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26 March 2021, 10:00-12:00

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IWT – Industry demand

Segment: Cargo



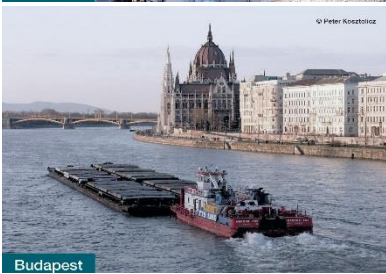
Industry expectations

Influencing factors @operators

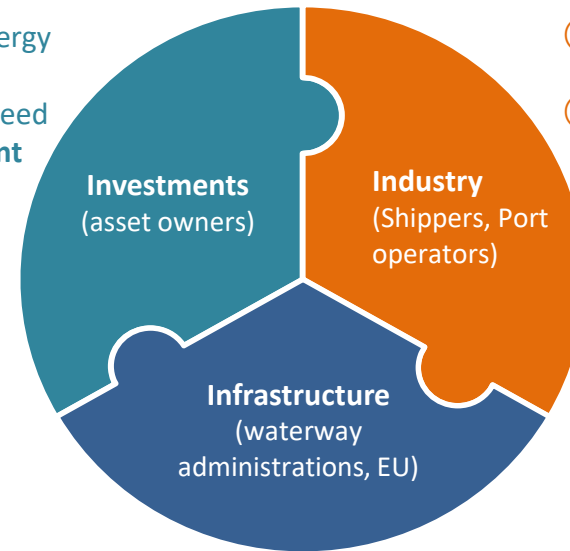
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| Calculable competitive cost | 1 | A | Asset, staffing & energy cost; Fairway conditions - loading draught |
| Limited or none low water surcharges | 2 | B | Fairway conditions - loading draught |
| Reliability for loading, transport and discharge | 3 | C | Port services on demand, weather independency, stable fairway conditions |
| Solutions for decreasing order sizes. Multi-user-multi-modality? | 4 | D | Only profitability enables investment into new assets |

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Actors engagement



- ① **Technological** jump – greening, energy efficiency & competitiveness
- ② Agri products drive profitability – need **multi-modality solution or constant cargo supply**
- ③ Job attractiveness



- ① Provide framework for **Port Services on Demand**
- ② **Weather independency**

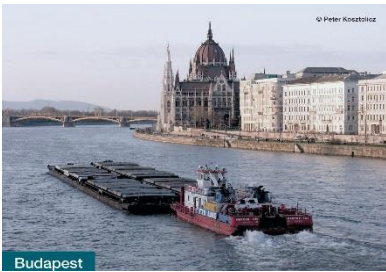
- ① Stable minimum **fairway** conditions
- ② **Secured depth of entrance to Ports and Port basin**
- ③ **Equal treatment** of modes of transport



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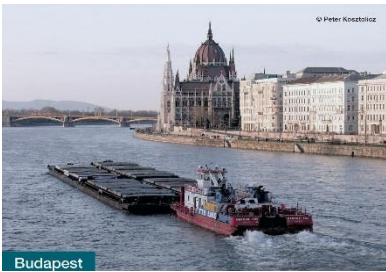
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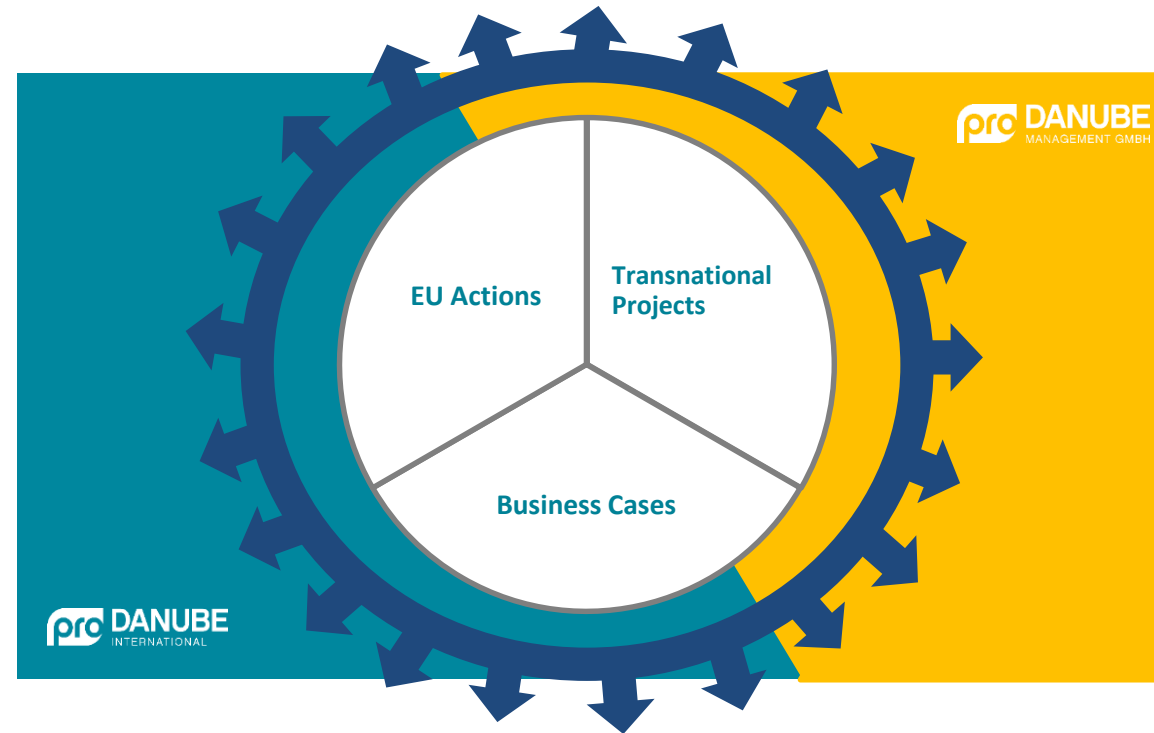
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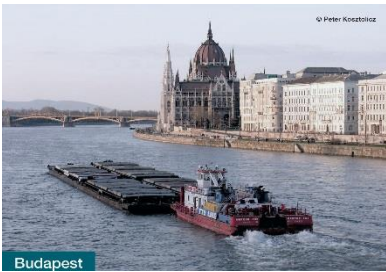
**Presentation on PDI's awareness creation
activities and dissemination channels by
Ms Ruxandra Florescu**





Dissemination activities, tools and channels





New website launching to mark the 10th anniversary



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Pro Danube – the voice for better infrastructure and innovation in Danube transport

Pro Danube is a driving force in the development of the Danube as a competitive logistics system, supporting the definition and implementation of policy actions with the involvement of **Pro Danube International**, as well as acting as a competence centre in accessing EU grants and for EU projects applications preparation as well as for consulting and project management of EU-funded projects through **Pro Danube Management GmbH**.



What's new

PLATINA3 supports inland waterway transport with series of stage events
08 March 2021

Pro Danube International General Assembly 2021
25 February 2021

LASTING project recently kicked off
03 February 2021

Events

Celebrating a decade of commitment to the well-being of the Danube IWT sector
16 March 2021

PLATINA3 supports inland waterway transport with series of stage events
16 March 2021

Danube Ports Day 2020 successfully organised online on the 17th November
17 November 2020

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Have your say!

The European Commission has launched a Public Consultation concerning the revision of the Union Guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T Regulation).

Participation is possible until **5 May 2021**

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Pro Danube International acts as network of private businesses to promote better infrastructure and services which result in a more intensive use of the environmentally friendly inland waterway. We adequately represent the "Danube-minded business" in the political debate on transport policy, transport technology and regional development.

In a nutshell, Pro Danube International:

- engages in actions fostering the improvement of waterway infrastructure and better maintenance and proposes specific measures
- promotes investment in Danube ports as centres for regional development
- fosters modernization of Danube fleet & IWT digitalisation
- facilitates investment in human resources
- acts as promoter and catalyst for actions of the EU Strategy for Danube Region and of the NAIADES Programmes
- supports member organizations in lobbying work through guidance, good practice and transnational co-operation activities
- campaigns on red tape and administrative barriers

The activities of Pro Danube comprise policy relations and advocacy as well as public affairs.

As a business network we serve our members by initiating and executing strategic projects in EU-funded programs and support their initiatives.

Additionally, Pro Danube takes pride for setting up several initiatives and transnational know-how transfer events in relation to Danube fleet modernization and ports development such as "Port Info Day", "Port Policy Day", "Danube Ports Digitalisation", etc. For details, please refer to our Events section.

Our mission

The Danube functions as the backbone for sustainable and cost-effective logistics services in a region of almost 100 million Europeans. Pro Danube International wants to be potential for the benefit of the economies and the people in line with the function of the Danube as an important eco-system. Pro Danube has three core objectives:

- to create a more favourable policy framework,
- to improve waterway infrastructure and
- to promote investments into ports, fleet as well as nautical and logistics personnel.

