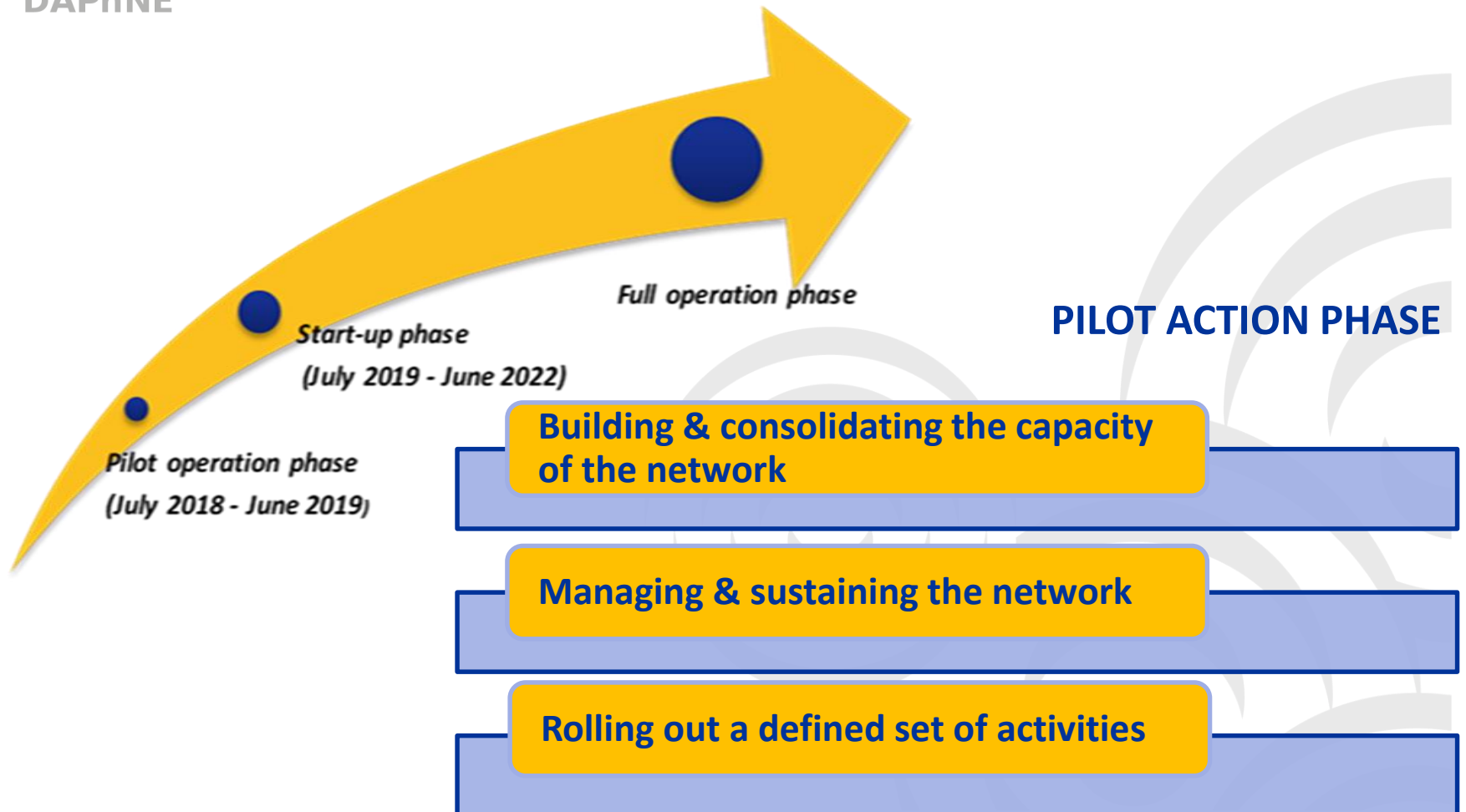
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### NETWORK COLLABORATION & SUPPORT

- Facilitate knowledge creation & transfer;
- Thematic events (study visits, workshops);
- Policy briefings & Information services;
- Network meetings & thematic support.

