

DANTE

Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT



Welcome to the 1st
Transnational Working Group
Meeting



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Agenda



12:30 – 13:30	Business and networking lunch Participants of the Joint EUSDR PA1a and PA11 Working Group and DANTE
13:30 – 13:45	Welcome & introduction Danube Commission (Petar Margić) & PDI
13:45 – 14:15	State of play of the DANTE project and barrier reporting tool PDI (Robert Rafael) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & discussion
14:15 – 14:45	Analysis of existing procedures and administrative processes Steinbeis Innovation GmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center (Julia Sliwinski) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & discussion
14:45 – 15:15	Presentation of the outcomes of the first National Working Table meetings ARVD (Anna Pavlíková, Monika Kučerová) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Conclusion PDI & Danube Commission (Horst Schindler)

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State of play of the DANTE project and barrier reporting tool

24 October 2017

1st Transnational Working Group Meeting

Danube Commission, Budapest



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Danube Waterway: High Potential – Numerous Challenges



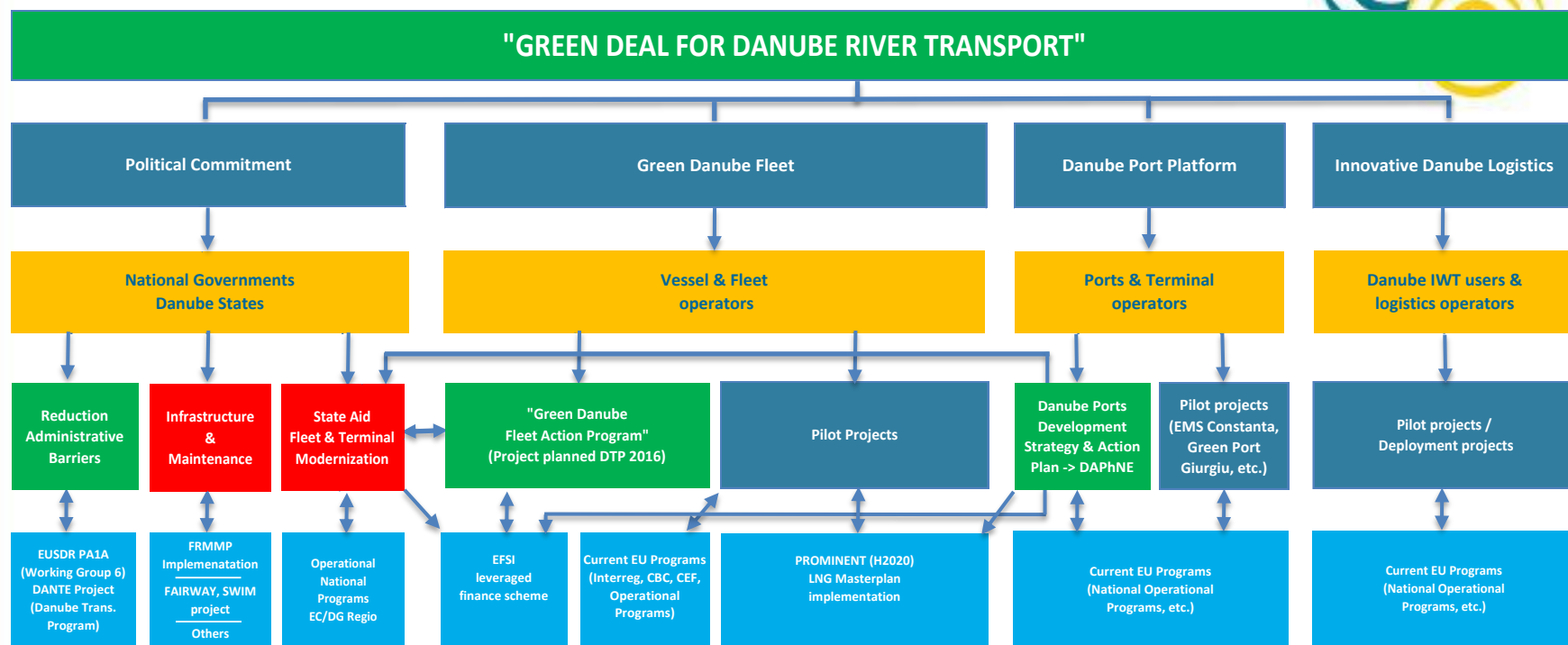
Potentials

- Danube serves an economic area of circa 90 mio. inhabitants
- Connects CE & SEE with growing markets in Black Sea Region
- Environmentally friendly transport corridor
- Can provide cost-effective logistics for land-locked industries ensuring competitiveness and jobs

