

ROADMAPS TO IMPLEMENT EACH THEMATIC ACTION FIELD

Beside the recurrent activities for implementing PA 1a the EUSDR (cf. Annex 2), specific activities shall be accomplished with direct and varying involvement of the Joint Technical Secretariat for PA 1a and respective stakeholders supporting the targets and actions of PA 1a. In this context, specific activities have to be clearly distinguished from already existing, on-going or planned activities as well as projects which are collected in the continuously updated “project data base” of the EUSDR PA 1a (cf. Annex 4).

With the exception of the project “Innovative Danube Vessel”, which will be implemented on behalf of the European Commission, the additional individual activities / topics proposed in this chapter shall be seen as a first and selected outcome of the second Meeting of the Working Groups which was held in Vienna (March 2012) or as single initiatives / proposals made by representatives of the Steering Group of PA 1a. Hence, the definition and approval of individual activities are an iterative process during the implementation of the EUSDR based on information from the stakeholders and the available resources of the PACs. Proposals for specific activities with dedicated involvement of the Coordinators of PA 1a will have to be discussed and agreed on by the members of the Steering Group.

The planned specific activities specified as a part of the Roadmaps to implement each thematic action field can be demonstrated by a consistent approach / method comprising milestones / activities, the responsible and involved organisations, the timeframe of implementation, tasks (sub-activities) and the expected output / results related to the specific milestone or activity.

Roadmaps for the following seven thematic action fields of PA 1a have been developed by the PACs and proposed to the members of the Steering Group:

1. Waterway infrastructure
2. Comprehensive waterway management
3. Ports & sustainable freight transport
4. Fleet modernisation
5. River Information Services (RIS)
6. Education & jobs
7. Inland waterway transport policies

The Roadmaps were approved by all members of the Steering Group entitled to vote via written procedure in June 2012 with the exception of Germany. The German veto, which was received on 3 May 2012, refers to two specific activities included in the seven Roadmaps and is reproduced in the following together with the response provided by the PACs of PA 1a:

Roadmap on “River Information Services (RIS)”: Activity “Support the legal provision for the international exchange of RIS data”

German veto: “The imperatives and benefits of an extended exchange of RIS-data - beyond the scope of the present directive N° 2005/44/EC - are not stated. The contribution of the intended initiative towards safety, efficiency and environmental benefits of inland navigation remain cloudy. Considering the issues of data privacy protection, the intended initiative also seems precarious. Moreover, it has to be feared that data will be used for surveillance purposes on a large scale, which clearly does not correspond to the primary purposes of RIS. Furthermore, it is alarming to note that the EU Strategy for the Danube Region is used to promote clandestinely preliminary decisions concerning alterations to the European legal bases of RIS. With a view to the consequences, alterations to the legal base for RIS must be discussed amongst all member states within the regular legislative process.”

Response by PACs: “The RIS related activities will be based on the existing European legislation including that regarding privacy protection. Furthermore it is clear that the work done so far by the relevant actors and experts groups will be the basis for any further developments. Consequently, the activity does not propose to create redundancies. The activity has been proposed in order to achieve the objective of the European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in the field of RIS: „*Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015.*” This objective has been agreed upon by all Danube Region countries as well as the European Commission (in the Steering Group Meeting of PA 1a).”

Roadmap on “Inland waterway transport policies”: Activity “Inter-ministerial committee to be set up between the neighbouring countries”