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Our objectives

Pro Danube International is a driving force in the development of the Danube as a competitive logistics system. We act as a competent partner for authorities and administrations by supporting the definition and implementation of policy actions based on the experiences of the private sector. In line with our three main objectives, we dedicate our efforts to the following priorities:

1. Pro Danube promotes a more favourable policy framework.

- cooperates with European and national institutions on programs and initiatives
- contributes to the implementation of EUSDR Action Plan and of NAIADES
- supports the definition and implementation of national policies
- lobbies for public funding schemes and for a more active inland navigation policy in general
- increases awareness of decision makers, media & the general public with regard to the potentials of the Danube
- supports members to define and execute strategic projects
- maximizes the use of EU funds for project implementations

2. Pro Danube works on improving waterway infrastructure.

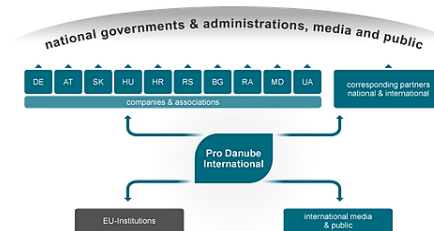
- enforces minimum standards in waterway maintenance by monitoring and interacting with responsible authorities
- supports elimination of TEN-T bottlenecks (shallow water sections) following UNECE/AGN recommendations
- is active in the further development of River Information Services
- promotes better maintenance of locks
- pushes for an upgrading of connecting waterways/existing canals and for missing waterway links
- is active in sustainable waterway development following the recommendations of CPDR

3. Pro Danube promotes investments in ports, fleet, education and training by initiating transnational EU-funded projects

- lobbies for investment programs in ports and terminals as well as for the modernization of the Danube fleet
- triggers implementation projects for improvement to ports and fleet with regard to higher efficiency and increased sustainability
- initiates and supports implementation of alternative fuels for Danube navigation
- initiates and executes innovation and modal shift projects
- identifies and fosters actions to ensure skilled nautical and logistics personnel

How we work

Pro Danube International functions as a network node that communicates with members, institutions and relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors. Pro Danube International connects directly with EU institutions, international media and the European public. Via our members we interact with national governments and administrations.



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Pro Danube serves its members with the support of the management company Pro Danube Management GmbH that acts as a competence centre for EU grants accession and for EU projects applications preparation as well as for consultancy and project management of IWT related EU-funded projects in the following fields:

- fleet modernisation
- alternative fuels
- ports development & digitalisation
- green and efficient navigation
- supply chain management
- IWT promotion
- education and training



Working focus

Contribution to policy initiatives
 PLATINA 3
 LASTING
 NAADES 3



IWT Digitalisation
 Port Community System – DAPHNE
 River Information Services – RIS COMEX
 Physical Internet through Cooperative Austrian Logistics – PhysICAL

Fleet modernisation

- Strategy
- State-aid scheme model
- Vessel concepts and technology fact sheets

Projects: GRENDDEL (Green and efficient danube fleet)

Green & efficient navigation

- Reliable fairway conditions
- Elimination of administrative barriers
- Harmonization of administrative procedures; "Same River – Same Rules"
- Use of alternative fuels

Projects: LNG Masterplan, PROMINENT, NOVIMAR, EIBP/INDanube, Green Danube, DANTE, STEERER

Well-functioning green ports

- Strategy & action plan for port development
- Infra/supra-structure supporting efficient transshipment operations
- Collaboration platform ensuring know-how transfer

Projects: DAPHNE, High performance green port Giurgiu, DIONYSUS

Performing human resources

- Studies, curricula and lesson materials
- Interactive learning modules and training sessions
- Applications and real-life demonstrations

Projects: HINT, LNG Masterplan, PROMINENT, DAPHNE, COMPETING

EU interaction

Policy Initiatives / Guiding documents

- Danube Waterway Industry Declaration (June 2014)
- Green Deal for Danube River Transport (Sept. 2016)
- Danube Waterway Industry Declaration (Oct. 2018)

Campaigns

- Industry Petition conducted for urgent dredging of the most critical sections of the Bulgarian Danube sector, June 2017

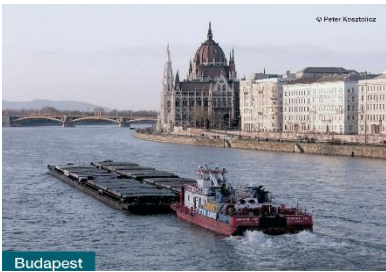
High level political events

- Industry meets Policy (Vienna, June 2014)
- Industry meets Policy (Lim, Oct. 2015)
- Danube Transport Day, EU Parliament (Brussels, Sept. 2016, Nov. 2017, June 2018)

LEGEND: HINT - Harmonized Inland Navigation Transport Through Education and Information Technology (2012-2014); LNG Masterplan for Rhine/Meuse Main Danube (2013-2015); PROMINENT - Promoting Innovation in the Inland Waterways Transport Sector (2015-2018); EIBP/INDanube - European Inland Barging Innovation Platform / Centre for Innovation Transfer in the Danube Region (2015-2018); DANTE - Integrating Administrative Procedures and Processes for Danube Region (2017-2018); DAPHNE - Danube Ports Network; GREEN DANUBE - Integrated transitional policies and practical solutions for an environmentally-friendly inland water transport system in the Danube region (2017-2018); NOVIMAR - Inland IWT and maritime transport concepts (2017-2020); STEERER - Structuring Towards Zero Emission Waterborne Transport (2019-2022); PHYSICAL - Physical Internet through Cooperative Austrian Logistics (2020-2024); DIONYSUS - Integrating Danube Region into Smart & Sustainable Multi-modal & Waterborne Transport Chain (2020-2023); COMPETING - Comprehensive Based Education and Training for Inland Navigation (2018-2021); PLATINA 3 - Platform for the Implementation of A Future Inland Navigation Action Programme (2021-2023); LASTING - Let's Go for Waterborne Transport Research - Broadening Engagement And Increasing Impact (2021-2023); NAADES 3 - Action programme for the development of IWT (2021-2027)



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AAOPFR
Romanian River Ship Owners and Port Operators Association (AAOPFR) is a non-profit association, established in 1993, representing 80% of the Romanian fleet and many port operator companies interested in an efficient river transport on the Danube.
Country: Romania
Website: www.aaopfr.ro

Chemgas Shipping BV
Chemgas is market leader in the transportation of pressurised LPG, offering inland and sea suitable trained crews and by using the very best technologies, we always supply the most are our top priorities.
Country: The Netherlands
Website: <https://www.chemgas.nl/en/>

Constanta Port Business Association
The organization represents the common interests of its members, supports and protects trade unions, other natural persons and legal entities, in relation to the scope and field of activity.
Country: Romania
Website: <https://portbusiness.ro/en/>

Danubia Kreuzfahrten GmbH
Danubia Kreuzfahrten is a true pioneer with decades of experience in the field of organizing waterways.
The current worldwide fleet of Danubia Kreuzfahrten incorporates 15 river cruise ships with passengers a year.
Country: Austria
Website: <https://danubia-kreuzfahrten.com/>

Donau Brennstoffkontor GmbH (DBK)
DBK - Donau Brennstoffkontor GmbH is an international trading company dealing with sea Baustoffimportkontor GmbH, ISD Dunaferr AG, Dunaujvaros, Hungary and Donetisk Industri.
Country: Austria
Website: <http://www.dbk-ve.com/>

Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports
The objectives of Hungarian Federation of Ports are the independent business representing Hungarian inland ports on national and international levels, not only on industry but also and initiatives facing ports.
Country: Hungary
Website: <https://www.hfip.hu/home/>

IC Consulnten Ziviltechniker GesmbH
Between 1990 and 2000, friends, engineers from the most diverse disciplines, took a liking to the idea of interdisciplinary cooperation. In a spirit of solidarity with one another, they built up IC, contributing qualifications and experience and thus expanding the joint range of services to form an interdisciplinary engineering community.
Country: Austria
Website: <https://ic-group.org/en/home>

Danube Logistics SRL
Danube Logistics SRL, a Moldovan limited liability company, is the general investor and operator of Giurgulesti International Free Port. In December 2004 Danube Logistics signed an investment agreement with the Government of Moldova for the development of Giurgulesti International Free Port. Danube Logistics SRL is legally a wholly owned subsidiary of the Dutch company Danube Logistics Holding BV, while the economic interests related to Danube Logistics Holding BV's shares in Danube Logistics SRL are shared with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
Country: Moldova
Website: <http://ifp.md/en/operator-page/>

ILR Logistica Romania SRL
Logistics is our core competence which we develop permanently in order to meet our customers' expectations with intelligent solutions. We unite information technology, know-how, innovation and quality to create tailored logistic packages. With us your goods stay constantly in motion.
Country: Romania
Website: <http://www.ilr.com.ro/startseite.html>

JBG Power GmbH
JBG Power GmbH is a Berlin based subsidiary of the Japanese JBG Power Company K.K. (Japan), a group of companies, developing, constructing and operating biogas plants in Japan. We offer technological solutions for every application. Together with our cooperation partners worldwide that have a long track record of operating biogas generating facilities from small to large scale, we provide innovative and proven technology, assuring highest efficiency and process stability.
Country: Germany

MAHOSZ – Hungarian Shipping Federation
The Hungarian Shipping Federation, MAHOSZ was established in 2004 by its five member organisations dealing with freight and passenger inland waterway transport (IWT), waterway constructions, ferry operation, provision of nautical information services, port operation and water sports. The member organisations' staff are mainly experts in inland navigation and logistics. MAHOSZ is representing the common interest of its member organisations and cooperates to organise events and media relations to promote inland navigation besides maintaining operative cooperation with the competent ministry and authorities.
Country: Hungary
Website: <https://www.mahosz.hu/>

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Pro Danube prepares strategic projects in line with its priority topics. At the same time, it also takes part in transnational consortia dealing with topics relevant for the IWT sector such as energy efficiency, supply chain management, digitalization, port management.