Challenges

- Ensure standards for waterway maintenance
- Elimination of infrastructure bottlenecks
- Promotion of investment in Danube Ports and unlocking their economic potential
- Modernize Danube fleet
- ***Reduce logistics costs by elimination of administrative barriers***

The Green Deal Structure



EUSDR PA1A & Danube Corridor Plan & Danube Innovation Centre (INDanube / EIBIP)

Legend: ■ Pre-condition for innovation
■ Project platform in preparation by Pro Danube



Benefits & Implementation of Green Deal

- Green Deal provides platform for targeted long-term cooperation of Danube States – Private Sector – European Commission
- Supports key policy objectives in transport & environment / regional development / special focus on the greening of the waterborne transport system
- Ensures high leverage of public spending due to wide-scale engagement of private sector
- Embedded into EUSDR PA1A and related to Danube Corridor Plan
- Steered with help of Danube Transnational Program (DTP) projects – DANTE & DAPhNE started / one planned for spring 2018
- Builds on successful pilot projects which testify viability of concept & produce concrete results to be up-scaled
- Green Deal will create many more valuable projects with tangible results contributing to economic growth, creating jobs and improve environmental performance of transport system of the region

Green Deal official launching event

Danube Transport Day European Parliament

7 September 2016, 16:00-18:00



Policy makers



Com. Corina Cretu



Herald Ruijters/ DG MOVE



Ionut Mosteanu / RO MT

MEPs



Georgi Pirinski / BG



Gessine Meissner / DE



Ismail Ertug / DE

Key industry representatives from the Danube Region



W. Lüftner / Lüftner Cruises



M. Viefers / Rhenus Logistics



A. Stoean / TTS SA

Green Deal on the move



SAVE THE DATE: Danube Transport Day 2017 European Parliament

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Green, efficient & innovative Danube Transport

DATE & TIME 23 November 2017, 09:00-12:00

VENUE EP, Altiero Spinelli Building,
Room A3G2, 60 Rue Wiertz
1047 Brussels, Belgium

The Danube region needs smart, sustainable and inclusive growth based on an eco-efficient transport system. The Danube waterway can provide both, cost-effective and environmentally friendly logistics solutions which will improve the competitive situation of many industries reaching out to fast growing markets in the Black Sea, Caspian Basin and Middle East.

The 2017 Danube EP Transport Day shall raise the awareness of the members of the European Parliament, the European Commission as well as of invited policy makers towards the innovation needs and the planned innovation activities. Targeted innovation of the Danube IWT sector will steer to the modernization of this important sector and will result into a revitalised image of Danube transport among transport users, logistics service providers and the wider public.

DRAFT AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00 Registration & buffet reception

Welcome & Introduction

Ms Ana-Claudia Țapardel, MEP, Member TRAN
Mr Alexandru Capatu, Chairman Pro Danube International

Statement of Commissioner

Ms Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport

Statements from Industry Stakeholders

Mr Thomas Maaßen, Managing Director Rhenus Logistics
Mr Antonio Stoean, Director TTS Group/Navrom Galati
Mr Radu Comanici, Director Danubia Kreuzfahrten / Danube Cruises

Interventions from the European Commission & Member States

Ms Maja Bakran-Marcich, Deputy Director General/DG Move
Mr Normunds Popens, Deputy Director-General, DG Regio/EUSDR
Representatives from Austria, Slovakia and Romania

Green and efficient Danube Fleet – an industry initiative

Mr Manfred Seitz, General Secretary Pro Danube International

Statements of Members of Parliament

Ms Gesine Meissner, Mr Pavel Telicka & others

Interventions from the Audience & Open Discussion

Kindly supported by:





How to deal with administrative barriers?

- Identify administrative barriers for IWT on Danube and tributaries and responsible authorities
- Set up an efficient and permanent monitoring system for collecting users experiences (supported by online tools)
- Set up and operate a working platform with responsible authorities in order to adapt administrative procedures and processes with the objectives to reduce administrative efforts and costs for waterway users
- Identify good practices and guidelines for effective administration of IWT activities
- Promote stronger harmonized procedures and processes of authorities effecting IWT transport on Danube and navigable tributaries



Focus on the objectives of the Danube Region Strategy



Objectives of the project

- Improve administrative procedures and reduce bureaucratic processes as well as related charges and fees for IWT on Danube and navigable tributaries
- Cooperate with public authorities to develop and implement simplified administrative procedures and processes
- Reduce time losses and costs caused by unnecessary administrative regulations and processes for Danube businesses
- Eliminate/Reduce red tape and abuse of administrative power
- Strengthen the competitive position of companies, support economic growth and the creation of jobs in the region by increased efficient public administration
- Introduce stakeholder consultation procedures and processes in legal and regulatory acts of public administration relevant for IWT
- Harmonize regulations and administrative processes for transport and transshipment operations (“Same River-Same Rules” concept)



