

WP 5 – Port Development

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"First Steps towards the digitalisation of Danube Ports"



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DAPhNE project - WP 5/ Port Development - OVERVIEW

The goal was to provide a comprehensive package of the issues to be approached jointly in order to help compensate the unbalanced development level between the Upper Danube ports and the other river sections which have been planned:

- 1) Act 5.1: focus will be on the means of stimulating upgrading of port infrastructure & industrial development (= 1st Pillar).
- 2) Act 5.2: will target the issue of financing port investments as expected via public private partnership (= 2nd pillar).
- 3) Act 5.3/5.4: dealing with innovation, two activities have been planned: a modular port community system (act 5.3) and innovative markets (act 5.4) (= 3rd Pillar).
 - study visit to port of Antwerp
 - input collection for technical specification of a PCS (from pilot users)
 - model architecture for PCS
 - development of pilot-moduls of a PCS and pilot actions testing in 4 ports (Enns, Bratislava, Smederevo, Novi Sad)
 - pre-feasibility studies for (sea-)ports in Romania



"Major Challenges for digitalisation in inland waterways"

The capacity of the data transfer might not be enough if the needs to transfer data increase dramatically > 5 G?

River Information Services are available within the national jurisdictions, but the data is not shared across boarders > and even not with the users in the countries > 3rd step of RISCOMEX, open to business users (ports & shippers)

The lack of sophisticated scheduling of vessels in the ports leads to the fact that ships inefficiently rush to port and then stand by offshore waiting for a mooring, which makes the last part of the journey extremly slow > really?

A technological issue for waterborne transport that is less of an issue for landbased industry is that the availability of connectivity, related infrastructure and authentication is often limited > "Smart inland ports will have intelligent information systems that collect & distribute data for the (CORE) operations of a port." Project co-funded by European Union funds (ERDF, IPA)



Ennshafen - the reasons to become part of the pilot

Ennshafen CONNECT We connect the region to Europe.

SUPPLY We supply to people and businesses.

UNITE We unite expertise.

modern port (founded in 1976) / 3,5 mio squaremeters, port & 2 great industrial businessparks, top container terminal (hinterland terminal),

PPP - public private partnership > port company & authority + 10 transhipment companies

infrastruktur mainly built in last 10-20 years > camera system (analog > now digital) for berth management & control, AIS-transponder (stand alone), transhipment papers from several parties, shore side electricity supply with an automatic system (remote control and setting system), ... great experience in software for container terminal > outsourcing of business

NOW/FUTURE: focus on core port process of water transhipment –but only this process step, not the behind processes (much better software is availabe – not typical port processes)



What is a "PCS"?

Port Community System (PCS) is an electronic platform that connects multiple systems operated by a variety of organizations within a port area. PCS manages, optimizes and automates port and logistics processes through a single submission of data and connecting transport and logistics chains. It enables intelligent and secure exchange of information between port community members.

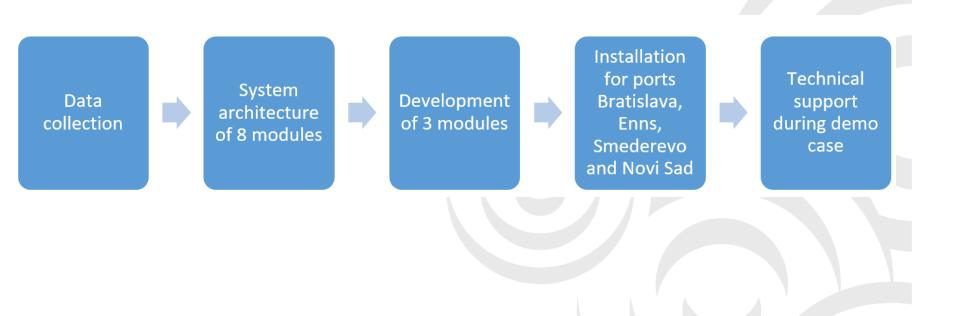


Benefits:

- optimizes port processes by digitalizing them:
 - reduction in administrative workload (instant delivery of information, repetitive data input reduced, data input errors reduced/eliminated)
 - planning of port operations supported
 - storage allocation supported
 - berth allocation supported
- smart and secure data exchange (designated port actors have access to predefined data fields, administrator setup)
- status information and control, tracking and tracing of vessels and goods
- integration with other systems
- statistics records.