Below you may find a selection of some of our most important projects.

Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

GRENDEL – Green and Efficient Danube Fleet
Timeframe: 06/2018 – 11/2020
Funding programme: Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

The project aimed to support the Danube vessels operators and their public counterparts in ecological and energy efficiency. Dedicated activities raised the awareness of the Danube advanced technologies which reduce air pollutants & energy consumption of inland vessels as well as improve digitalisation. On the other side, GRENDEL supported ministries and public authorities in elaborating public relevant Danube inland waterway fleet operators.

GRENDEL addressed various fleet modernisation aspects: [I] use of low carbon & alternative fuels, [II] reduce consumption. Besides these, [III] transport & logistics management processes were addressed to ensure better services (including River Information Services), digital data provision as well as dedicated tools to improve efficiency.

The GRENDEL project was co-funded by European Union Funds (ERDF, IPA) under the Danube Transnational Programme implemented by a transnational consortium of 19 co-funded organisations and 10 associated strategic partner authorities from 7 Danube countries. The project had a total budget of 1,824,999.20 EUR, out of which ERDF 701,122.25 EUR.

More information is available at: www.interreg-danube.eu/grendel

Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

DANTE – Improving Administrative Procedures
Timeframe: 01/2017 – 05/2019
Funding programme: Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

DANTE aimed at identifying and eliminating the administrative barriers for inland waterway transport (IWT) sector and the national public authorities responsible for these barriers. The project partners developed good practices and solutions and facilitated a wide harmonisation of procedures and processes along the Danube river. One of the main outputs of the project was the development of a transnational IWT barrier reporting tool for collecting user experiences.

Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

DAPHNE - Danube Ports Network
Timeframe: 01/2017 – 05/2019
Funding programme: Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

DAPHNE aimed to facilitate a balanced development of Danube Ports as eco-friendly, well accessible multimodal hubs for the transport system of the region and to turn Danube Ports into buzzing economic centres functioning as catalysts for economic growth and creation of high value jobs. The project established a well-managed and permanent working platform which tackled the most urgent insufficiencies with the help of guidelines, recommendations and concrete pilot activities based on best practices and leading into an overall development strategy and action plan. The solutions elaborated by the consortium were shared with more than 60 Danube ports as possible blueprints. Improved coordination and transnational integration achieved via pilot actions and common tools developed by private and public members of the port community led to joint solutions for revising and harmonizing port legislation, port administration and port management in the entire Danube region.

"DAPHNE – Danube Ports Network" project was co-funded by European Union Funds (ERDF, IPA) under the Danube Transnational Programme and will run for 30 months (January 2017 – June 2019). The project is implemented by a transnational consortium of 16 co-funded organisations and 7 associated strategic partners (public authorities, consulting companies, universities and NGOs) from 9 European countries (AT, SK, HU, HR, RS, RO, BG, UK, MD). The project had a total budget of 2,985,406.15 Euro, out of which ERDF contribution amounts 2,415,219.42 Euro & IPA contribution amounts 123,375.77 Euro.

More information is available at: www.interreg-danube.eu/daphne

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HINT - Harmonised Inland Navigation Transport through Education and Information Technology
Timeframe: 12/2012 – 12/2014
Funding programme: South East Europe

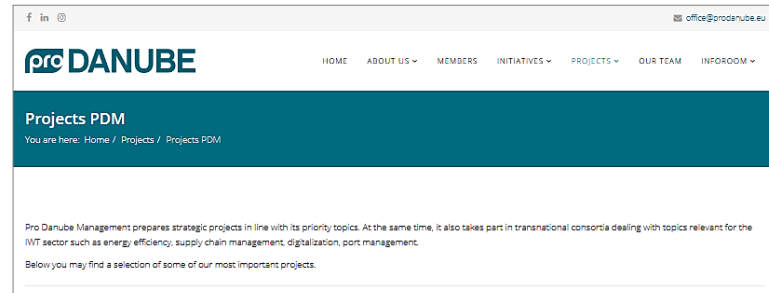
Capitalization of NEU outputs and experience, cooperation and synergies with institutions and projects provided a valuable basis for a follow up project. The HINT project (Harmonised Inland Waterways Navigation through education and information technology) fostered and enlarged transnational partnerships among stakeholders in inland navigation education & training (E&T), administrative and transport sectors in the South East European Region.

The project had the following objectives:

- Integration of Danube Region into the European harmonised education process by supporting and promoting emergence and implementation of harmonised European standards on training of river personnel;
- Development of training and assessment IT applications and tools by set up of a self-assessment platform for ADN certificate, development of case studies, related multimedia materials, new learning modules within INaS Danube Platform (e.g. RIS);
- Creation of framework conditions for transnational cooperation by set up of a cooperation platform for all IWT involved actors (E&T providers, stakeholders etc.), upload of IWT E&T materials, Danube related event calendar, relevant networks, projects and initiatives, identification and implementation of cooperation actions;
- Development of business and technical concepts for a Danube school ship, a navigation simulator and ports/logistic simulator resulting in the ultimate development of a harmonized concept for on-board vs. simulator training;
- Promotion of IWT jobs and careers via a transnational IWT jobs campaign and pilot actions organized in the new information and Training Centres being developed/extended during the project in BG, SK, RS, HR, RO and UA.

Further details on the project are available here

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LASTING – Let's go for Waterborne Transport Research - Broadening engagement
 Timeframe: 01/2021 – 12/2023
 Funding programme: Horizon 2020

Under the lead of Shipyards and maritime equipment association of Europe (SEA Europe), LASTING broadens European R&D activities by developing a communication strategy and implementing a long-lasting communication and stakeholder engagement in the sector and thereby increasing impact of European waterborne transport R&D.

PLATINA3 – Platform for the implementation of the IWT policy platform
 Timeframe: 01/2021 – 06/2023
 Funding programme: Horizon 2020

PLATINA3 provides targeted coordination and support activities to promote Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) innovation and implementation needs within IWT in Europe. A key objective is providing the knowledge base for development of EC's IWT action programme (NAIADES) towards 2030. PLATINA3 addresses priority topics:

1. integration & digitalisation of IWT in view of modal shift & synchromodality
2. zero- emission, automated & climate resilient fleet
3. skilled workforce anticipating to zero-emission & automation
4. smart & climate resilient waterway and port infrastructure with clean energy hubs.

The platform is a catalyst for awareness, stakeholder engagement and uptake of outcomes from related research findings, assesses their impacts and gaps. Desk research and dialogues with experts and stakeholders lead to interactive workshops and consultations are organised in 6 PLATINA Stage events.

More information is available at: www.platina3.eu

Physical – Physical Internet through Cooperative Austrian Logistics
 Timeframe: 06/2020 – 05/2024
 Funding programme: Mobility of the Future Programme of the Federal Ministry for Climate Protection and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency

Under the lead of Fraunhofer Austria, seventeen partners are actively engaged in the PhysicalCAL project – "Physical Internet through Cooperative Austrian Logistics" - having the core objective to efficiently implement physical internet in cooperative logistics, using different types of smart technologies and applications.

The main strategic goal of PhysicalCAL is to demonstrate by 2024 that cooperative logistics brings economic benefits to shippers and the transport industry in Austria. Specifically, this goal relates to the reduction of transport costs expected in the framework of the foreseen four pilots which amounts of up to 10% (in pilot "Booking platform", pilot "Smart logistic", pilot "CEP last mile", pilot "Supply Chain 3.0") by:

- Significant simplification and shortening of the intermodal booking process (up to 70% faster) through an open booking platform
- Increased rail competitiveness through the use of cooperatively used containers in the circulatory system (in the framework of the pilots KEP & wood logistics) and thus reduction of transport costs
- Reduced logistics process costs (up to 30%) by using the open platform and the containers
- Lower turnaround times (up to 50%) through improved planning within the framework of the open platform
- Lower empty trips (up to 15%) through the use of the open platform and Supply Chain 3.0 approach as well as cooperative CEP delivery and smart wood logistics
- Improving the resilience of the entire network and thus the safety and quality of the transports through the digital twin
- Support in establishing fair competitive conditions in intermodal transport through equality and integration of all modes of transport
- Easy way for SMEs to participate in eCommerce through the global supply chain 3.0 pilot

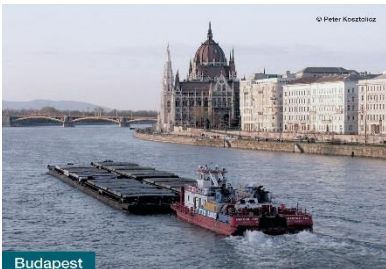
More information is available at: <https://physical-project.at/>

DIONYSUS – Integrating Danube Region into Smart and Sustainable Multimodal & Intermodal Transport Chains
 Timeframe: 07/2020 – 12/2022
 Funding programme: Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

The project's overarching goal is to facilitate the integration of DR ports into multimodal and intermodal freight and passenger transport systems. To this end, a growing consensus recognizes the need for a smart and sustainable Danube port development planning together with an overall national transport infrastructure planning and regional economic development plans. The project will carry out a multi-layered assessment (the infrastructure layer, the transport market layer and the logistics & port services layer) across different levels of infrastructure planning and governance (local, national and regional) in line with Danube Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) market, trade (volume and structure) considerations and realities, with a particular focus on Danube port-related infrastructure needs. As a result, it will highlight, promote and carry out activities across levels of governance in line with relevant specific objectives of EU policies (Transport, TEN-T and Cohesion) in order to ensure scope and development priorities alignment among port planning, overall transport infrastructure planning and national plans for Regional Economic Development benefiting DR ports. Also, the project aims to further strengthen DR connectivity with the EU Eastern Partnership and with Black Sea riparian countries by addressing transport infrastructure connectivity. Ports digitalization capabilities shall be assessed at the corridor level and dedicated measures proposed. Pro Danube Management GmbH is an active partner in the consortium, being involved in all project activities.

