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Danube waterway- European key transport axis

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Presentation Overview

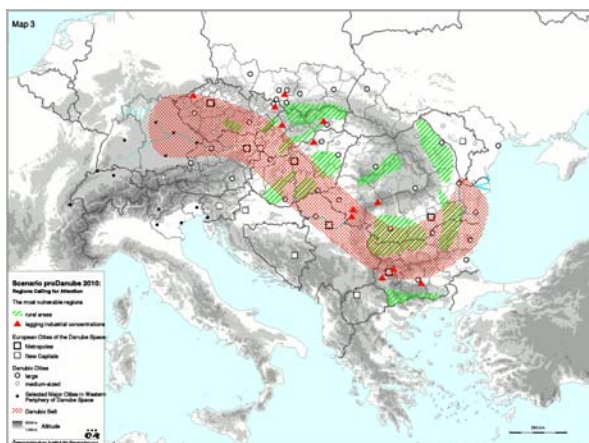
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Economic importance of the Danube region

The “Danube belt” – an axis for development

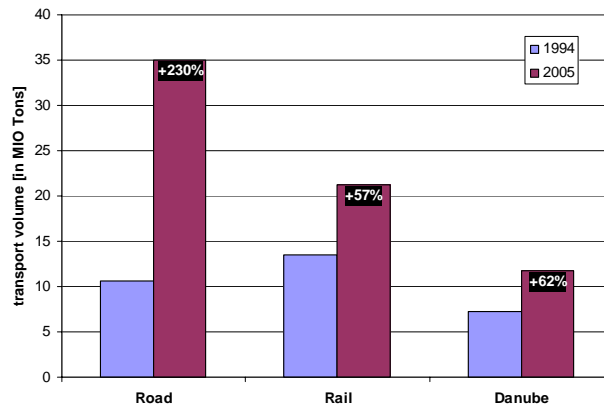


Annual growth rates	
GDP/capita at PPP 2000 - 2015	
Average growth rates 2000 - 2015	% p.a.
Germany	2,0
Poland	3,8
Czech Rep.	3,3
Austria	2,0
Slovenia	2,8
Slovakia	3,9
Hungary	3,3
Croatia	4,2
Bulgaria	2,8
Romania	3,5
Ukraine	3,3
Turkey	2,6

Source: Assumption of ÖIR based on forecasts of BMVIT, EC, WIIW

Source: ÖIR (Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning)

Transport volumes in the Austrian Danube Corridor Export, Import and Transit 1994 - 2005

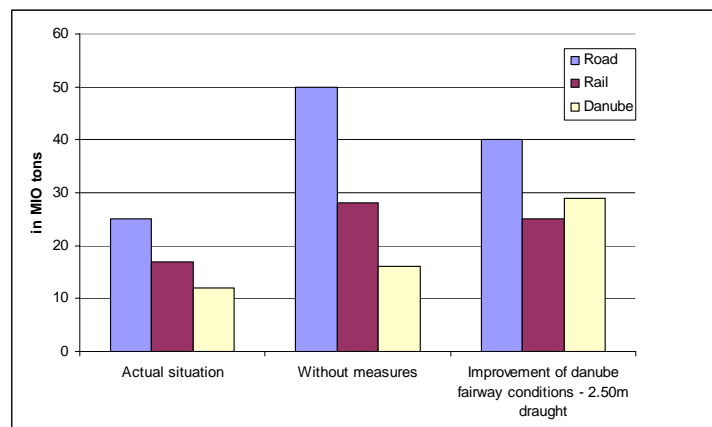


Source: OIR (Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning), 2006; figures include bilateral and transit traffic

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Forecast of transport volumes in the Austrian Danube Corridor (2015)



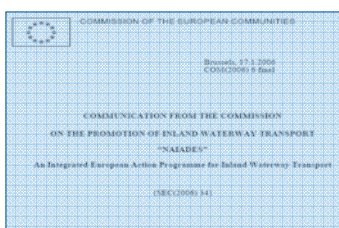
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European Inland navigation policy

European Action Program NAIADES



Recommendation for actions on national and community level 2006 – 2013 on 17 January 2006

Adoption of the „Council Conclusions on the promotion of inland waterway transport“ on 8 – 9 June 2006 in Luxembourg