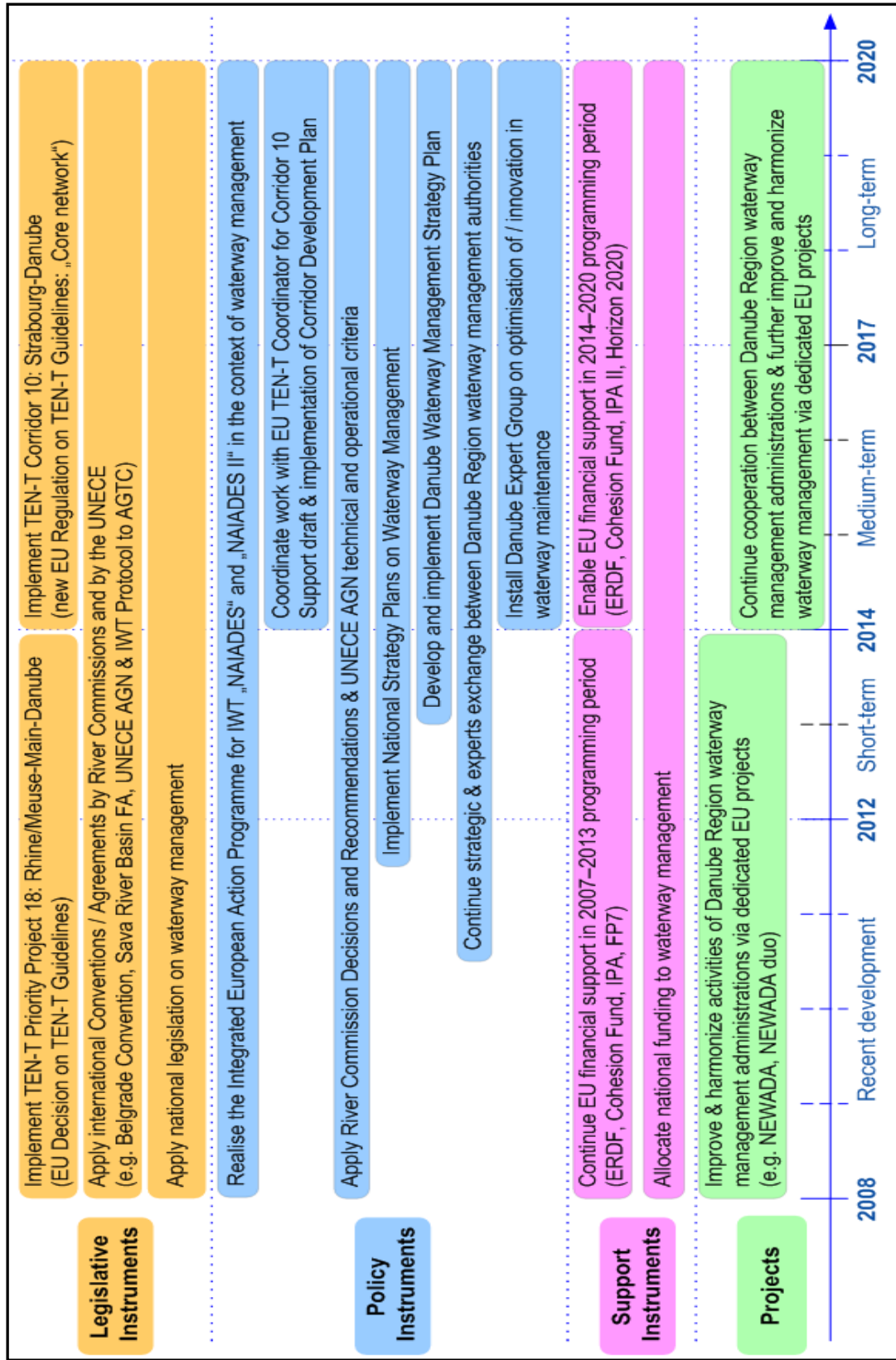
German veto: “This initiative bears the danger of redundant structures. The tasks of a future “Inter-Ministerial Committee” have to be clearly defined with a view to the already existing organisations (e.g. the Danube Commission).”

Response by PACs: “This activity was proposed because Bulgaria and Romania have already installed such an “Inter-Ministerial Committee” for the implementation of the EUSDR due to their long common Danube cross-border stretch. It will be clarified in the Roadmap that such “Interministerial Committees” shall only be established on a voluntary basis and exclusively between neighbouring countries sharing considerably long cross-border stretches of an inland waterway in the Danube region. It is clear that such an activity will also take into consideration relevant existing organisations (as e.g. the Danube Commission).”