The DIONYSUS project is co-funded by European Union Funds (ERDF, IPA, ENI) under the Danube Transnational Programme and will run for 30 months (July 2020 – December 2022). It will be implemented by a transnational consortium of 18 co-funded organisations and 8 associated strategic partners (ministries of transport, vessel operators and their associations, authorities, academia) from 9 Danube countries. The project has a total budget of 3.603.511.25 EUR, out of which ERDF contribution amounts 2.660.157.35 EUR, IPA contribution amounts 269.212.46 EUR & ENI contribution amounts 680.141.44 EUR.

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Pro Danube is supporting its members as well as colleagues from branch organisations with disseminating information on their most recent accomplishments, services, initiatives and project results. If you are interested to disseminate your success in the Danube Region, please contact us!

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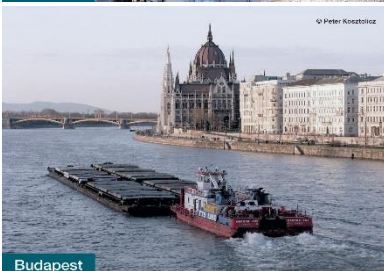
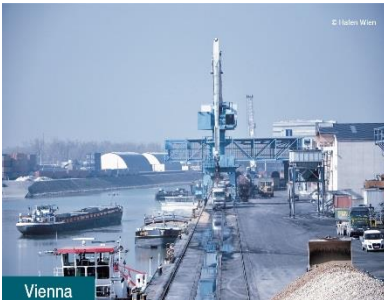
Pro Danube supports the IWT sector as well as the other sector organisations by hosting a dedicated section meant to facilitate the promotion of questionnaires distributed within the IWT community meant to collect input for different analyses, project activities, reports, etc.

OPEN Questionnaires
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Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool Electronic Reporting Tool for Administrative Barriers

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Pro Danube International (PDI) created this website under its domain to provide a tool for the stakeholders of Danube navigation to report administrative barriers that they have experienced and to name positive experiences.

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".

257 Issues reported by 24-03-2021 in the below split between thematic areas:

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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

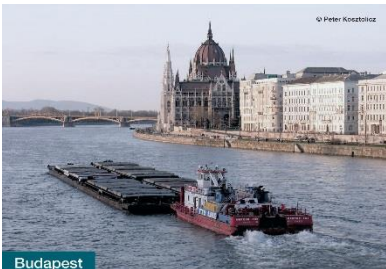
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Danube Ports Network

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Launched in 2018, the Danube Ports Network brings together public and private 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. With the support and collective effort of its partners, the Network will become a long-term, sustainable structure contributing to good port governance and cooperation strengthening in the Danube Region.

Moreover, the 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.

Coordinated by Pro Danube Management, DPN unites and harmonizes the message of the Danube Region's inland and seaports community in Europe and beyond.

The DPN has emerged within the framework of the DAPHNE (www.interreg-danube.eu/daphne) project in response to a real need for a unified, coordinated message of the Danube Region's inland and sea ports community in Europe and beyond.

In the framework of DIONYSUS (www.interreg-danube.eu/dionysus) implementation, knowledge-creation and transfer, as well as dissemination of the DPN's activities.

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INDanube aims to generate and to facilitate innovation projects through its services and shall engage in the build-up of a policy framework which enables and supports innovation in Danube IWT. This policy framework shall be embedded in the existing initiatives of the European Commission which foster the further development of the inland navigation sector in Europe especially such of the TEN-T, the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and NIAIDES II.

INDanube organizes the knowledge transfer in the Danube region regarding the innovation needs being derived from the perspective of the society, the vessel and fleet operators and their partners along the logistics and value chain.

INDanube is part of an international network of three European Innovation Centres covering Germany, France and the Danube region. Established by MARIKO, VNF and Pro Danube, together they are forming the cooperation platform called EBIP - European Inland Barging Innovation Platform and they support the innovation uptake by the inland waterway sector on the TEN-T Core Network. The platform serves as the first European platform for collecting and managing all relevant technical and economic information on innovation related to IWT. EBIP facilitates critical mass and economies of scale with a view to bringing (technological) innovation to real market implementation.

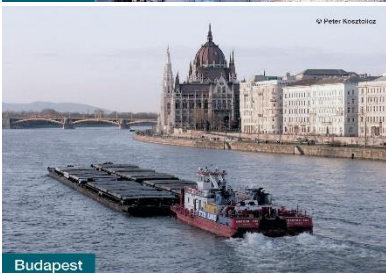
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Green Deal for Danube River Transport
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The "Green Deal for Danube river transport" was initiated by Pro Danube mid-2016 and formed a new policy and business framework consisting of reliable commitments and intensive coordinated cooperation between public and private stakeholders to improve efficiency and environmental performance of Danube waterway transport system ensuring tangible results and supporting sustainable economic growth.

Inspired by examples of good practices in Western Europe, Green Deal proposes a set of solutions that focus on the modernisation of the fleet, the reduction of the environmental impact and the development of Danube ports as catalysts for economic development on the regional level and beyond.

The framework's development goals are based on 4 main pillars, having the core objective to bring together relevant decision makers from the local and national levels as well as fleet & barge operators, port & terminal operators and industrial users of the Danube waterway together with their logistics service providers.

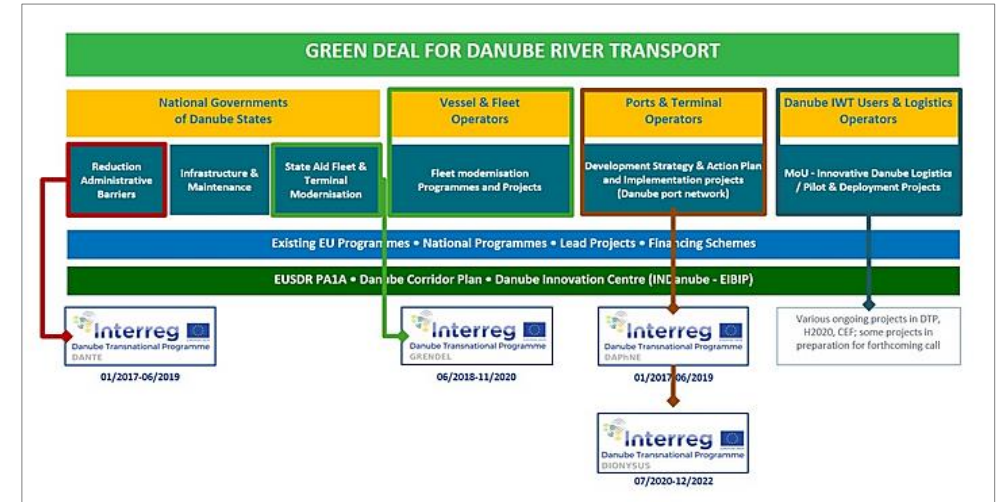
Its main pillars are:

1. National Governments of Danube States,
2. Vessel and Fleet Operators,
3. Ports and Terminal Operators,
4. Danube IWT and Logistics Operators.

Based on these, the following key elements are being addressed:

- Reduction of administrative barriers,
- Infrastructure and maintenance,
- State aid schemes for fleet and terminal modernization,
- Pilot projects/deployment projects,
- Development strategies/Action Plans.

All four pillars have been addressed by dedicated project initiated by Pro Danube in the frame of the Danube Transnational Programme, such as DANTE (www.interreg-danube.eu/dante), DAPHNE (www.interreg-danube.eu/daphne), GRENDÉL (www.interreg-danube.eu/grendel) and DIDNYUSUS (www.interreg-danube.eu/didnyusus).