Thematic areas (1/2)

Procedures and processes of the following national authorities will be analyzed and monitored:

- Border Police and Tax & Customs authorities *)
- Navigation authorities (traffic control authorities)
- Port authorities (Harbor master) /administrations
- Waterway and Canal administrations
- Other authorities (such as Health Control, Disaster Management, Law Enforcement/Water Police, etc.) which impose administrative barriers to the movement of inland vessels and the transportation and transshipment of goods on the river and in the ports

*) the PA1A/EUSDR technical secretariat via donau has recently carried out an investigation on border and customs procedures and processes and has developed a model process for border crossings. The work in this area will be updated and used as basis for the structured dialogue in the relevant working table of the PA1A/EUSDR working group on administrative processes

Thematic areas (2/2)

	GOOD PRACTICES								TRANSNATIONAL MEETINGS
	Germany	Austria	Slovakia	Hungary	Croatia	Serbia	Romania	Bulgaria	
Border Police and Tax & Customs authorities	Proposed Action holder: Danube Commission								
	(External) peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out								
Navigation authorities (traffic control authorities)	Proposed Action holder: Austria – PDI								
	(External) peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out								
Port authorities (Harbor master) /administrations	Proposed Action holder: Hungary – HUNPASS								
	(External) peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out								
Waterway and Canal administrations	Proposed Action holder: Romania – PDR								
	(External) peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out								
Other authorities	Proposed Action holder: Bulgaria – BRCCI								
	(External) peer expert for each country to be selected during the roll-out								
	NATIONAL WORKING TABLES								
	REQUIRED CHANGES								