Waterway infrastructure



Comprehensive waterway management



Activity: Create a reliable waterway infrastructure by improving waterway maintenance

Milestone 1	Status Quo of waterway infrastructure and improvement activities
Organisation resp.	EC (DG REGIO and DG MOVE), PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	EC, PAC 1a, Steering Group Members (countries: Ministries of Transport)
Timeframe	May 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of status Quo & proposed improvement measures per country during the SG meeting on 3 May 2012 (on the basis of the request by the EC – letter of Commissioners Hahn and Kallas)
Output / Results	Status Quo analysis of waterway infrastructure & related improvement activities for waterway maintenance
Milestone 2	High-Level meeting between EC and Danube Region countries
Organisation resp.	EC
Organisation inv.	EC, Danube riparian countries, PAC 1a
Timeframe	June 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene High-Level meeting between EC (DG REGIO and DG MOVE) and Danube Region countries (Ministers of Transport) on the topic "Create reliable Danube waterway infrastructure" (Transport Council on 7-8 June) • Commitments of the countries on the creation of a reliable waterway infrastructure (short- and medium-term implementation via improved maintenance works; long-term implementation via realization of infrastructure projects)
Output / Results	Results of High-Level meeting and related commitments from Danube Region countries
Milestone 3	Develop National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management
Organisation resp.	Countries (Ministries of Transport)
Organisation inv.	EC, PAC 1a, Steering Group (Countries), National waterway administrations
Timeframe	January 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management, including improvement measures on the short-, medium and long-term perspective (incorporating results from ongoing activities as e.g. the NEWADA project)
Output / Results	National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management
Milestone 4	Implement National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management
Organisation resp.	Countries (Ministries of Transport)
Organisation inv.	EC, PAC 1a, Steering Group (Countries), National waterway administrations

Timeframe	January 2013 – recurrent
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement measures of the "National Strategy Plans on Waterway" development of a work structure plan and work plan and responsibilities • Continuously report on the status of the national implementation to the EC & the SG members • Installation of a Danube Expert Group on optimisation of / innovation in waterway maintenance
Output / Results	Improved waterway infrastructure; Continuous national reports on implementation status of Strategy Plan on Waterway Management (via SG meetings)