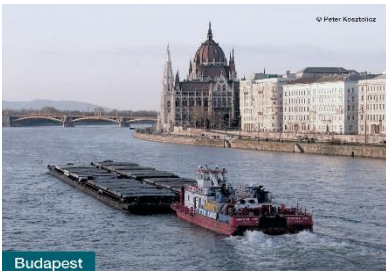
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Danube Ports Day

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The "Danube Ports Day" annual events are meant (i) to promote port affairs providing insights into the policy framework and concrete examples of development works and projects as well as (ii) to trigger future key actions meant to place Danube Region ports as ideal locations for setting up businesses relying on waterborne infrastructure. The annual editions bring together experts, policymakers and representatives of the IWT sector to discuss policy and other key related aspects linked to port development issues.

Launched in 2017 in the frame of the DAPHNE project (www.interreg-danube.eu/daphne), the events are gathering year by year a higher number of participants interested in port related affairs. The latest edition was organised in November 2020 (online) with the support of the Dionysus project (www.interreg-danube.eu/dionysus). The 2020 event brought together over 60 experts from the Danube Region and beyond. It facilitated a structured discussion on port development opportunities touching on topics such as (a) shore side electricity and (b) integrated logistics. Shore-side electricity, which allows ships to turn off their engines and plug into an electrical grid while at berth, has been steadily growing in popularity as a reliable solution to cutting emissions as well as reducing noise and vibration. First-hand information was provided based on the results of several EU & national funded projects, whereas, at the same time, two fleet operators presented from a user's perspective and Moldova introduced their logistics solutions to efficiently accommodate intermodal offered examples of fully integrated logistics solutions making use of the waterways.

The next two edition will be organised in Q3/2021 and Q3/2022. For up-to-date information

ANNUAL EVENT DEDICATED TO DANUBE PORTS AFFAIRS

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Danube Transport Day

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The annual "Danube Transport Days" events organised at the European Parliament between 2016 and 2018 were initiated by Pro Danube with the aim to 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 in the Danube Region in relation to the inland waterway transport (IWT) sector. Targeted innovation of the Danube IWT sector shall 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.

Danube Transport Day European Parliament

DATE & TIME: 7 September 2016, 16:00-18:00
VENUE: EP, Athéro Spinelli Building, ASP 5 E-2, Wiertzstraat 60, Brussels, Belgium

Danube Transport Day 2017 European Parliament

Organized by:

Green, efficient & innovative Danube Transport

DATE & TIME: 23 November 2017, 09:00-12:00
VENUE: EP, Athéro Spinelli Building, Room A302, 60 Rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels, Belgium

Danube Transport Day 2018 European Parliament

Organized by:

Port of Constanța – multimodal hub for regional development and strategic partner of Danube ports

DATE & TIME: 06 June 2018, 16:00-18:00
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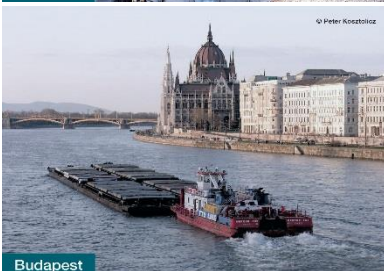
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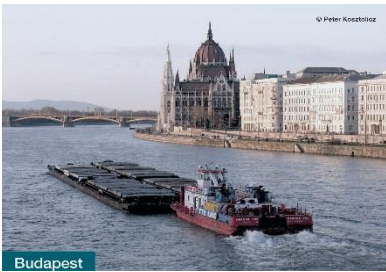
Organised in the frame of the EUSDR Annual Fora (in 2014 and 2015), "Industry meets Policy" enabled a dialogue between highly ranked EU policy makers and top industry representatives from the Danube Region in order to strengthen the awareness of policy makers in particular with regard to urgent and sustainable improvements of the fairway maintenance and intends to support the implementation of the Danube Region Strategy as major instrument for the regional development policy of the European Union for the Danube region. Moreover, it enabled a discussion on industry requirements and the necessary policy actions to develop the Danube waterway into a core transport axis of the entire Danube region.

The foreseen High Level Round Table discussions were organised by Pro Danube International in cooperation with Pro Danube Austria and offered the industry representatives the opportunity to face key policy makers for achieving tangible results regarding the development of the Danube as key European logistics axis and as engine for economic growth in the framework of the EUSDR.

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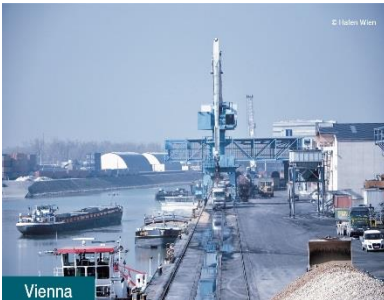
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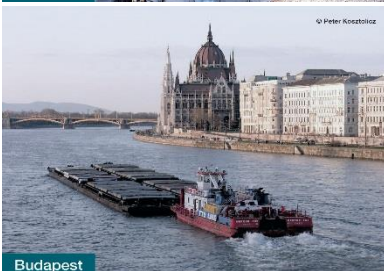
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Celebrating a decade of commitment to the well-being of the Danube IWT sector



PRO DANUBE INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
26 MARCH 2021
10:00-13:00 (CET)
ONLINE EVENT
CELEBRATING A DECADE OF COMMITMENT

Ten years ago, Mr. Alexandru Capatu and Mr. Manfred Seitz together with highly committed founding members have given the Danube community a common voice to address key challenges confronting the Danube inland navigation sector. On this occasion, we would like to thank all our members, partners and colleagues for their dedication and support to engage in a long-term, active, and coordinated cooperation process benefiting the IWT sector and regional economy at large. Since its establishment, Pro Danube International continuously continued to grow, developing into a network of more than 180 companies that have a strategic interest in securing better infrastructure conditions and a higher rate of public investments in the Danube transport and logistics system.

With the Danube being regarded as the economical backbone of a transnational region par excellence, characterized by different levels of socioeconomic development, Pro Danube International successfully managed to bring together public and private representatives of the Danube Region in order to have a lasting impact on the overall situation of IWT.

This year's General Assembly is set to celebrate a decade of commitment to the well-being of the Danube IWT sector and to intensify cooperation with related branch organisations. We therefore cordially invite our partners to join the open session of our General Assembly to take part in the discussions with highly distinguished experts of the IWT sector.

Those of you interested to attend, please register [here](#).

PLATINA3 supports inland waterway transport with series of stage events

On the 7th and 8th of April, the PLATINA3 consortium is organising the first STAGE event in a series of six international meetings, which will be hosted online by the Danube Commission.

Participants will be able to virtually attend keynote speeches by the newly elected President of the Danube Commission, high-ranking representatives of the European Commission and from the Danube countries, members of the European Parliament and from the business community. The opening session will be followed by 7 thematic sessions, addressing key challenges and opportunities in inland navigation such as the transition to zero-emission shipping, the integration of inland navigation into supply chains, and smart waterways and autonomous navigation.

On the 8th of April between 09:45 and 13:00 hrs, Pro Danube Management together with viadonau are organising a session dedicated to synchronodal logistics chains & smart waterways. Chaired by PDM, the event aims to highlight on one side daily practices and challenges experienced by several logistics operators involved across the different supply chains legs, introduce new tools and services enabling the integration of IWT into synchronodal logistics chains as well as it will promote best practices collected by means of pilot activities deployed within the framework of one of the leading Austrian research project in the field of physical internet - PhysICAL and the European logistics alliance ALICE. It will also provide an insight to the EC's ongoing and planned initiatives in terms of digitalization and digital transformation & integration and will introduce key messages derived from the evaluation of the RIS Directive.


Registration is available at: <https://platina3.eu/event/budapest/>

Danube Ports Day 2020 successfully organised online on the 17th November

The Danube Ports Day 2020 edition was successfully organised in the framework of the DIONYSUS project by Pro Danube and the Port of Ennsbrunn, with the support of the Danube Ports Network.

The event brought together more than 60 experts from the Danube Region and beyond interested in hot topics such as shore side electricity and integrated logistics solutions.

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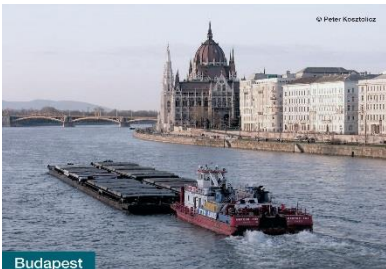




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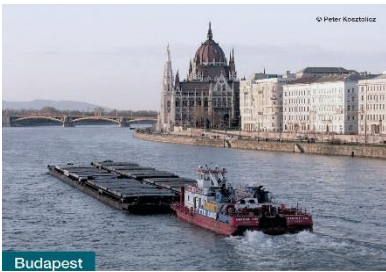
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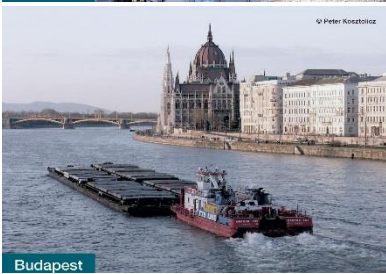
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The management




Peter Wötzing
Peter is currently the general manager of Pro Danube Management. He is a Dipl. Ing. graduate of TU Vienna and has more than 25 years of experience in engineering consultancy, dealing with the initiation and management of large-scale public and private construction investments in Transportation, Energy, Water and the Building Sector.




