

ENERGY BARGE

Newsletter #7



Welcome to the 7th newsletter of the ENERGY BARGE project!

In this issue of the newsletter we are looking ahead to the Danube Business Talks in Vienna in October 2018, which will be the prelude to regional business-to-business meetings within the ENERGY BARGE project.

Another topic is the “Year of Multimodality”, announced by the European Commission for 2018 to reduce CO₂ emissions, air pollution and traffic congestions in the European transport systems.

We hope you enjoy reading!
The team of ENERGY BARGE



The partners

There are 15 partners
involved in the project
from 7 countries:

7 partners from the biomass/bioenergy sector

6 partners from the logistics sector
including 5 ports

3 partners from the field of research
that provide either special knowledge
needed for the implementation of the
project (spatial modelling) or who have
special knowledge and networks in
their regions (biofuels and biomass).



Danube Business Talks 2018

Bioenergy meets Danube logistics! On **10 and 11 October 2018** the business platform **Danube Business Talks** will focus on the development of innovative logistics solutions for the European bioenergy and biomass sector. Organised by viadonau (Austrian Waterway Company) and the Port of Vienna, the event will be a prelude to regional business-to-business meetings organised by the ports of Straubing (DE), Bratislava (SK), Budapest (HU) and Vukovar (HR) within the transnational project ENERGY BARGE.

The Danube Business Talks in Vienna will provide an initial platform for international know-how exchange and for establishing new business contacts. Organised under the roof of the Austrian EU Presidency, the event will offer a favourable framework for strengthening the Danube as logistics axis for biobased cargo.

Be part of it – right on the pulse of the Danube waterway: **Danube Business Talks 2018, Hotel Melia Vienna, 10 - 11 October 2018**. Participation in the Danube Business Talks is free of charge, but registration is obligatory (at a later stage).

ENERGY BARGE at the national event of Croatian inland navigation



On 18 January, the ENERGY BARGE project partner Port of Vukovar participated at the annual national event of Croatian inland navigation port authorities in Ilok, Croatia. The event takes place once a year. Croatian port authorities as well as representatives of the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure participated at this event. The port authorities presented several EU funded projects they are currently involved in. Port of Vukovar participates in four projects which are funded by the Danube Transnational Programme: ENERGY BARGE, DANTE, DBS Gateway Region and DAPhNE.



ENERGY BARGE at AGROmashEXPO



ENERGY BARGE partner NARIC (National Agricultural Research and Innovation Center, Hungary) attended the biggest Hungarian agricultural trade exhibition, AGROmashEXPO, with its own stand. The event took place in Budapest from 24 to 27 January 2018. NARIC used the opportunity to introduce the ENERGY BARGE project with a poster presentation.

350 exhibitors participated at the event and presented their products and services to a broad public. In total, 46,500 visitors attended the AGROmashEXPO.



2018 is the “Year of Multimodality”

EU Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc announced that 2018 is going to be the “Year of Multimodality”. The purpose is to support the reduction of CO₂ emissions, air pollution and traffic congestions in the European transport systems to reach the targets of the Paris Agreement.

During this year, the European Commission will put the focus on multimodality by supporting infrastructural measures, transport connections and digital options for the European transport systems.

“Multimodality” or “multimodal transport” describes the utilization of different transport modes by combining the individual strengths of each transport system. Freight and passenger transport can both benefit from this concept. Multimodality can help to reduce the pressure on roads and make the whole transport sector more environmentally friendly and sustainable. Further, the cost efficiency can be improved. In 2018, the European Commission will set up several legislative and policy initiatives and events related to this important topic.

For more information, please visit the website [“2018 – Year of Multimodality”](#) as part of the general web presence of the European Commission, where also further information about the following events can be found:

- [High-level Conference on European Multimodal Freight Transport, Sofia, 20 March 2018](#)
- [Transport Research Arena, Vienna, 16 -19 April 2018](#)
- [TEN-T Days Connecting Europe, Ljubljana, 25-27 April 2018](#)
- [Fifth European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, Nicosia , 14-15 May 2018](#)
- [EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK, across Europe, 16-22 September 2018.](#)

Get to know the ENERGY BARGE partners!

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