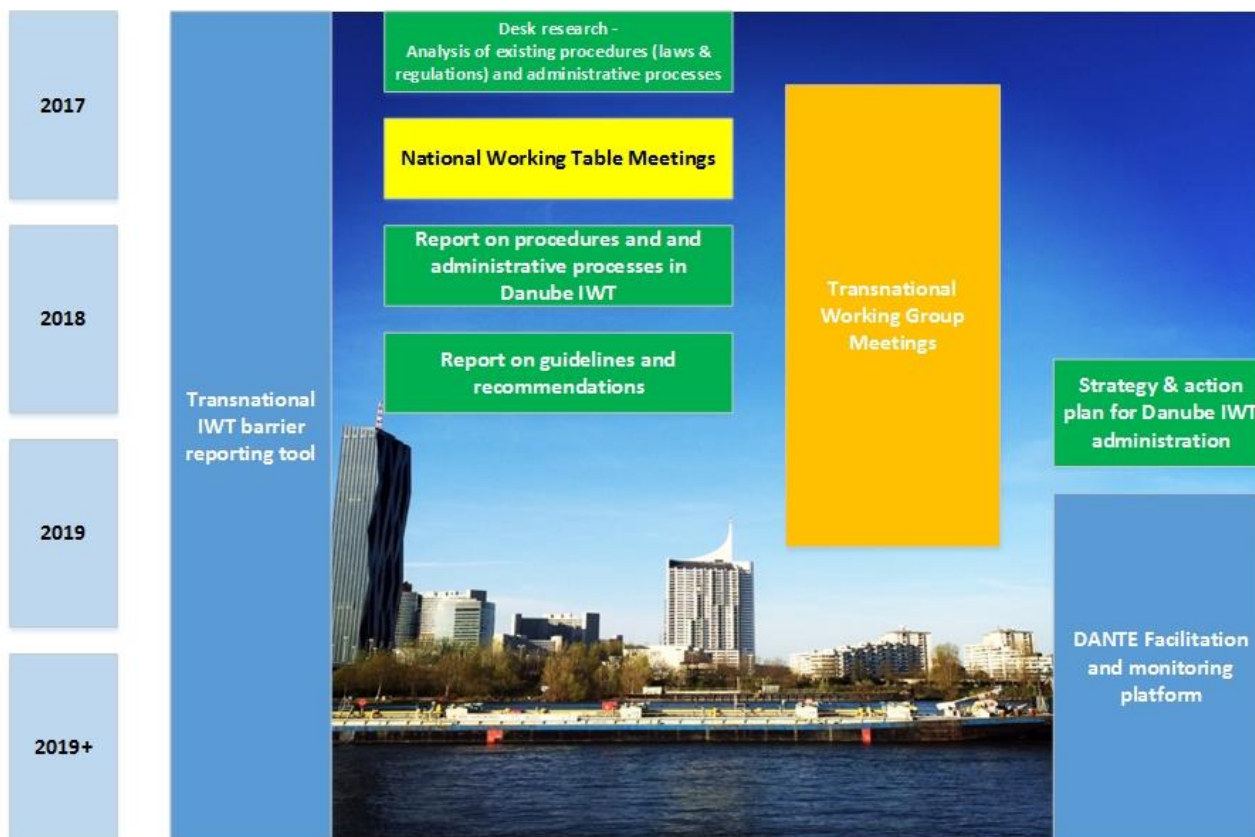
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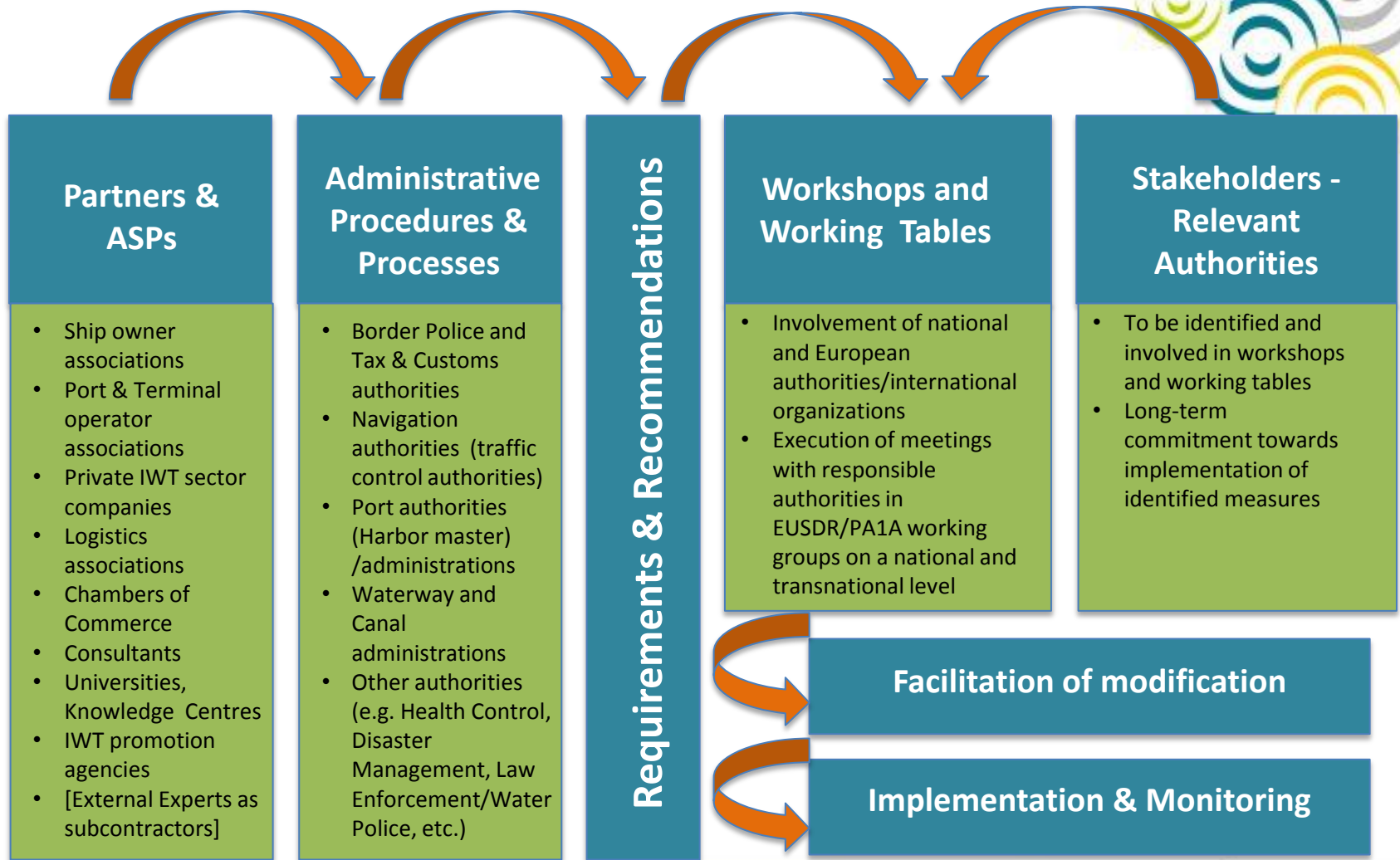
Work approach (1/2)



DANTE - IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR DANUBE IWT



Work approach (2/2)



Building on existing projects & initiatives such as....