Herfried Leitner
Herfried is currently the Chairman of Pro Danube International. Graduate in Supply Chain Management from Donau Universität Krems, Herfried holds an extensive management experience of more than 20 years in supply chain management, production and warehouse management as well as in inland waterway transport.




Robert Rafael
Robert holds a master's degree in Economics from Budapesti Corvinus University and in Business Law from Eötvös Loránd University and is currently the general secretary of Pro Danube International and general manager of Pro Danube Management GmbH. He has extensive experience in inland navigation innovation projects as he initiated and managed several innovative IWT-related projects in the field of RIS, IWT promotion, inland ports, alternative fuels.




Ruxandra Florescu
Ruxandra studied International Business and Economics in Bucharest and Vienna, International Financial Markets in Madrid and joined PDM in 2013, where she is currently working as a senior project manager. She holds a MSc in Supply Chain Management from WU Vienna (with a dedicated focus on



Charlotte Siot
(maternity leave)
Charlotte studied law at FACO, Paris and holds a master's degree in Public Law from the University of Rouen. Since 2017 she is working as a project manager at PDM being involved in several related EU-funded projects in the field of IWT, dealing with topics such as IWT promotion and modernization of the fleet.



Markus Eppich
Markus started his career mid of 2015 as project manager at Pro Danube, focusing on innovative transport solutions and implementation strategies for sustainable alternative fuels, based on his interdisciplinary university background "Energy and Transport Management". In addition to his focus in technical fields, Markus is



Christian Stark
Christian holds PhD and MA degrees in Political Science from the University of Vienna and a BA degree in Social Sciences from the Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf. After furthering his professional development in the European Commission and the European Parliament, he joined Pro Danube in 2018 where he currently works as a

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**Statement of Mr Manfred Seitz, co-founder Pro
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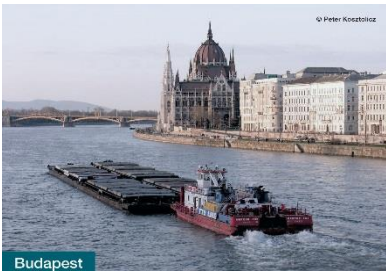




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European Platform of inland waterway authorities and bodies promoting inland waterway transport



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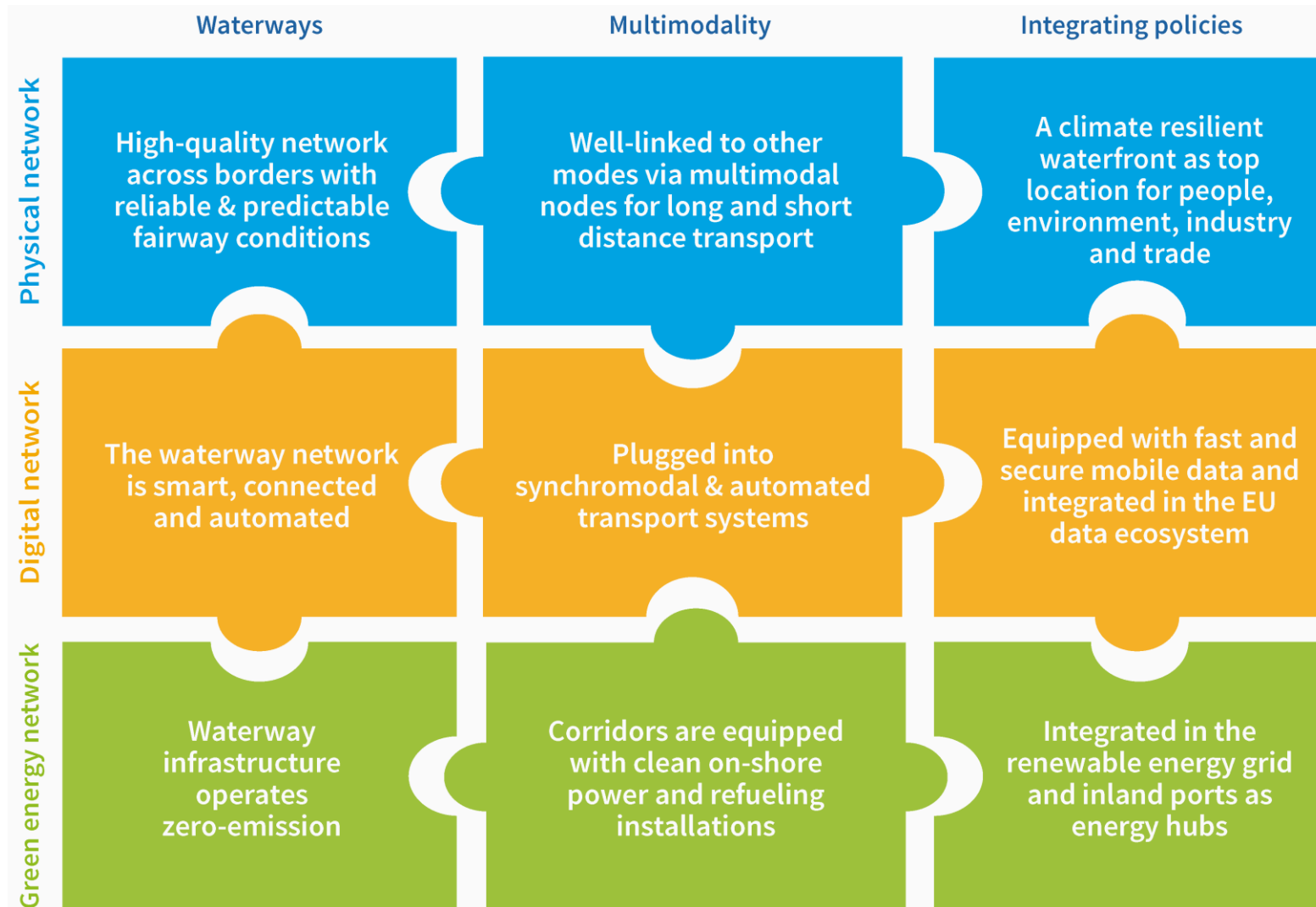
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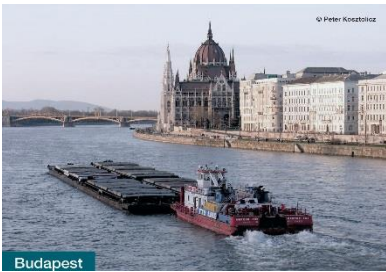
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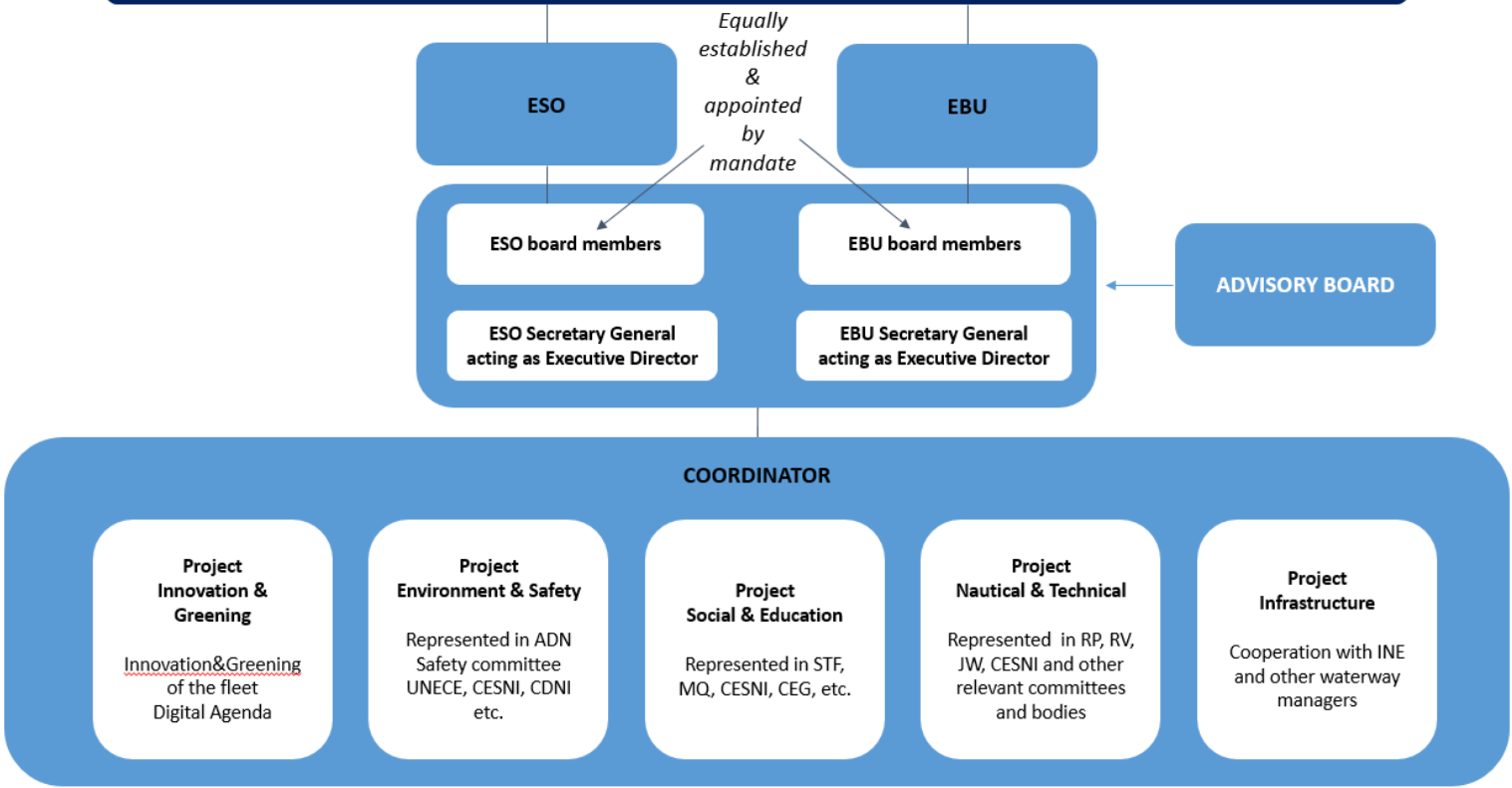