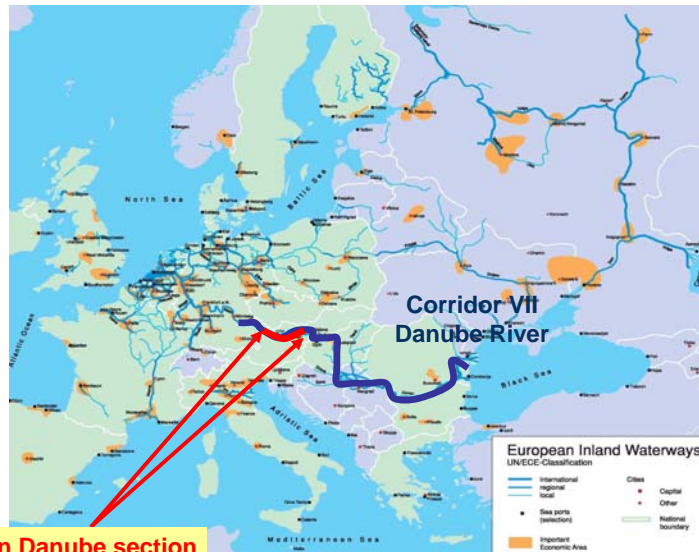


Resolution of the European Parliament on the promotion of inland waterway transport on 26 October 2006

Danube waterway

Pan-european
Transport
Corridor VII

within
priority axis no. 18 of
TEN-T



Austrian Danube section
350 km

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Infrastructure Bottlenecks of the Danube



- Inadequacy of navigation conditions
- Need of international co-operation
- Appropriate solutions for different types of bottlenecks

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PLATINA – Platform for the implementation of NAIADES

- Establish a **knowledge network** bringing together all relevant actors concerned to assist in the implementation of NAIADES in Europe (EC, Member States and third countries)
 - Provision of technical expertise and support
 - Provision of organisational, infrastructural and financial support
 - Platform deals with areas that require non-legislative coordinative actions at the European level



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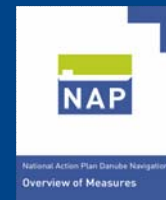
PLATINA – Platform for the implementation of NAIADES

NAIADES Objectives	WPI MARKETS	WPI FLEET	WPI JOBS&SKILLS	WPI IMAGE	WPI INFRASTRUCTURE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract new markets Encourage entrepreneurship Improve administrative and regulatory framework VIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve logistics efficiency, environmental and safety performance of IWT VNF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract workforce Invest in human capital BDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote inland navigation as a successful partner in business Set up and expand European IWT promotion and development network PBV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve multi-modal network Implement River Information Services AVV
PLATINA Initiatives	SWP1.1 VIA Creation and operation of European IWT information services	SWP2.1 VNF Support for European IWT innovation	SWP3.1 BDB European IWT educational network	SWP4.1 INE European IWT promotion and development network	SWP5.1 AVV Technical support for European IWT infrastructure development plan
	SWP1.2 NEA Monitoring administrative barriers	SWP2.2 DST IWT innovation expert group	SWP3.2 ADB Life-long learning initiative	SWP4.2 INE Development and coordination of communication and promotion strategy	SWP5.2 AVV Administrative and technical support for RIS
	SWP1.3 ECO Benchmarks and best practices	SWP2.3 VNF Support development of interoperable hull databases	SWP3.3 BDB Setup of European IWT recruitment campaign	SWP4.3 PBV Establishment and support of IWT lead events	SWP5.3 ICPDR Interdisciplinary dialogue on sustainable waterway development
WPI6 TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT					
SWP6.1 VIA Project coordination		SWP6.2 VIA Communication & dissemination		SWP6.3 VIA Project office in Brussels	



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Austrian inland navigation policy



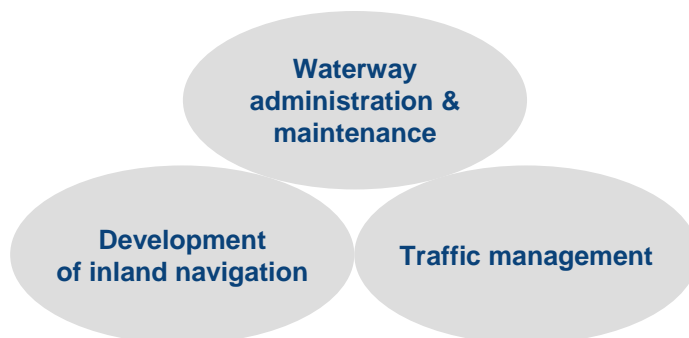
National Action Plan (NAP)



- Comprehensive and dynamic planning and decision-making instrument for the Austrian shipping policy until 2015
- Austrian implementation strategy of the European NAIADES Action Programme
- Catalogue of measures developed in cooperation with inland ports and the inland navigation sector

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- ... the Austrian national waterway operator
- ... owned by the Ministry of Transport Innovation and Technology
- ... responsible for 351 km of the Danube waterway



