

Ambitious DIONYSUS aims to further integrate the Danube Region into Smart & Sustainable Multi-modal & Intermodal Transport Chains

Continuing the good work started within the DAPhNE project, Pro Danube Romania, with the strong support of Pro Danube International and of other Project Partners from the Danube Region, prepared and submitted under the Interreg Danube 3rd Call for Proposals, an Expression of Interest for the project proposal entitled “Integrating Danube Region into Smart & Sustainable Multi-modal & Intermodal Transport Chain – DIONYSUS”. The project’s main objective is to integrate the Danube Region into smart and sustainable, multi- & intermodal transport chains of cargo and passenger flows. An essential element is the development of the Danube Region’s river and seaports into smart, sustainable and better connected multi- & intermodal logistics hubs, as well as setting priority locations for industrial investment through EU funding & financing instruments. Port investment needs, access infrastructure and transport connections (rail, road & maritime) to port hinterlands will be aligned with transport infrastructure and regional development plans. This shall facilitate political, administrative actions, thus enabling infrastructure investment based on dedicated Market Analyses. Also, DIONYSUS Project goes further than port infrastructure needs and identifies gaps in the integration of the Danube corridor network planning (Rhine-Danube corridor) with other transport corridors benefiting the region. It shall support the integration of the Danube corridor with the European Neighbourhood Transport Networks through targeted promotion activities. Analyses and Studies for areas impacting multi- & intermodal freight and passenger transport chains will result in Recommendations (at National level) and consolidated Strategies & Action Plans (at Regional level). Specific Tools and Learning Interactions will be defined and applied to support the port sector and dedicated policies formulation, thus contributing towards better framework conditions for port investment. The digitalization trend in the logistics and transport sector and the resulting challenges for the ports will be addressed through Port Digitalization Strategy & Action Plan. Also, Port Development Plans will be elaborated for selected Danube ports to prepare infrastructure projects for their implementation under the Connecting Europe Facility II (CEF II) & National Operational Sectoral Programmes.

