

# Ports & Sustainable Freight Transport

Working Groups for Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR

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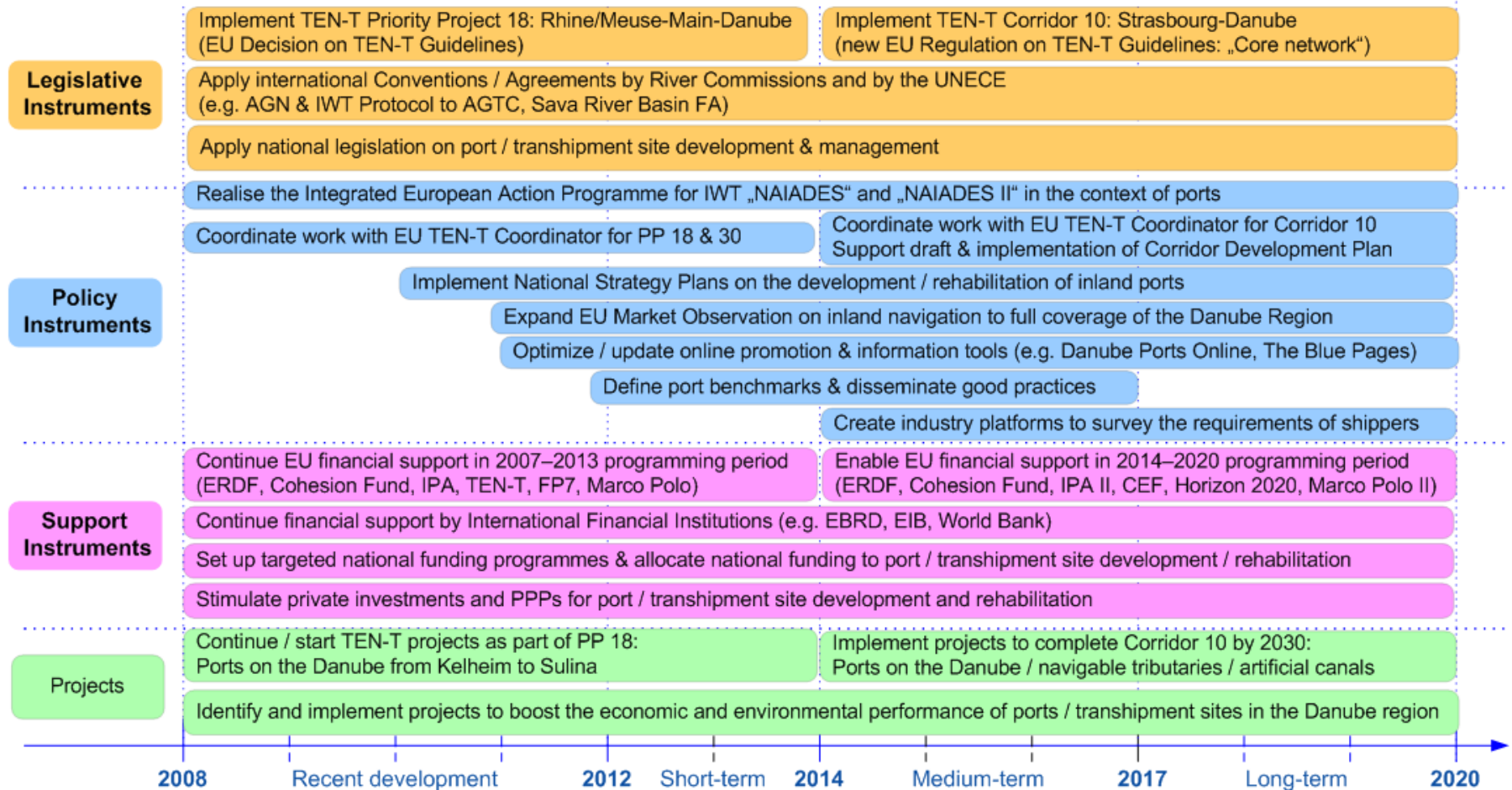
- **Actions:** ► to develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistics centres
  - to promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube Region
- **Key Tasks:** ► draft coordinated and harmonised development concept for multimodal ports; involve Danube countries and relevant stakeholders; elaborate or review national port development plans for integration into local and regional development strategies
  - establish intermodal interfaces (ports) especially between inland navigation and railway freight transport, thus helping increase multimodal freight transport
- **Targets:** ► develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020
  - 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