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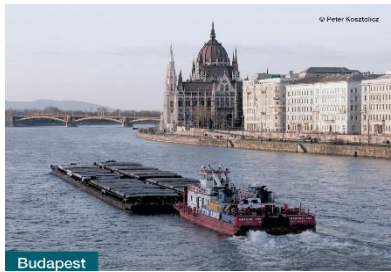




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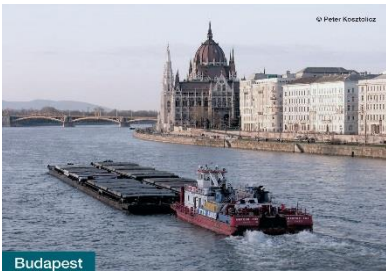




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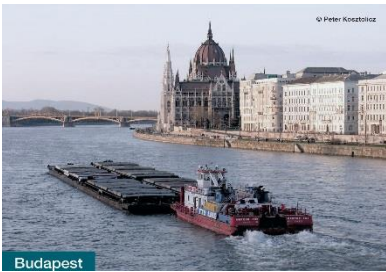




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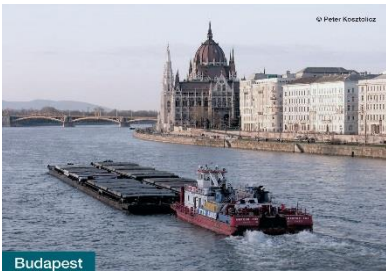




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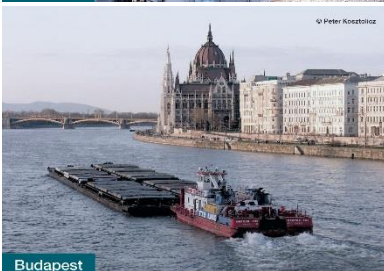
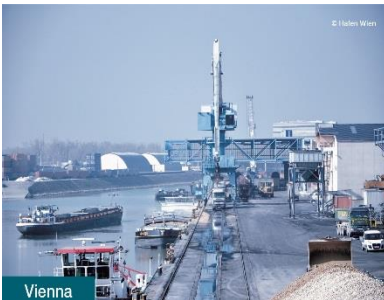
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- Mr Robert Rafael, General Secretary Pro Danube International



At a glance



Pro Danube International (PDI)

- **Non-profit association** based in Vienna founded in September 2011 aiming to increase the competitiveness of inland waterways with a dedicated focus on the Danube River
- Brings together a **network of about 200 private businesses:** transport users (manufacturing industry), logistics service providers, associations of barge and terminal operators as well as related industries such as shipyards and technology providers
- **Driving force** in the development of the Danube waterway as a competitive logistics system
- Takes part in the political debate on **transport policy, transport technology and regional development**
- **Promotes better infrastructure and services** which result in a more intensive use of the environmentally friendly Danube waterway as well as in increased innovation for the Danube logistics sector
- **Competent partner for public authorities and administrations** by supporting the definition and implementation of policy actions
- **Observer to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region / Priority Area 1A "Waterways Mobility" Steering Group**
- Pro Danube in the region: independent sister organisation in Galati (Romania)
- Pro Danube Management: offers dedicated support for EU grants accession and for EU projects applications preparation as well as for consultancy and project management

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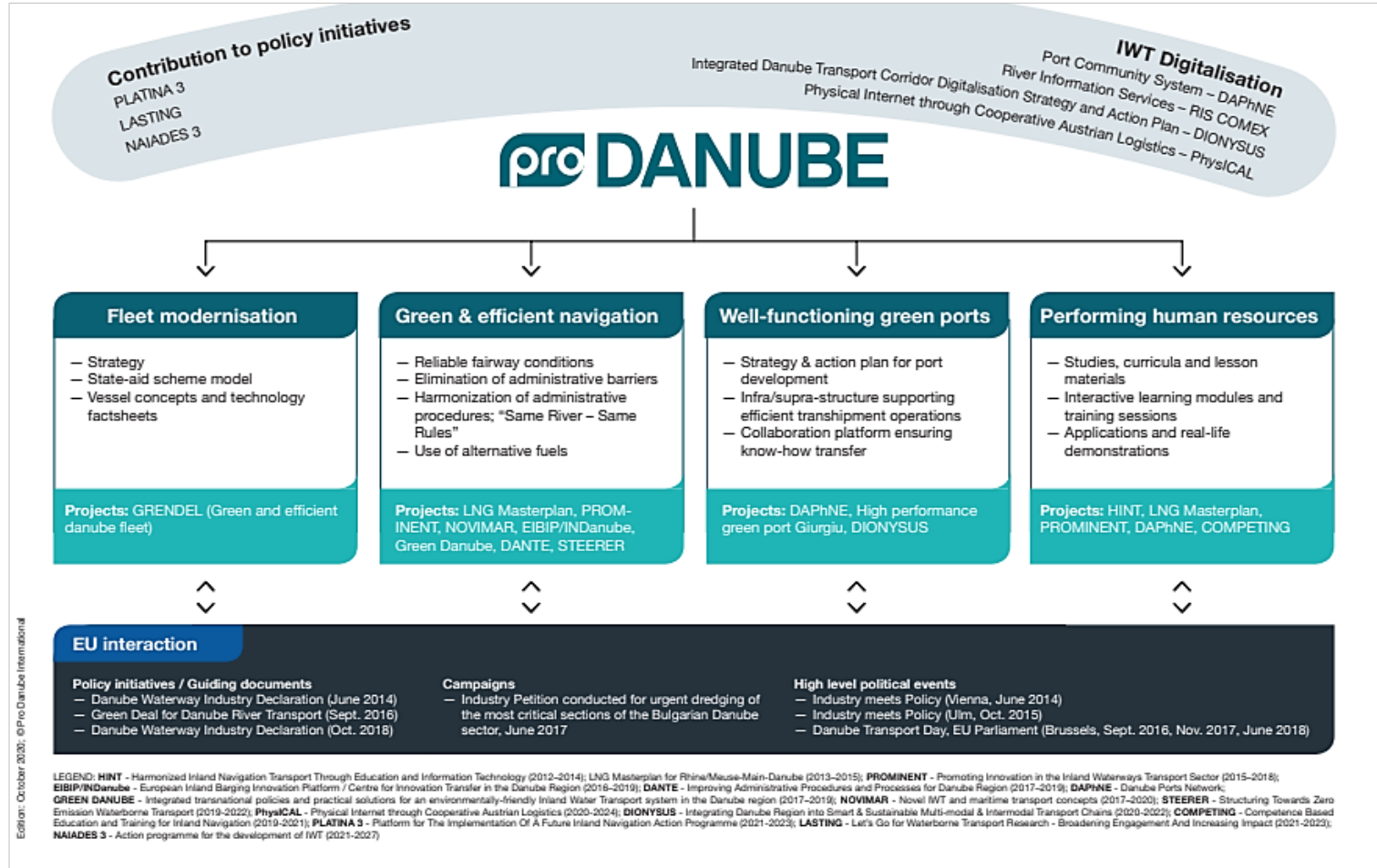
Stakeholders Activities

- **EU Actions:** Interacts directly with EU institutions as well as other international stakeholders & sector organisations
- **Transnational projects:** Defines and carries out policy actions to improve efficiency and eco-performance of IWT
- **Business cases:** Serves its members as a competence centre for EU grants accession and for EU projects applications preparation as well as for consultancy and project management of EU-funded projects