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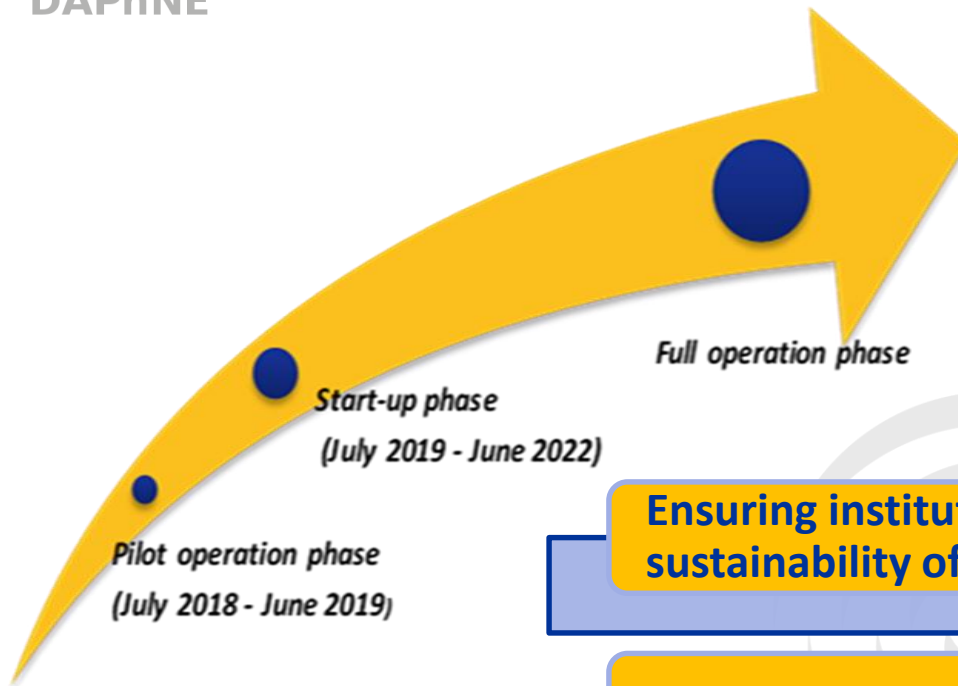
## MAIN FOCUS OF DPN WORK



- DPN Strategic Partnership formalised (7 Letter of Commitment signed )
- DPN governance structure operationalised
  - DPN Advisory Group elected
  - DPN Technical Secretariat's set up
- DPN Financing Model and a Business Plan elaborated
- Concrete steps towards awareness creation :
  - Introductory meetings with strategic stakeholders: professional organisation (EFIP), EU Policy makers (EC Services: DG MOVE, DG REGIO), EU Funding agencies: INEA, DTP etc.)
  - 10 April, 2019, Vienna -- official launch event of DPN
  - 11 April 2019, Vienna -- first DPN know-how transfer event dedicated to port digitalisation



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## MANAGING THE TRANSITION

**Ensuring institutional & financial sustainability of the DPN**

**Planning for the longer term**

**Delivering tangible and practical results.**

## **Delivering successful projects – moving from plan to action**

- Initiation, development & implementation of common interest projects & activities
- Strengthening DPN Secretariat human resource capability
- Planning for the future:
  - Long-term resourcing
  - Strategic planning, including a indicators and measures to track progress and impact
- Securing strong engagement of partners



**EEA and Norway Grants Fund for  
Regional Cooperation  
(2014 - 2021)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Call for proposals - CONCEPT  
NOTE PHASE**

## **Sustainable management and operations of Danube and Black Sea Ports – Phase I**

### **Project Objectives**

- To develop a permanent Environmental Management System (EMS) in several Danube ports, as well as at least two Black Sea ports (public port administrations and private port operators);
- To integrate the EMS into the organization's Management Information System (MIS) as element of the Business Strategy;
- To reduce the negative environmental impact of port activities & improve living and working conditions;
- To strengthen cooperation between public & private entities active in the port area in order to include the port stakeholders into the port's environmental improvement activities, etc.

### Integrating Danube Region into Smart & Sustainable Multi-modal & Intermodal Transport Chains – DIONYSUS

#### Project objectives:

- To integrate the Danube Region into smart and sustainable, multi-& intermodal transport chains of cargo and passenger flows;
- To align port investment needs, multi-modal access infrastructure and transport connections to port hinterlands with transport infrastructure and regional development plans;
- To enable and reinforce the impact and capitalisation of the Danube Ports Network (DPN).



INTERREG/DTP – 3rd Call – Stage 1  
Project Start Q1/2020 if selected

that should help to keep the Network on track when the going gets tough...

**Golden rule 1 - BUILD ON SHARED VALUES**

- **because successful collaborations are values-driven**

**Golden rule 2 - BE CREATIVE & FLEXIBLE**

- **because every DPN Partner is unique**

**Golden rule 3 - BE COURAGEOUS**

- **because every partnership & collaboration involves efforts & risks**

**Good Luck to us in making the DPN work successful !**

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**Thank you for your attention!**