

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



Under the lead of Pro Danube Romania, the DIONYSUS project is a follow-up of the DAPhNE project, having the core objective to address main regional challenges in port infrastructure governance and planning in order to facilitate the integration of the Danube Region into smart and sustainable multi-modal transport chains. The project is the result of the fruitful collaboration process among port administrations and operators, business associations, academia and the national authorities of the Danube riparian countries.

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 and administrative actions, thus enabling infrastructure investment based on dedicated Market Analyses. Moreover, DIONYSUS 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. It shall also support the integration of the Danube corridor with the European Neighbourhood Transport Networks through targeted promotion activities.



Launched in the framework of the DAPhNE project, the **Danube Ports Network (DPN)** is an initiative which has emerged in response of a real need to address and reduce the development and innovation gap between the ports situated on the Rhine-Danube Corridor, aiming

towards cooperation strengthening between inland and maritime ports in the Danube Region.

DPN brings together public and private sea & inland ports and terminal operators from the Danube Region willing to engage in a long-term, active and coordinated cooperation process benefiting the port industry and regional economy at large. Moreover, DPN emphasizes the importance of sharing knowledge and networking to keep the Danube ports at the forefront of global innovation and as such to adapt them to the needs and requirements of a future-oriented European transport system. Hence, the DPN facilitates diverse forms of cooperation and partnerships between Danube ports, leading to synergies and higher efficiency. In the framework of DIONYSUS, **DPN is at the heart of coordinated project capitalisation tasks** that contribute to efficient project implementation, knowledge-creation and transfer, as well as to synergies with EU transport policy initiatives and other port development related projects. Pro Danube Management ensures the coordination of the DPN's Technical Secretariat.

High on the agenda of this year's activities was the **first edition of the Danube Ports Day**. Even though a physical meeting was due to the strict COVID-19 restrictions not possible, the Danube Ports Day 2020 managed to successfully bring together over 60 experts from both the public and private sectors to discuss on issues related to port development topics. This year's event was preceded by the DPN Coordination Meeting where key aspects of DPN's capitalisation and knowledge-transfer activities were discussed. Other important milestones reached so far refer to the strategic coordination meetings organised between DPN and with representatives of EUSDR PA1a & PA1b as well as with representatives of the RIS COMEX and DIWA projects. Moreover, work on the update of the DPN website with key functionalities that support its role as knowledge creator and facilitator has already started. Last, but not least, with the active involvement of the DPN, the first edition of the DIONYSUS newsletter was successfully released and disseminated across the sector.

RESULTS

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Highlights 2020

- Strategic Coordination Meetings both with EUSDRA PA1a & PA1b as well as with representatives of the RIS COMEX and DIWA Projects
- Successful organisation of the Danube Ports Day 2020 by EHO and PDM
- Work on extending the DPN's website functionalities as a knowledge creator & facilitator has started
- Main output: Capitalisation Strategy
- First DPN Coordination Meeting successfully organised
- Planning of upcoming capitalisation activities

Timeframe DIONYSUS

- 01/07/2020 – 31/12/2022

Budget

- Total: 3.603.511,25 Euro
- ERDF Contribution: 2.660.157,35 Euro
- IPA Contribution: 263,212.46
- ENI Contribution: 680.141,44

Project Capitalisation 2020



Partnership

ERDF Partners

Pro Danube Romania (RO); Ennshafen Port (AT); iC consulenten ZT GesmbH (AT); Wieser Consult Ltd (AT); Pro Danube Management GmbH (AT); Public Ports JSC (SK); Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports (HU); Public Institution Port Authority Vukovar (HR); Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communications (RO); National Company Maritime Ports Administration SA Constanta (RO); Romanian River Ship Owners and Port Operators Association (RO); Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BG); Port Bulmarket EAD (BG);

IPA Partners

Port Governance Agency (RS); University of Belgrade – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering (RS)

ENI Partners

Odessa National Maritime University (UA); State Enterprise "Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority (UA); Technical University of Moldova (MD)

Associated Partners

Port of Vienna (AT); University of Zilina (SK); Danube Cruises Romania SRL (RO); Ministry of Innovation and Technology (HU); Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure (HR); International Sava River Basin Commission (HR); Danube Logistics SRL (MD); National Company the Administration of River Ports on the Danube J.S.Co Giurgiu (RO).

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