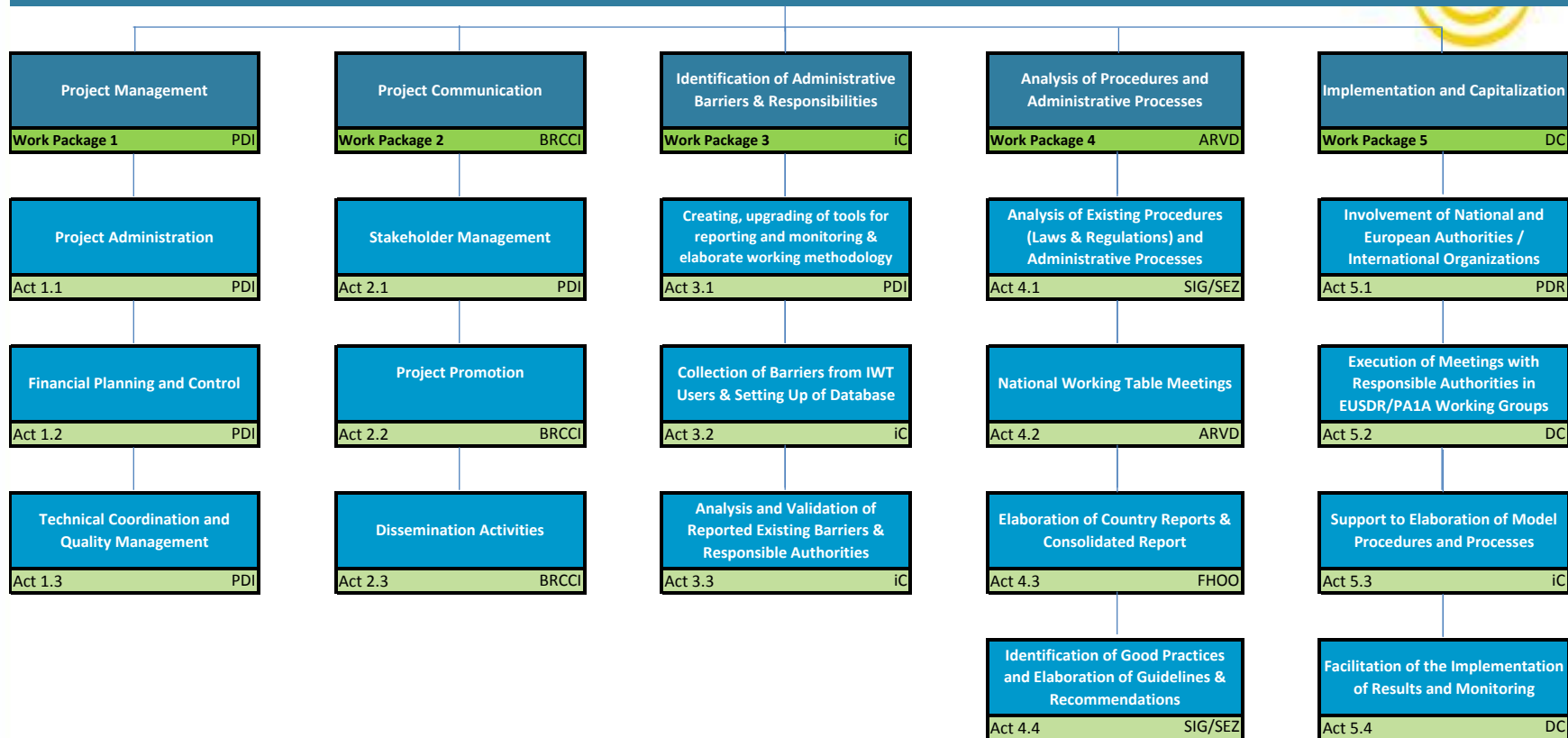


- Study on administrative and regulatory barriers in the field of inland waterway transport (NEA 2008)
- PLATINA Sub-work package 1.2 - Monitoring administrative barriers
- DARIF in the frame of EUDRS Priority Area 11 - Security
- World Bank Initiative on reducing administrative barriers in Danube transport
- Work of technical secretariat EUSDR PA1A on Border Control Model Processes
- EC objective and initiatives addressing better governance and increase of administrative capacity
- PDI Concept "Same River – Same Rules"
- PDI Policy initiative "Green Deal for Danube River Transport"