<p>Implement EU Decision on Guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T) – Priority Project 18 (Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube)</p>	<p>Short Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	
<p>Apply international Conventions/Agreements by River Commissions and by the UNECE regarding ports &amp; sustainable freight transport (e.g. AGN &amp; IWT Protocol to AGTC, Sava River Basin FA)</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries, River Comm., UNECE</p>
<p>Apply national legislation on port/transshipment site development &amp; management</p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries</p>

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## Policy Instruments (1)

<p>Realise the Integrated European Action Programme for IWT "NAIADES" and "NAIADES II" in the context of ports &amp; sustainable freight transport</p> <p><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 (support draft &amp; implementation of Corridor Developmt. Plan)</p> <p><b>Role of PAC 1a: cooperation; reporting (SG)</b></p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	
<p>Implement National Strategy Plans on the development / rehabilitation of inland ports</p> <p><b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>Countries</p>

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## Policy Instruments (2)

<p>Expand EU market observation on inland navigation to full coverage of the Danube Region  <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG and WG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, River Comm., UNECE, IWT Industry</p>
<p>Optimize / update online promotion and information tools (e.g. Danube Ports Online, The Blue Pages)  <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of WG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Short - Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>IWT Industry</p>
<p>Define port benchmarks and disseminate good practices for ports in the Danube region  <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG and WG forum for discussion</b></p>	<p>Short – Medium Term</p>	<p>EC, Countries, IWT Industry</p>
<p>Create industry platforms to survey the requirements of shippers  <b>Role of PAC 1a: Provision of WG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b></p>	<p>Medium - Long Term</p>	<p>IWT Industry</p>

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## Support Instruments

Continue EU financial support in the programming period 2007–2013 (ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA, TEN-T, FP7, Marco Polo)	Short Term	EC, Countries
EU financial support in programming period 2014–2020 (ERDF, Cohesion Fund, IPA II, CEF, Horizon 2020, Marco Polo II) <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, EBRD, EIB, World Bank)	Short - Medium - Long Term	EC, Financing Inst.
Set up targeted national funding programmes & allocate national funding to port / transshipment site development / rehabilitation projects <b>Role of PAC 1a: provision of SG forum to discuss / provide information on implementation</b>	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries
Stimulate private investments and PPPs for port / transshipment site development and rehabilitation projects	Short - Medium - Long Term	Countries, IWT Industry, Financing Inst.

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## Projects

<p>Continue/start TEN-T projects as part of Priority Project 18: Ports 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: Ports on the 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>Identify and implement projects to boost the economic and environmental performance of ports and transshipment sites in the Danube region</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>



## Summary: key issues

- Implementation of projects aimed at the development / rehabilitation of ports / transshipment sites and sustainable freight transport
- Ensurance of international (EU, IFIs, private banks) and national financial support for port / transshipment site development and rehabilitation
- Development and implementation of National Port Development Plans and Strategies
- Definition of port benchmarks and dissemination of good practices
- Creation of industry platforms to survey the requirements of shippers
- Expansion of EU IWT market observation to entire Danube region

## Specific contribution / tasks of PACs?

- Provision of SG and WG forums for discussion and providing information on status of implementation
- Identification of projects and their status in the field of port development and sustainable freight transport (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 at [www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu) (with project leaders / promoters)
- Support the implementation of National Port Development Plans (SG)
- Promote the definition of port benchmarks/good practices (SG)
- Cooperation with EC TEN-T European Coordinator (EC)