



Coming together is the beginning

Working together brings the progress

For the Danube Ports Network, the completion of the DAPhNE Project marks the end of its pilot action phase (June 2018 - June 2019) and the beginning of the start - up phase (July 2019 – June 2022).

At this stage we are evaluating our progress and building upon our past achievements, we are moving forward confidently into the next DPN's organisational development phase.

At this stage, **eight out of thirteen partner** port organisations currently involved in the DAPhNE Project made a tangible commitment to continue working with and for the DPN -- beyond its pilot action phase (June 2018 - June 2019). Their commitment has been formally expressed and recorded by the signature of the Danube Ports Network Letter of Commitment (LoC), as follows: [Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports](#) (Hungary), [Ennschafen OÖ GmbH](#) (Austria), [Rhenus Donauhafen Krems GmbH & Co. KG](#) (Austria), [Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company](#) (Bulgaria), [ICS Danube Logistics SRL](#)/Giurgiulesti International Free Port (Moldova), [Port of Vukovar Authority](#) (Croatia), [Public Ports Slovakia Jsc.](#) (Slovakia), and [Port Governance Agency](#) (Serbia).

We strongly believe this new organisational development phase shall provide opportunities for further consolidating our strategic partnership and delivering the DPN's mission and objectives to the benefit of DPN's partners and the Danube Region port community at large. Our work shall focus on facilitating projects and strategic initiatives of common interest, enabling transnational cooperation and forging strategic alliances and partnerships with relevant stakeholders and facilitating knowledge creation and transfer. From a thematic point of view our work shall focus on five key areas:

- (1) Sustainable port development & operations,
- (2) Port connectivity & hinterland connections & multi-intermodal),
- (3) Environment, Energy, Climate Change,
- (4) Port digitalisation, RTD & Innovation,
- (5) Port labour – education and training.

Good Luck to us in making the DPN work successful!

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