

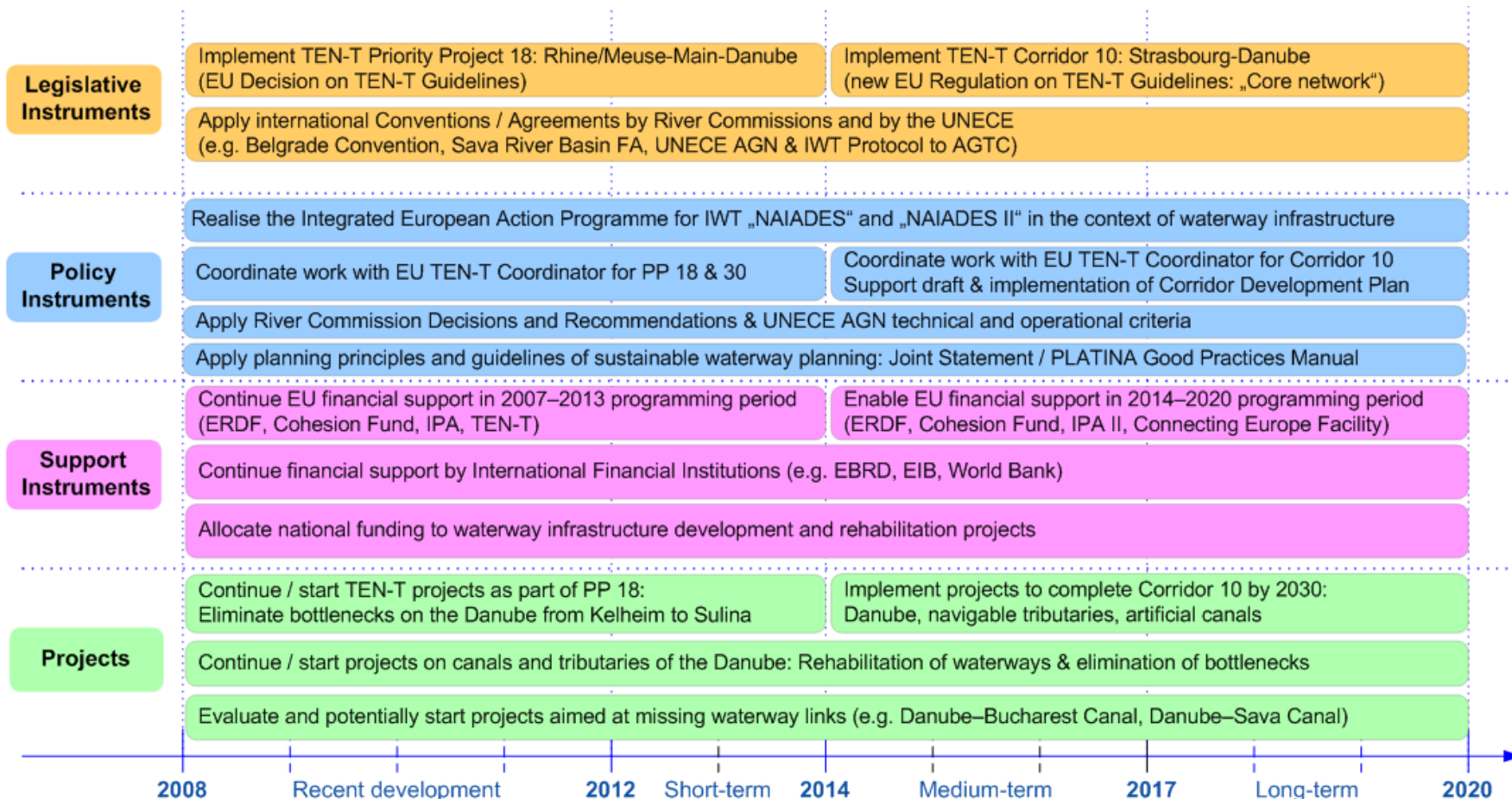
## Waterway Infrastructure

Working Groups for Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR

15th March 2012

- **Actions:** ► to complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way
  - to invest in waterway infrastructure of the Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections
- **Key Tasks:** ► remove existing navigability bottlenecks; use environmentally sustainable solutions; take into account likely impacts of climate change, the preservation of functioning ecosystems and the Joint Statement's planning guidelines
  - improve waterway network in order to enable hinterland connections; consider infrastructure for missing links and the development of onward links to the Black Sea and beyond
- **Targets:** ► solve obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2015
  - increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010