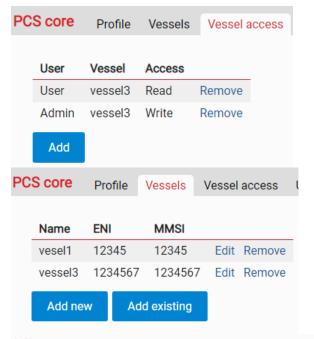


Steps taken:



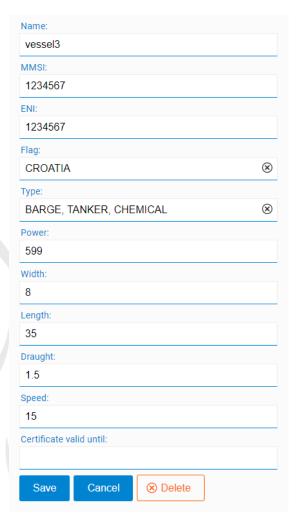


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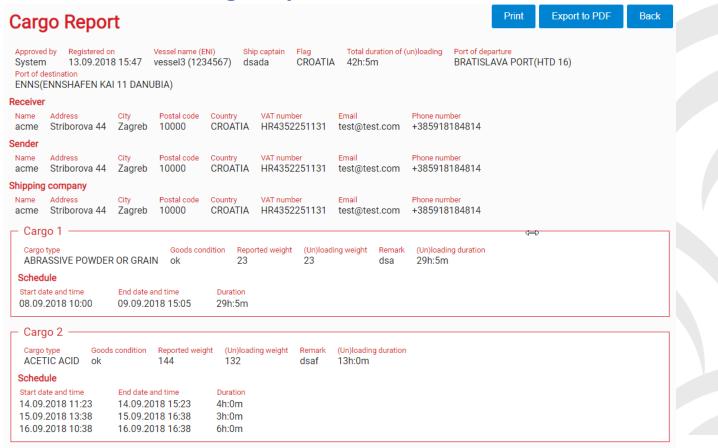
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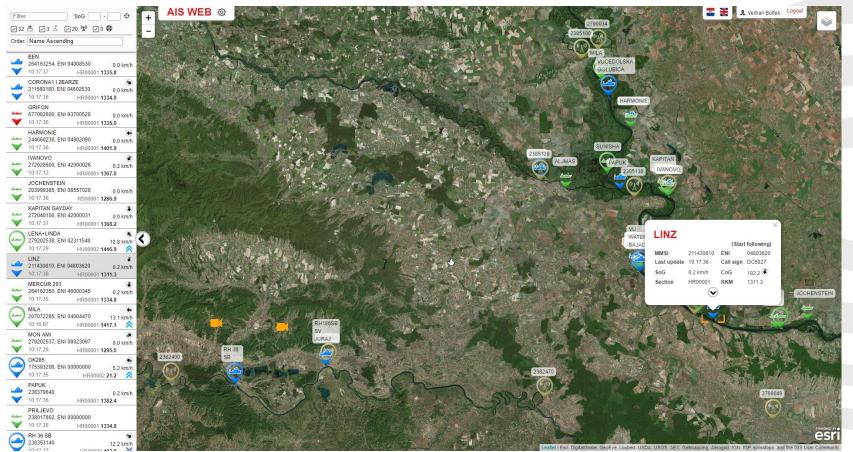


Cargo module – View cargo report





Tracking and tracing module





Lessons learnt for a system provider

Port digitalisation is a complex process on multiple levels:

- legal (data sharing, privacy restrictions on national and international level, GDPR);
- corporate (private entities are always restrictive of their information, such as pricing, transport volumes, cargo types, routes, income, costs etc.)
- operational (business processes between different port actors are often different)
- technical (the preparation phase should be extensive, development work needs to be supplemented by a long period of tailoring and adjustments once the users start working with the application);
- usage complexity (proper digitalization of processes requires many functionalities which complicate application in respect to number of actions to be formed and complexity of data input, and finding ways to optimize application interface to be efficient for usage is usually a continuous effort, tailor made)
- strong dedication from the future user in the specification and the testing phase is essential



Lessons learnt for a pilot user (= PORT)

"a lot of effort was necessary for debugging / necessary modifications / server problems / data security reasons / AIS-signal providing / private parties are very restrictive / … - but this is just ordinary for implementation of programs like this"

"good and huge basic work has been done for PCS modules development in general, but making the PCS operational and suitable for real daily business means a lot of further work and improvement and especially taylor-made adoptions for each port or industrial site"

"less is more – concentrate on the real port specific process and don't get into other processes (not port specific processes), where much better software is already available on the market – let's focus on our core port business!!"



Next steps & further plans

- the results of the pilot work are a good basis (= technical software document / technical specification details / tests of masks and interfaces) we are spending work on this item now and in the future because digitalisation can bring better performance for port processes
- in future the product development should be done on a taylor-made port specific basis, but the general shape should have a minimum of common procedures for outside users as e.g. captains of a vessel, ...
- ➤ actually: we are preparing the next steps regarding server installation, technical solutions for connetion of existing technical equipment with modern coupling devices (camera system, AIS receiver, WLAN-hotspots versus internet, ...) AND detailed process analysis and ideas of our clients regarding user friendly masks, input lists, ... USER FRIENDLY PRODUCT IS A MUST!!!
- core module & data security / cargo module / tracking & tracing (berth management)
- > "topic is still hot" and work on it must be an ongoing agenda > DIONYSUS and CEF-calls are the next concret actions it is not a question of "why" it will be a "must" due to strongly increasing significant importance of digitalisation in everyday business"



Tank you for your kind attention!