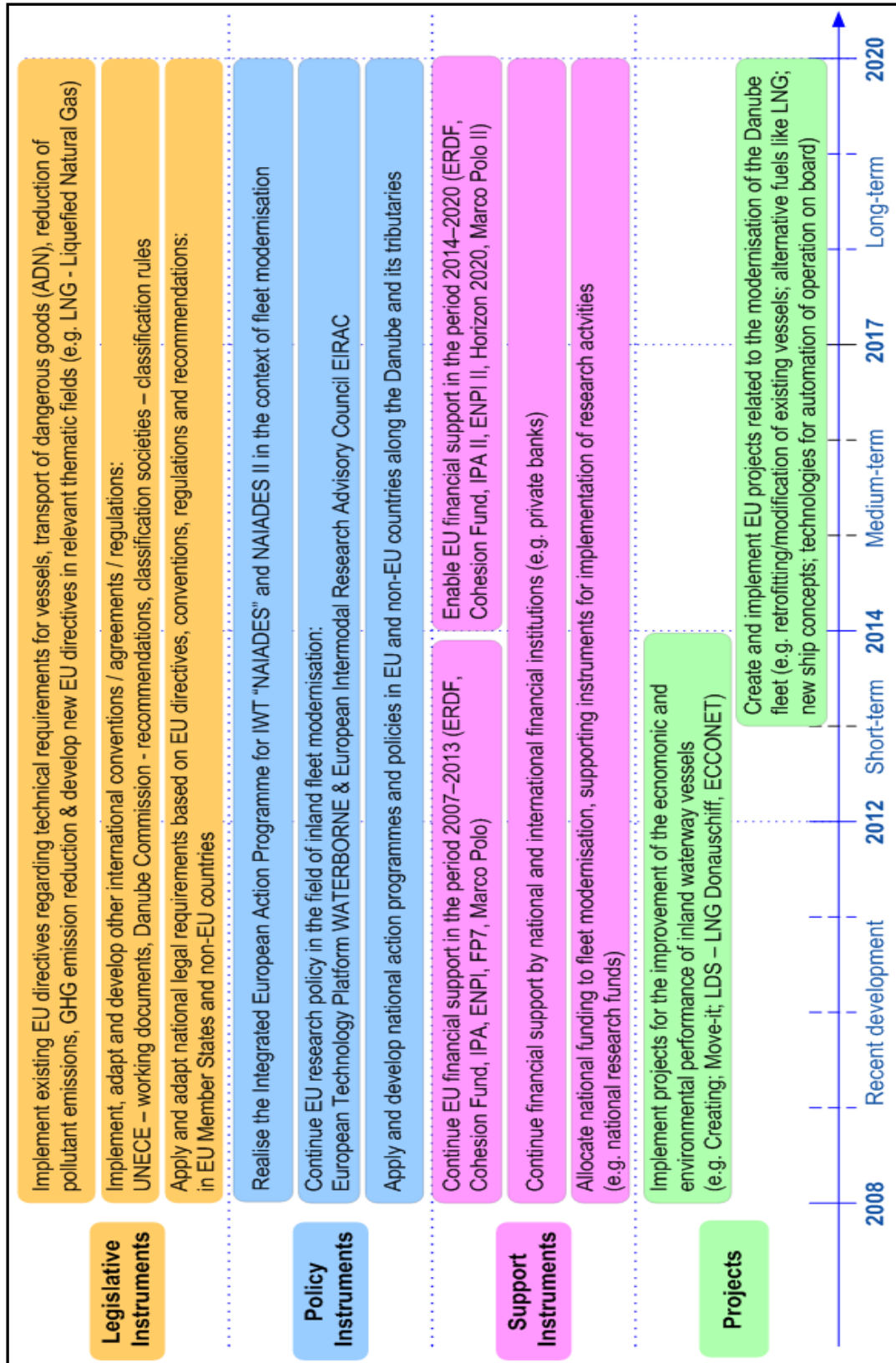
Ports & sustainable freight transport



Activity: To develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistic centres

Milestone 1	Optimise/update online promotion and information tools
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	Port Authorities, IWT Industry, PAC 1a, Working Group, Steering Group
Timeframe	January 2011 – recurrent
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danube Ports online • Blue Pages
Output / Results	Updated information on ports
Milestone 2	Study for defining port benchmarks
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	Port Authorities, IWT Industry, PAC 1a, Working Group, Steering Group
Timeframe	September 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a group of experts • Identification of benchmarks applicable for all the ports within the Danube region • Report to the Steering Group on proposed benchmarks for implementation
Output / Results	Port benchmarks
Milestone 3	Disseminate good practices on ports in the Danube region
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	Port Authorities, IWT Industry, PAC 1a, Working Group, Steering Group
Timeframe	May 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending to IWT events
Output / Results	Acknowledge stakeholders on ports good practices

Fleet modernisation



Activity: Implementation of Innovative Danube Vessel Project

Milestone 1	Development of Specifications
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	April 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing the legal the framework Exploration of the existing knowledge and scientific background Defining the specifications for the study “Innovative Danube Vessel”
Output / Results	List of specifications and procurement documents
Milestone 2	Tendering procedure
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	April–May 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International announcement of procurement documents Analysing submitted documents from the bidders Organising of a Selection Board
Output / Results	Awarding of a bidder consortium
Milestone 3	Steering Committee for the study "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, bidder consortium
Timeframe	Recurrent (initial: May 2012)
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishing a Steering Committee organising regularly meetings for discussion about results, applied methods and involved stakeholders
Output / Results	Steering Committee Meetings
Milestone 4	Draft version
Organisation resp.	Bidder consortium
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, bidder consortium
Timeframe	May 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing a draft version of the study “Innovative Danube Vessel” Feedback from PAC 1a

Output / Results	Final draft version of the study "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Milestone 5	Validation
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, bidder consortium
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, Working Groups
Timeframe	June 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • validating the results with the project Steering Committee • validating the results with EUSDR Steering Group • discussion of results in EUSDR Working Group meetings • Amending draft version of study "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Output / Results	Final study "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Milestone 6	Dissemination
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	August 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of results • Presentation of outputs via website and other relevant media (PLATINA etc.) • Definition of follow-up activities
Output / Results	Dissemination documents, informed stakeholders and decision makers in the EUSDR region

