



Initiated by DAPHNE and successfully continued on a yearly basis by DIONYSUS, the Danube Ports Days have become a must-attend event on the agenda of the IWT community in the Danube Region and well beyond, providing a transnational platform to discuss, by bringing together decision-makers, experts and the IWT sector, key aspects related to port development issues. This year's edition is organised in cooperation with the MultiRELOAD and Synergetics projects and is focusing on the pilot project study on *Enabling Sustainable Management and Development of inland ports* which was contracted by DG MOVE. The general objectives of this study are to identify and evaluate the factors affecting the sustainable development of inland ports, as well as to propose solutions for the implementation of green objectives for inland ports paired with their economic development.

The hybrid workshop serves in creating an environment where EU stakeholders in business, national administrations, port authorities, social partners and sector organisations can discover new tools and solutions for the implementation of green objectives, share experiences and good practices, address common challenges in their transition, and provide relevant updates. It provides a platform of cooperation between public and private entities with a dedicated interest and involvement in port development and terminal logistics and hence stimulates the know-how sharing and feedback collection.

The MultiRELOAD and Synergetics projects receive funding under the Horizon Europe Programme.

DANUBE PORTS DAYS

DATE / TIME: Thursday, 23 November 2023, 10:30 – 17:15

Followed by a cruise / matchmaking / networking social event (18:00 – 21:00)

Friday, 24 November 2023, 10:00 – 12:30

HYBRID EVENT: **thinkport VIENNA, Freudenuer Hafenstrasse 18, 3rd floor, 1020 Vienna, AT**

Bus Line 79A, Station "Hafen Freudenuer"

Visitor parking

& online (EventMaker)



REGISTRATION: via the [registration link](#)



PROGRAMME

Thursday, 23 November 2023

10:30 – 11:00 Registration & Welcome coffee / tea

11:00 – 11:30 Opening session

- **Welcome & introductory remarks**
Setting up the scene, purpose and objectives of the Danube Ports Days, edition 2023 (Róbert Rafael, Pro Danube)
- **Keynote opening speeches**
Pilot project study – Enabling Sustainable Management and Development of inland ports (Marta Wolska, DG MOVE/EC)
Reflections on the efforts of the City of Vienna on greening transport (Sarah Bittner-Krautsack, City of Vienna, Urban Development and Planning)

11:30 – 12:00 State of play of the green inland ports study

- **Key findings, activities and studies carried out (Ecorys)**
- **Questions & Answers**

12:00 – 13:15 The environmental impact of ports – Work session 1

- **Quantifying environmental impacts of port activities (CE Delft)**
- **Challenges for implementing environmental measures and legislation (Erasmus University Rotterdam)**
- **Small working groups session (moderation by CE Delft)**
Identifying key common challenges & differences affecting the sustainable development of particular inland pilot ports. Participants will identify strengths and weaknesses of their strategies based on the key findings from the project.

13:15– 14:15 Networking lunch

14:15 – 15:30 Digitalisation efforts in ports – Work session 2

- **The legal framework on digitalisation on ports and terminals (Erasmus University Rotterdam)**
- **Inventory of digital tools (Pro Danube)**
- **Small working groups session (moderation by Pro Danube)**
Implementing the tools and digital solutions needed to incorporate green and social objectives, with advice and recommendations from external stakeholders and experts.

15:30 – 15:45 Wrap-up of the green inland ports study

- **Summary of key outcomes from the work sessions & concluding remarks (Ecorys)**

15:45– 16:15 Coffee / tea break

16:15 – 17:15 MultiRELOAD User forum

- **Presentation of the EU-funded project MultiRELOAD and its selected demonstrators (duisport and demo leaders)**

18:00 – 21:00 Cruise / Matchmaking / Networking social event with dinner *(for participants on the spot)*



PROGRAMME

Friday, 24 November 2023

10:00 – 10:30 Registration & Welcome coffee

10:30 – 12:00 Presentation of the EU-funded project Synergetics

- Find out more about the ambitions of Synergetics to make IWT vessels fit for the future. Interactive discussion on greening solutions such as electrification, methanol and hydrogen. *(moderated by the Synergetics partners)*

12:00 – 12:15 Updates from the EU-funded project SEANERGY

12:15 – 12:30 Updates from the Secretariat of the Danube Commission

12:30 – 13:30 Networking lunch

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