Work breakdown structure - overview



Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT (DANTE)





Timeline of project activities

DANTE GANTT																																	
		2017												2018												2019							
Year																																	
Calendar month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun		
WP	Project month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
WP1	Project management																																
1.1	Project administration	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
1.2	Financial planning and control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
1.3	Technical coordination and quality management	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
WP2	Project communication																																
2.1	Stakeholder management	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
2.2	Project promotion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
2.3	Dissemination activities	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
WP3	Identification of administrative barriers & responsibilities																																
3.1	Creating, upgrading of tools for reporting and monitoring & elaborate working methodology	1	2	3	4	5	6							13	14							21	22										
3.2	Collection of barriers from IWT users & setting up of database			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26						
3.3	Analysis and validation of reported existing barriers & responsible authorities							7	8	9						15	16	17						23	24	25	26						
WP4	Analysis of procedures and administrative processes																																
4.1.	Analysis of existing procedures (laws & regulations) and administrative processes	1	2	3	4	5	6																										
4.2.	National Working Table Meetings		2	3	4	5	6	7					12	13	14	15																	
4.3.	Elaboration of country reports & Consolidated report							7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17															
4.4	Identification of good practices and Elaboration of guidelines & recommendations													13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24								
WP5	Implementation and capitalization																																
5.1	Involvement of national and European authorities/international organizations			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24								
5.2	Execution of meetings with responsible authorities in EUSDR/PA1A working groups			3	4	5				9		11					16		18			21	22						28	29			
5.3	Support to elaboration of model procedures and processes													13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20												
5.4	Facilitation of the implementation of results and monitoring																					21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		

National Awareness Workshops serving to call in the relevant authorities / organizations and to discuss the local problems, shortcomings and requirements that can be improved and harmonized, resulting in the *Draft Requirement & Improvement Documents*

Transnational workshops by 4 thematic themes to start the clearing and harmonization activities of the requirements

National Awareness Workshops / Follow-up of the previous meetings and works resulting in *National Arrangement Documents*

Overall Transnational Workshop to coordinate and align final results and outcomes

Project properties



ERDF Partners:

- Pro Danube International
- Danube Commission
- Steinbeis Innovation gGmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center / DE
- iC consulenten ZT GesmbH / AT
- University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria (FHOO)
- Waterborne Transport Development Agency (ARVD) / SK
- Slovak Shipping and Ports JSC / SK
- Hungarian Federation of Passenger Fleet Operators
- Hungarian Federation of Inland Waterway Freight Forwarders (MBFSZ)
- Romanian Ministry of Transport
- Romanian River Ship Owners and Port Operators Association (AAOPFR)
- Pro Danube Romania
- Constanta Port Business Association
- Port Authority Vukovar
- Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

IPA Partner:

- Shipmasters Association of Serbia

Associated Strategic Partners:

- International Sava River Basin Commission
- Rhenus Logistics Austria GmbH
- Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports
- BRODOKOMERC NS d.o.o. / RS
- Port BULMARKET EAD / BG
- Union of Romanian Inland Ports
- Danube Cruises Romania srl
- Danube Logistics SRL / MD
- Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure
- Ministry of National Development / HU
- State Enterprise Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority
- Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic
- **Duration of the project:** January 2017 - June 2019
- **Total budget:** 1,982,786 EUR
- **ERDF Contribution:** 1,650,134.75 EUR
- **IPA Contribution:** 35,233.35 EUR

Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool



- Objectives in line with the vision of “Same River – Same Rules”
 - To provide a tool for the stakeholders of Danube navigation:
 - » to report administrative barriers that they have experienced
 - » to name positive experiences
 - Sound database is pre-condition for putting lights on barriers
 - Will be the basis for interventions / further actions



www.prodanube.eu/administrativebarriers

Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool

- Available in 8 languages
 - English
 - German
 - Slovak
 - Hungarian
 - Serbian
 - Croatian
 - Romanian
 - Bulgarian

The screenshot shows the registration page for the 'Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool'. The page has a dark blue header with the 'pro DANUBE INTERNATIONAL' logo and navigation links: 'about us', 'activities', 'members', 'services', and 'contact'. The main title is 'Electronic Reporting Tool for Administrative Barriers' with a language dropdown set to 'English'. The registration form includes fields for 'Username*', 'E-Mail*', 'Type in your password*', 'Repeat password*', 'Name', and 'Function of reporting person / organisation*'. There is a 'Phone number:' field with a '+43 1 555' prefix. Below the form is a 'Terms and Conditions' section with several paragraphs of text. At the bottom of the form is a 'submit' button. The footer contains the 'Interreg Danube Transnational Programme DANTE' logo and text stating: 'The transnational IWT barrier reporting tool is an output of the project DANTE - Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT. Project co-funded by European Funds (ERDF, IPA). More information about the project is available at: www.interreg-danube.eu/dante. copyright 2017 - Pro Danube International - Handelskai 365, 1020 Vienna Austria - office@prodanube.eu'. There are also links for 'print', 'rss-feed', and 'imprint'.