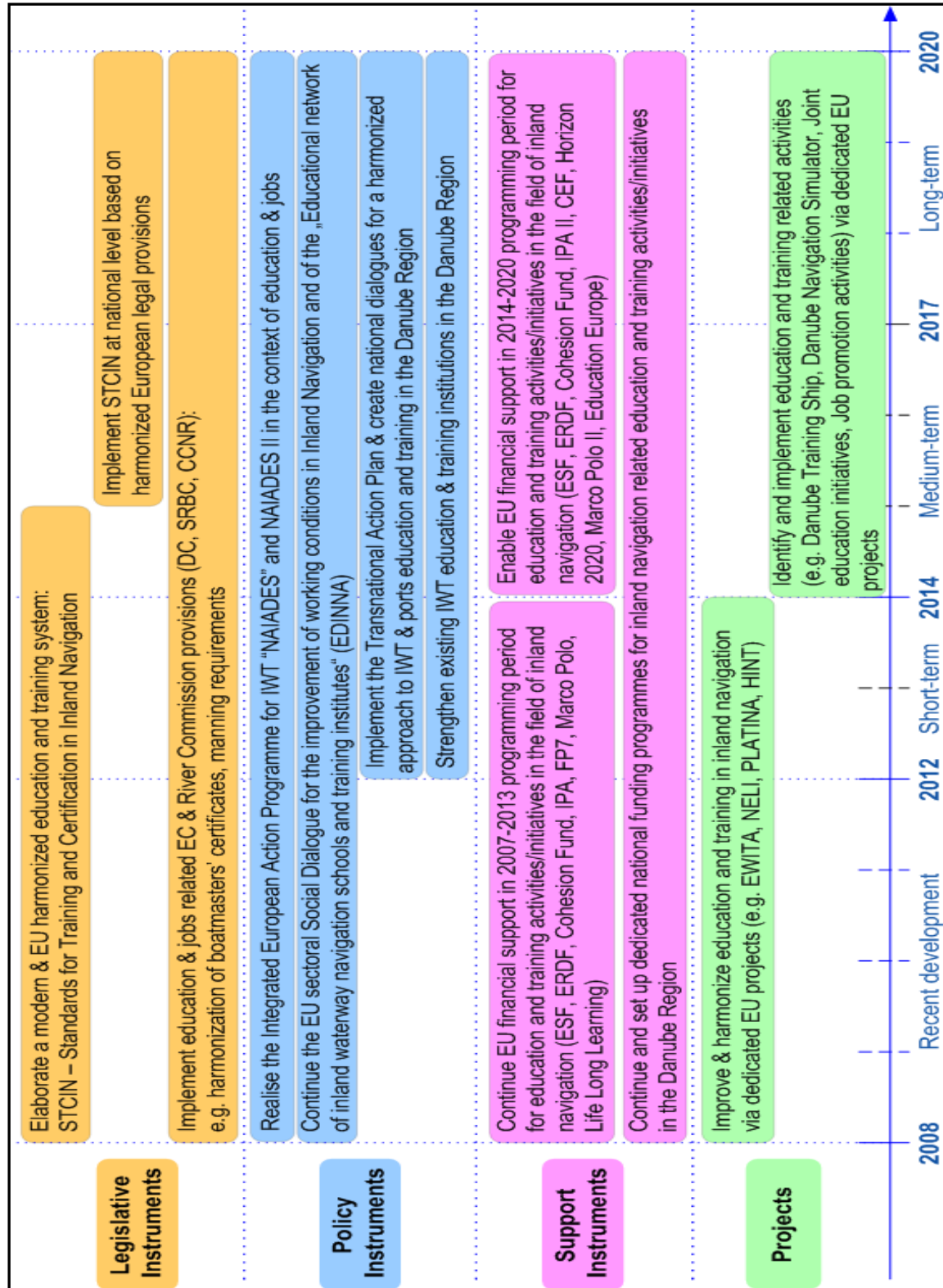
River Information Services (RIS)



Activity: Support the legal provision for the international exchange of RIS data

Milestone 1	Encourage national RIS authorities to adapt national law
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	September 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt national law to allow RIS data exchange with RIS providers from other countries • Set up mutual agreements with logistics users
Output / Results	Legal basis for RIS data exchange set up on national level
Milestone 2	Approach DG Move to support international RIS data exchange
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	June 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach the European Commission's Directorate-General Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) to extend and detail the RIS Directive to explicitly mandate EU member states to exchange RIS data amongst each other
Output / Results	DG MOVE confirms willingness to the extend RIS Directive

Education & jobs



Activity: Support the information and participation of Danube Region in the European process of modernisation and harmonisation of education and certification in inland navigation

