

Waterway Management

Working Groups for Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR

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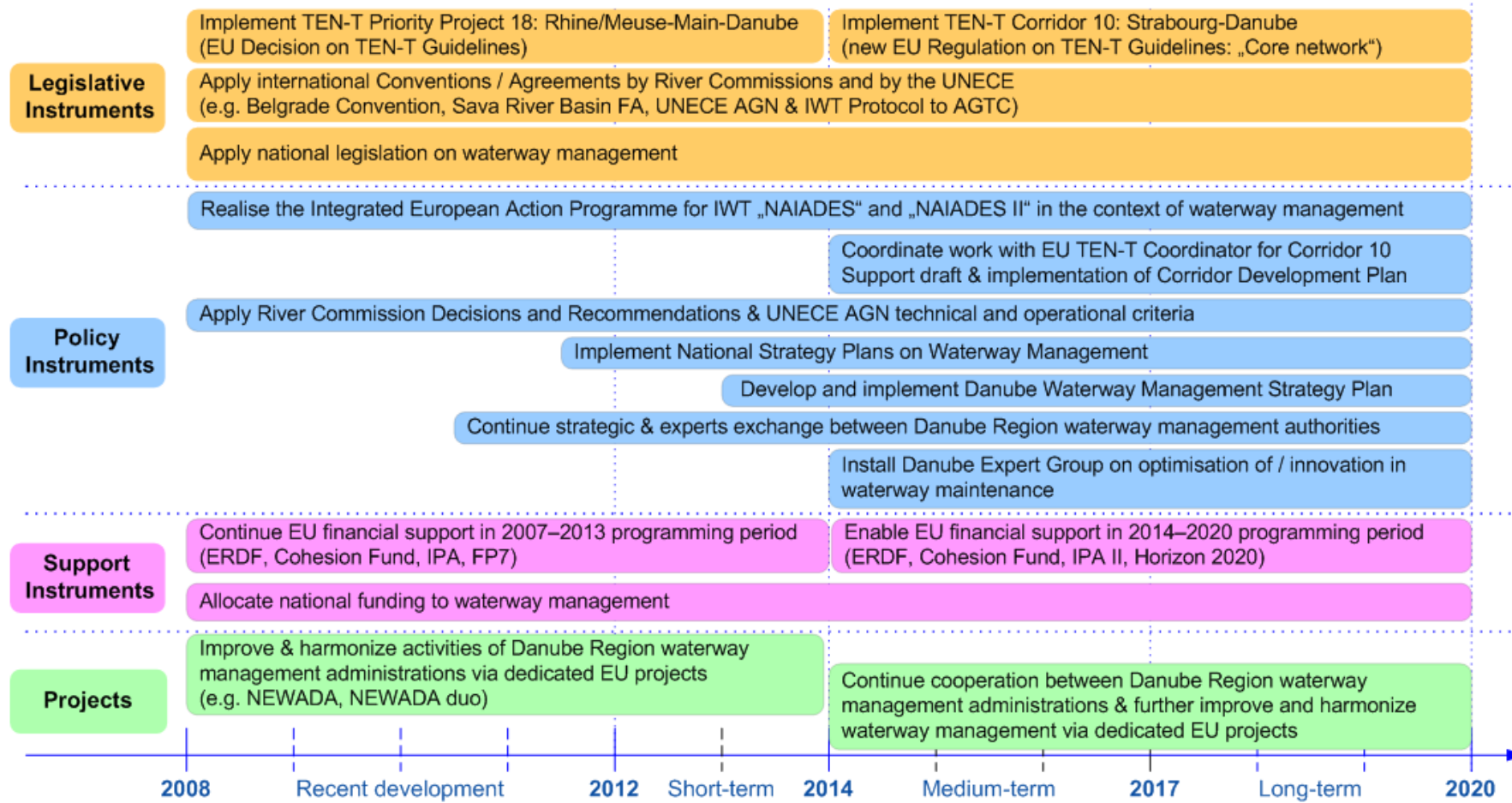
- **Action:** ► to improve comprehensive waterway management of the Danube and its tributaries
- **Key Tasks:** ► improve management with regard to waterway maintenance (surveying, dredging), flood protection and ecological measures; create common standards for waterway management in the Danube basin; continue and intensify the cooperation of national waterway management bodies
- **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

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Overview



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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 management (e.g. Belgrade Convention, AGN and Inland Navigation Protocol to AGTC, Sava River Basin FA)	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries, River Comm., UNECE
Apply national legislation on waterway management	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries

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Policy Instruments (1)

<p>Realise the Integrated European Action Programme for IWT "NAIADES" and "NAIADES II" in the context of waterway management</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., IWT Industry</p>
<p>Cooperate with EU TEN-T Coordinator for Corridor 10 (Strasbourg-Danube) in the period 2014-2030</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: cooperation; reporting (SG)</p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries</p>
<p>Apply River Commission Decisions and Recommendations & UNECE AGN technical and operational criteria</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries, River Comm., UNECE</p>

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Policy Instruments (2)

<p>Implement National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management; develop & implement Danube Waterway Management Strategy Plan (2014+)</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm.</p>
<p>Continue strategic & experts exchange between Danube region waterway management authorities; install Danube Expert Group on otimisation of / innovation in waterway maintenance (2014+)</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm.</p>

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Support Instruments

<p>Continue EU financial support in the programming period 2007–2013 (e.g. ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA, FP7)</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries</p>
<p>EU financial support in the programming period 2014–2020 (e.g. ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA II, Horizon 2020)</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: promote the alignment of EUSDR and EU funding schemes (SG)</p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries</p>
<p>Allocate national funding to waterway management (budgets of waterway management administrations)</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries</p>

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Projects

<p>Improve and harmonise activities of Danube region waterway management administrations via dedicated EU projects (e.g. NEWADA and NEWADA duo)</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: collection of project infos, support of project initiatives (letter of recommendation – SG), discussion in WG</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., IWT Industry, NGOs</p>
<p>Continue cooperation between Danube region waterway management administrations & further improve and harmonize waterway management via dedicated EU projects ("NEWADA+")</p> <p>Role of PAC 1a: collection of project infos, support of project initiatives (letter of recommendation – SG), discussion in WG</p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., IWT Industry, NGOs</p>

Summary: key issues

- Improvement and harmonisation of Danube region waterway management (including the involvement of IWT Industry and NGOs)
- Provision of international and national financial support for waterway management activities
- Implementation of coherent National Strategy Plans on integrated and effective waterway management
- 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 in order to support the development and implementation of Waterway Management Strategy Plans as well as the improvement and harmonisation of Danube region waterway management
- Identification of waterway management 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 (project leaders / promoters)
- Cooperation with EC TEN-T European Coordinator (EC)