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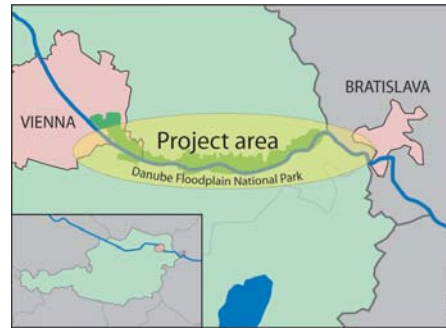
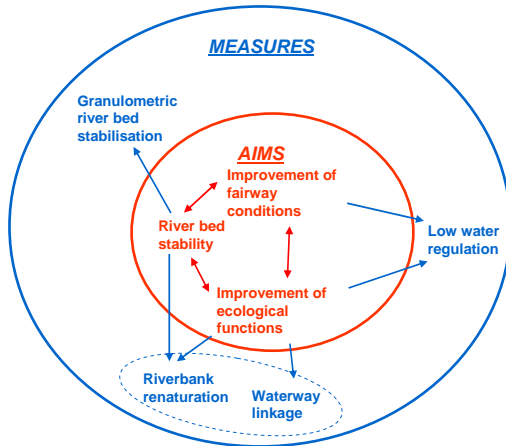
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Selected projects

Integrated River Engineering Project on the Danube to the East of Vienna

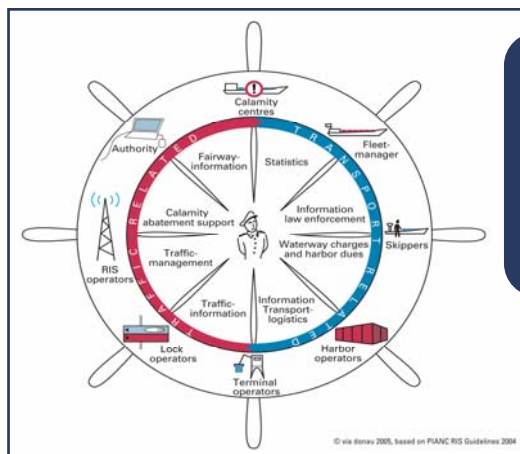


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Definition River Information Services (RIS)



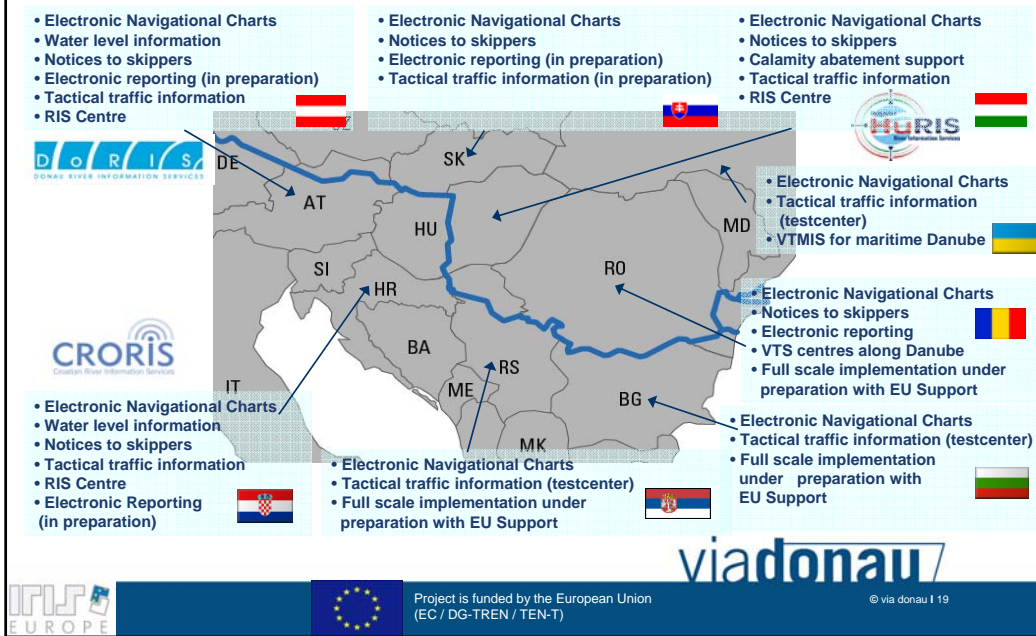
Telematics Systems and
Information Services
in order to increase the
safety and efficiency of
inland waterway
transport

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Status of RIS on the Danube for 2007



South-East Europe Programme 2007-2013: Proposed co-operation activities

NELI Network for logistics and nautical education focusing on inland navigation

WANDA Waste management for Inland Navigation on the Danube

NEWADA Network of Danube Waterway Administration



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