# Overview



# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



## Legislative Instruments

Implement EU Decision on Guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) – Priority Project 18 (Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube)	Short Term	EC, Countries
Implement EU Regulation on the revised Guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) – Corridor 10 (Strasbourg-Danube) as part of the "core network" to be finished by 2030	Medium - Long Term	
Apply international Conventions/Agreements by River Commissions and by the UNECE regarding waterway infrastructure (e.g. Belgrade Convention, AGN and Inland Navigation Protocol to AGTC, Sava River Basin FA)	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries, River Comm., UNECE

# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



## Policy Instruments

<p>Realise the Integrated European Action Programme for IWT "NAIADES" and "NAIADES II" regarding waterway infrastructure  <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., IWT Industry</p>
<p>Cooperate with EU TEN-T Coordinator for Priority Project 18 (Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube) until the end of 2013</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries</p>
<p>... for Corridor 10 (Strasbourg-Danube) in the period 2014-2030  <b>Role of PAC 1a: cooperation; reporting (SG)</b></p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	
<p>Apply River Commission Decisions and Recommendations &amp; UNECE AGN technical and operational criteria</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries, River Comm., UNECE</p>
<p>Apply planning principles and guidelines of sustainable waterway planning – Joint Statement &amp; PLATINA Good Practices Manual  <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG and WG forums to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., IWT Industry, NGOs</p>

# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



## Support Instruments

Continue EU financial support in the programming period 2007–2013 (e.g. ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA, TEN-T)	Short Term	EC, Countries
EU financial support in the programming period 2014–2020 (e.g. ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA II, Connecting Europe Facility) <b>Role of PAC 1a: promote the alignment of EUSDR and EU funding schemes (SG)</b>	Medium - Long Term	EC, Countries
Continue financial support by national and international financial institutions (e.g. private banks)	Short - Medium - Long Term	EC, Financing Inst.
Allocate national funding to projects aimed at waterway infrastructure development and rehabilitation <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b>	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries

# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



## Projects

<p>Continue/start TEN-T projects as part of Priority Project 18: eliminate bottlenecks on the Danube (Kelheim – Sulina)</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, IWT Industry, NGOs</p>
<p>Implement projects to complete Corridor 10 by 2030: Danube, navigable tributaries, artificial canals</p> <p><b>Role of PAC 1a: collection of project infos, support of project initiatives (letter of recommendation – SG), discussion in WG</b></p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	
<p>Rehabilitation of waterways &amp; elimination of bottlenecks (non-TEN-T): continue/start projects on canals and tributaries of the Danube (e.g. Danube-Tisa-Danube &amp; Danube-Black Sea canals)</p> <p><b>Role of PAC 1a: collection of project infos, support of project initiatives (letter of recommendation – SG), discussion in WG</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>(EC), Countries, IWT Industry, NGOs</p>
<p>Evaluate and potentially start projects aimed at missing waterway links (e.g. Danube-Bucharest Canal in Romania, Danube-Sava Canal in Croatia)</p> <p><b>Role of PAC 1a: collection of project infos, discussion in SG &amp; WG</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>(EC), Countries, IWT Industry, NGOs</p>

## Summary: key issues

- Implementation of waterway infrastructure projects (TEN-T & others) primarily aimed at the elimination of existing shortcomings
- Application of integrated and sustainable planning approach for waterway infrastructure projects (including involvement of IWT Industry and NGOs)
- Ensurance of international (EU, IFIs) and national financial support for infrastructure development and rehabilitation projects
- Coordination of work with European TEN-T Coordinator, especially in 2014-2020 programming period ("Corridor Development Plan")



## Specific contribution / tasks of PACs?

- Provision of SG and WG forums for discussion and providing information on status of implementation
- Identification of waterway infrastructure projects and their status (project ideas, under preparation, ongoing) (SG, WG, project leaders / promoters)
- Continuous provision of information on project implementation (SG, WG)
- Identification of projects which are in line with the actions/targets of PA 1a
- Decision in Steering Group on Letters of Recommendation to be issued for projects which are in line with the actions/targets of PA 1a (SG)
- Publication and regular update of online information in projects database to be made available at [www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu) (project leaders / promoters)
- Cooperation with EC TEN-T European Coordinator (EC)