DANTE

Improving Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube IWT

Simplifying – harmonising – digitalising reporting in Danube waterborne transport

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Motivation:
Green Deal for Danube River Transport

GREEN DEAL FOR DANUBE RIVER TRANSPORT

National Governments of Danube States
- Reduction Administrative Barriers
- Infrastructure & Maintenance
- State Aid Fleet & Terminal Modernisation

Vessel & Fleet Operators
- Fleet modernisation Programmes and Projects

Ports & Terminal Operators
- Development Strategy & Action Plan and Implementation projects (Danube port network)

Danube IWT Users & Logistics Operators
- MoU - Innovative Danube Logistics / Pilot & Deployment Projects

Existing EU Programmes • National Programmes • Lead Projects • Financing Schemes

EUSDR PA1A • Danube Corridor Plan • Danube Innovation Centre (INDanube - EIBIP)

- Interreg Danube Transnational Programme DANTE
  01/2017-06/2019

- Interreg Danube Transnational Programme GRENDEL
  06/2018-11/2020

- Interreg Danube Transnational Programme DAPHNE
  01/2017-06/2019

On-going projects (examples):
- ENERGY BARGE (DTP) → bioenergy industry
- AEOLIX (H2020) → freight brokerage platform
- RIS COMEX (CEF) → RIS for transport / logistics
- Others in preparation

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Objectives of the DANTE 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 transhipment operations ("Same River-Same Rules" concept)
DANTE project properties

ERDF Partners:
- Pro Danube International
- Danube Commission
- Steinbeis Innovation gGmbH, Steinbeis-Europe-Center / DE
- iC consulnten 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
- 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
- Pro Danube Serbia

- **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

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Overview of the DANTE concept

DANTE - IMPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND PROCESSES FOR DANUBE IWT

LIST
DISCUSSION

Actions to be rolled out in Q1-2/2019
Actions to be rolled out after the project duration

National Working Table Meetings
Report on procedures and administrative processes in Danube IWT
Report on guidelines and recommendations

Strategy & action plan for Danube IWT administration
DANTE Facilitation and monitoring platform

Transnational Working Group Meetings

Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool

Desk research - Analysis of existing procedures (laws & regulations) and administrative processes

2017
2018
2019
2019+
DANTE Facilitation and Monitoring Platform

Grant Agreement (GA) between DG MOVE and the Danube Commission

The DANTE Platform shall be hosted by the Danube Commission in line with its work plan & procedures
Thematic areas

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.
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

https://www.prodanube.eu/administrativebarriers/

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Data requirements in IWT administration

Danube IWT Administration
Data requirements

- Data available for all authorities
- Data that is not available for each authority, but can be harmonised into identical format
- Country-specific data requests
- Data requests where the necessity is to be evaluated

Data requirements table:

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DANTE teaming up with the joint working group between PA1a/PA11
The initiative is 1 out of 6 TEN-T Corridor Flagship Projects

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<th>Flagship project’s specific objective</th>
<th>Core network corridors</th>
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<td>Pilot action on digital transport and logistics</td>
<td>Promoting the collection and sharing of data needed to enable smart and efficient freight logistics (across all transport modes), and ensuring interoperability of such data. This project builds on and interacts with the work of the Digital Transport Forum</td>
<td>Considerations started with the Scandinavian – Mediterranean Corridor but action is encouraged on all corridors</td>
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<td>Towards digitalisation of administrative processes on inland waterways</td>
<td>Simplifying and harmonising administrative processes of relevant public authorities; thereby preparing for digitalisation of such processes for inland waterway transport</td>
<td>Danube Corridor</td>
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- Launched during TEN-Days in Ljubljana on 26 April 2018
Control forms

- Final version of the Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID) sent out in the mail of 8 May 2018 to the working group members:
  - arrival and departure report
  - crew list
  - passenger list

- Agreement on technical level to apply the final draft of the DAVID forms along the Danube (among experts delegated to the PA1a&PA11 working group by the Ministries of the Interior/PA11)
Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)

Procedural issues

- Agreement on technical level reached in the PA1a & PA11 working group -> presentation of technical proposals on Steering Group level (PA1a and PA11) -> relevant decision-makers at ministries of transport & ministries of the interior

EU / transnational level: Drafting of ministerial conclusions (Danube Transport Ministers) and developing preparation of EU legislation

National level: Alignment with other national control authorities; preparation of transfer into national law (replacement of currents control forms)
Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)

Arrival and departure report

To replace the following national documents:
- **HU**: Érkezési – Indulási Jelentés
- **RS**: Dolazni / Odlazni Raport
- **HR**: Entree / Departure Rapport
- **BG**: General Declaration
- **RO**: adapted IMO General Declaration
- **MD**: IMO General Declaration
- **UA**: no draft control forms provided
Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)

Crew list & Passenger list

To replace different crew and passenger lists applied on national level.
Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)

Alignment with other national control authorities (water police/authorities carrying out nautical controls, customs agencies, ADN control authorities, etc)

Request for a proactive approach:
- Which authorities need to be included in your specific country for the next required steps?
- How can this alignment be facilitated in the most efficient way?

Best Practice: Bulgarian-Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
RIS COMEX Service of relevance

- **Level 3 Services (electronic reporting related services)** that shall facilitate the reduction of administrative burden

- Enable the electronic submission and processing of data
  - M16: Enable the electronic submission of forms harmonized in M01 and M02 prior to the control *(with consent of the data owner)* → DAVID Forms

- **Danube corridor** (excl. DE) intends to realize these services
Summary of strategic action points

- Simplified and harmonised international **legal framework**
- Standardised and harmonised **documents** that are accepted in all countries
- Usage of the state-of-the-art **digital tools** for reporting and to support interoperability
- **Information exchange between competent authorities** in line with the data protection regulations for seamless and efficient cross-border transport
- Harmonised, transparent and consistent charging policies
- **High quality information provision** (this refers to (i) reporting requirements and (ii) events influencing the navigation) to support market orientation
- Sufficient staff at control authorities with proper infrastructure and equipment
- Relevant work schedules of ports and customs
- Harmonised safety and security guidelines
- Accepted working language along the Danube countries
Thank you for your attention!

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