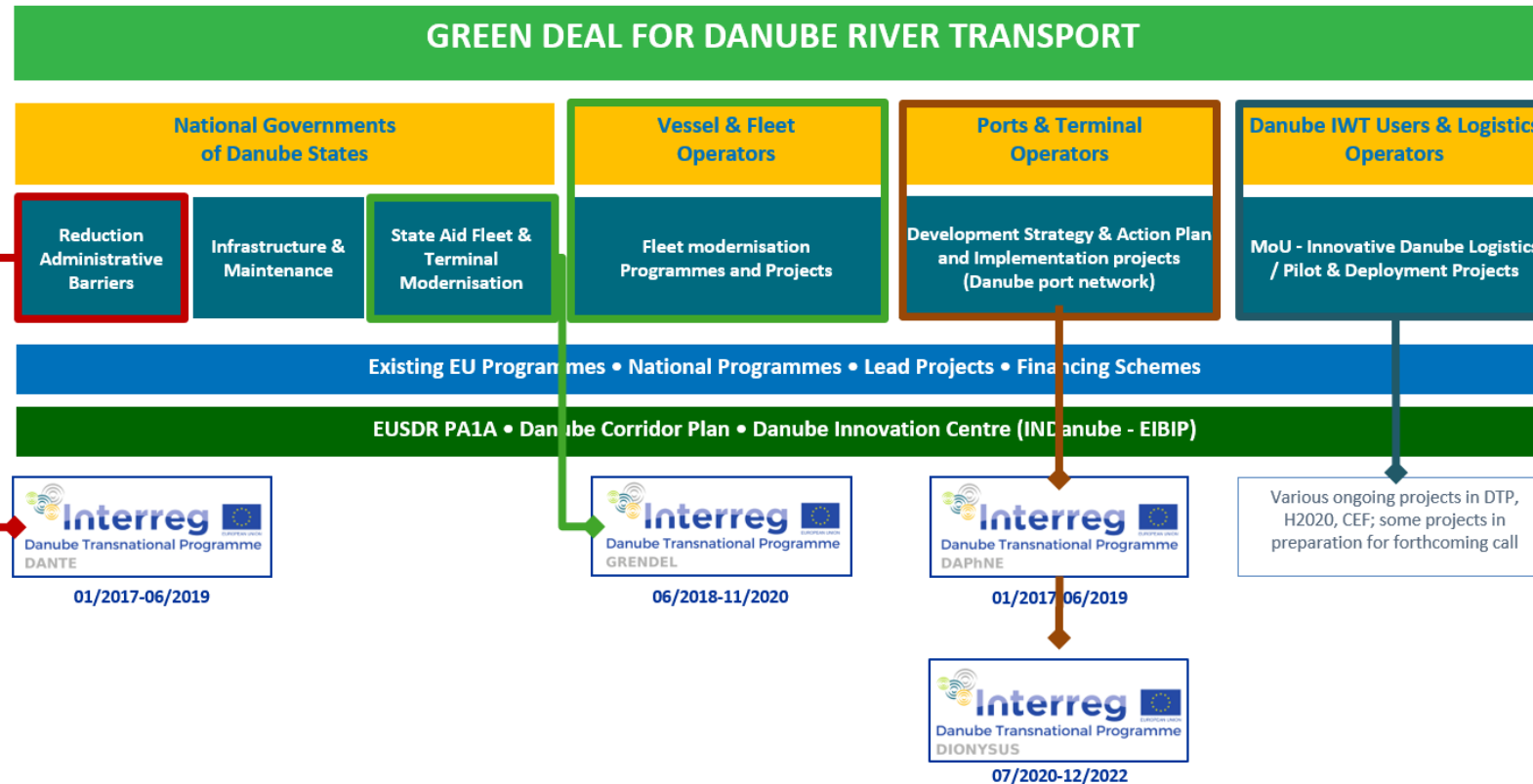
PDI Focus

- Improve Danube fairway maintenance
- Reduce administrative barriers
- Shape the political framework for investment in Danube ports, modernization of Danube fleet and execution of river engineering works
- Active involvement in dedicated EC initiatives, program and expert groups in relation to IWT affairs
- Preparation of project applications and implementation of projects in the fields of energy efficiency, supply chain management, digitalisation, port logistics and management

Working focus

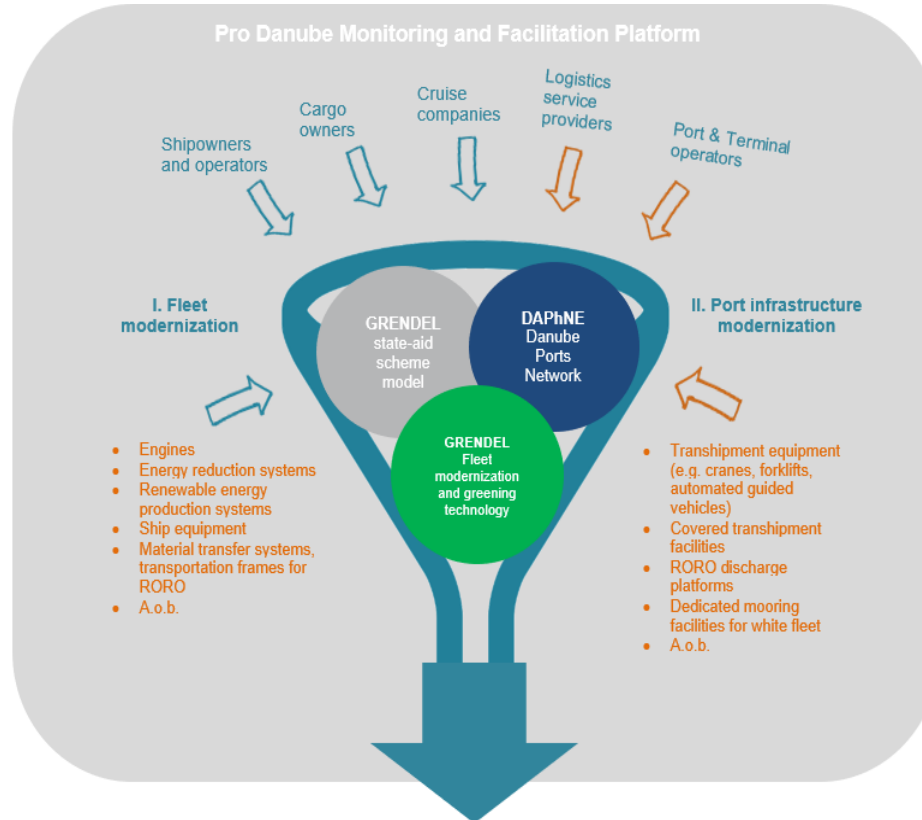


GREEN DEAL: Policy initiative based on cooperation & commitment



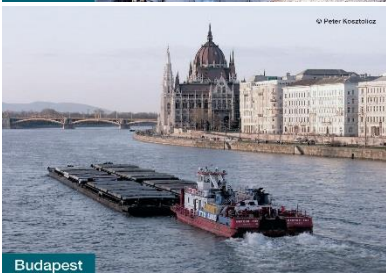


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Looking to the future



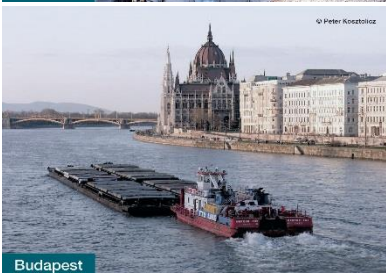
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Active contribution to the implementation of various IWT & maritime promotion projects dealing with ports development, IWT greening, smart logistics, digitalisation, education & training.



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EU and Transnational partnerships and coordination activities



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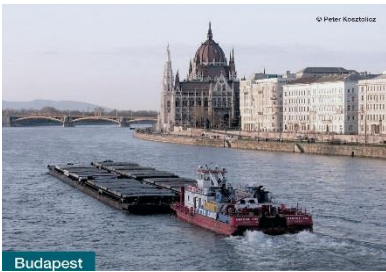
- Cooperation with EC services and active contribution to:
 1. Inland waterway transport agenda for Europe 2021-2027
 2. NAIADES 3 Action Programme preparation
 3. Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy
 4. CEF 2 & Horizon Europe Programme preparation
 5. Digitalisation initiatives (eFTI, DINA, DTLF)
 6. Rhine-Danube Corridor Meetings
 7. Ensure that ports comply with the TEN-T and the alternative fuels infrastructure requirements
 8. Motorways of the Sea in the Black Sea and the effective integration in the Rhine-Danube & Orient-East Med Core Network Corridors
- Close cooperation with branch organisations: INE, EBU, ESO, IWT Platform, EFIP
- Monitoring of strategic projects such as FAIRWAY projects, RIS COMEX, DIWA, etc.



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Transnational IWT barrier reporting tool Electronic Reporting Tool for Administrative Barriers





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Common project „Push4Danube“ to the needs of our sector



Work: Inventory of all investment projects related to river shipping (Ports, shipper, trader, shipping companies, bunker, etc.)

Target: Consolidated report /anonymized / per country
„Catalogue of required investments“ for inland shipping
Handover to national ministries and the EU-Commission

Overview serves the policy for investment package in the Danube area:

- a. Sector support regarding COVID-19
- b. Improvement of the competitive situation of domestic industries
- c. Push the „Green Deal“ goals of the EU (2030 und 2050)

Asking for your support and distribution of the information.

Everyone can also register to participate: office@prodanube.eu

Survey available on [EU Survey](#)

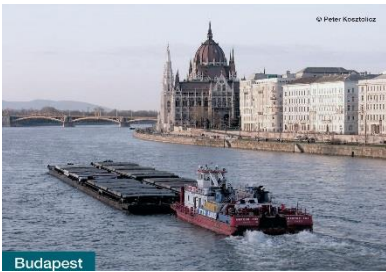




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