Administrative barriers – Electronic Reporting Tool

- Available to collect inputs in the field of the 5 thematic areas from experts on the field
- Easy-to-use
- Available from fix and mobile equipment

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Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool

Electronic Reporting Tool for Administrative Barriers

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The transnational IWT barrier and good practise reporting tool is the first output of the DANTE project that is setting the background to collect inputs from the IWT stakeholders. This innovative, multi-language tool enables the state-of-the-art way of mapping the every-day barriers of the actors in IWT and result in a database that will work as basis for the analysis and recommendations.

The inputs will be analysed by PDI and the partners in the DANTE project, and further utilized to eliminate these barriers in order to ensure the smooth and predictable way of the logistic processes using the river Danube. The initiative is part of PDI's campaign on administrative barriers and follows the PDI vision of 'Same River – Same Rules'.

101 Issues reported by 11-07-2017 in the below split between thematic areas:

46	Waterway and Canal administrations
24	Port authorities / administrations
16	Navigation / traffic control authorities
11	Unknown authority / several authorities involved
4	Border police, Tax & Customs

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Blaming a barrier **Naming a positive experience** My Account



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Blaming a barrier

Select the organisation with which the barrier was faced*

Please choose an item below

Country in which the case was faced*

Please choose an item below

Waterway in which the case was faced*

Danube

Location of the case (city and / or river kilometre)*

e.g. Mohacs 1447,1

The date when the case was faced:*

dd/mm/yyyy

Time, if known

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Please describe the case that you have encountered:*

e.g. Ship 'NAME' with destination Serbia had to wait 6 hours due to the customs employee and harbour master

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46	Waterway and Canal administrations
26	Port authorities / administrations
19	Navigation / traffic control authorities
12	Unknown authority / several authorities involved
5	Border police, Tax & Customs
2	Other relevant authorities

- Analysis and validation:
 - 3 snapshots from the database:
 - Q3/2017
 - Q2/2018
 - end 2018/beginning 2019
 - Grouping of Inputs in first sight by:
 - Location
 - Type of organisation

Co-operation with DG MOVE



- Recent communication with Unit D.3 – Ports and Inland Navigation
- Potential initiative aimed at developing digital tools to facilitate compliance and enforcement of IWT legislation
 - legislations on professional qualifications, crewing requirements and working time – for this the impact assessment process will be started
 - **impact assessment for an initiative on "electronic documents for freight carriage" (mainly "note of consignment") is running**

Results achieved by September 2017

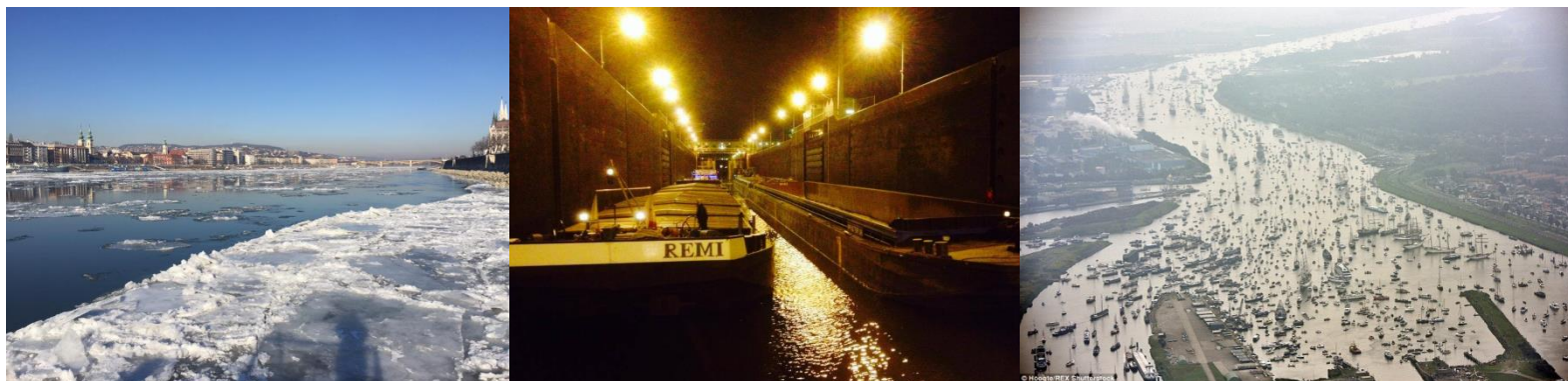


- First round of [national working table meetings](#) rolled out
- DANTE is selected as [EUSDR Strategic Project](#)
- Continuous co-operation is ensured with:
 - DG MOVE
 - EUSDR PA1a & PA11
 - The IWT sector
- The [Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool](#) was launched on 21 September 2017
- Series of the transnational workshops is started right now

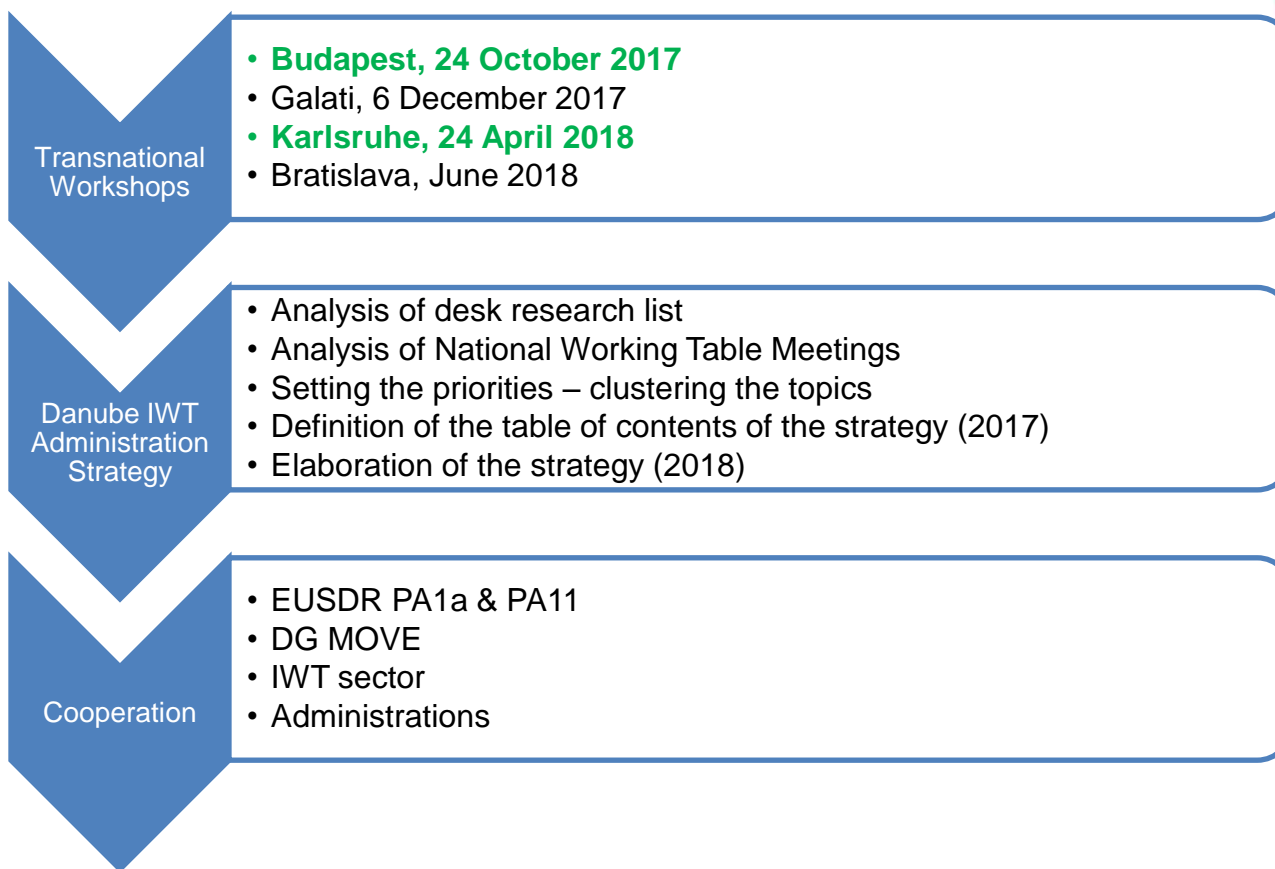
Summary



- 30-months project to come up with simplified – harmonised – digitalised procedures and processes for Danube IWT administration
- Danube IWT Administration Strategy with the related action plan
- DANTE Platform – Project+ to monitor and facilitate the implementation



Conclusion & Outlook



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