Milestone 1	Status Quo Report
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Working Group, Steering Group
Timeframe	September 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect information (PLATINA Joint Steering Group, DC, CCNR , UNECE,...) • Prepare report and presentation • Identify interest and information level within steering group
Output / Results	Short report on status quo to Steering Group, incl. feedback
Milestone 2	Identification of national stakeholder
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, Working Group, HINT activity resp. for policy dissemination of STCIN
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, (national) Stakeholders
Timeframe	May 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss HINT approach of national dissemination and involvement of stakeholders in working group • Ask Steering Group for national Stakeholder dissemination / involvement where stakeholders are not yet involved / identified • Support of national workshops with information and contacts
Output / Results	List of national stakeholders
Milestone 3	Regular information of steering group
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, Working Group
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, (national) Stakeholders, HINT team
Timeframe	September 2013 – recurrent
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short update information on European process and involvement of Danube Region (countries)
Output / Results	Information to Steering Group
Milestone 4	Information brochure on STCIN
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, Working Group eventually in cooperation with HINT
Organisation inv.	Working Group eventually in cooperation with HINT; Joint working group on STCIN (PLATINA)

Timeframe	May 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare short brochure on targets and involved institutions / countries in EN • Possible translation in Danube languages through working group members, HINT • Dissemination of brochure with stakeholders and IWT sector
Output / Results	Information brochure on STCIN, incl. dissemination

Inland waterway transport policies

Activity: Support project development for the next SEE call “Reducing administrative barriers for IWT along the Danube”

Milestone 1	Working Group
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Working Group, Steering Group
Timeframe	September 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactive forming and motivating of a dedicated Working Group on “administrative Barriers within IWT on the Danube” in the frame of the EUSDR
Output / Results	List of attendees
Milestone 2	SWOT Analysis
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, Working Group on “administrative Barriers for IWT on the Danube”
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, Stakeholders
Timeframe	November 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWOT analysis about reducing administrative barriers for IWT Finding out relevant actors in the Danube countries with support of the EUSDR Steering Group Feedback from the Steering Group on SWOT analysis
Output / Results	SWOT analysis, list of experts
Milestone 3	Lead Partner and Partner Consortium
Organisation resp.	Stakeholders
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, Working Group on “administrative Barriers for IWT on the Danube”
Timeframe	January 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> supporting the constitution of a possible partner consortium for the preparation of a proposal in the SEE or another relevant EU funding programme Information of relevant candidates about the role and duties of Lead Partners Analysing national funding resources for co-financing means
Output / Results	Proposal of possible Lead and Project Partners

Milestone 4	Workshops
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a, Working Group on “administrative Barriers for IWT on the Danube”, Partner Consortium
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group
Timeframe	May 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organising workshops for preparing an application form or pre-stages • development of a work structure plan and work plan including responsibilities • defining next steps
Output / Results	Workshops and work structure plan
Milestone 5	Letter of Recommendation
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, Partner Consortium
Timeframe	August 2013
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the project proposal in the Steering Group • Issuing of a EUSDR Letter of recommendation for the Lead Partner
Output / Results	Lobbying and Letter of recommendation

Activity: Inter-ministerial committee to be set up between the neighbouring countries

NOTE: “Inter-ministerial committees” shall only be established on a voluntary basis; the decision on this is an exclusive competence of the countries involved.

Milestone 1	Identify interventions
Organisation resp.	National authorities responsible for project development
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a and national authorities responsible for projects development
Timeframe	September 2012
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the possible common interventions for implementation of the projects: Short- term – till 2020, mid term – till 2030; long-term – till 2050 Setting up an inter-ministerial committee between Romania and Bulgaria or other neighbouring interested countries Revise the Agreement between the Government of Republic of Romania and Government of Republic of Bulgaria (1955) identify a project list
Output / Results	List of projects; inter-ministerial committee;
Milestone 2	Identify the funding
Organisation resp.	National authorities responsible for projects implementation from Romania and Bulgaria, or other neighbouring interested countries
Organisation inv.	EC, national authorities, inter-ministerial committee and other financing institutions
Timeframe	October 2012 – recurrent
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing funding framework (national and EU) like TEN-T, CEF Prepare for the use of the newly proposed financial instrument Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for financing the project. Identify other sources of funding for those activities not eligible under CEF Finding out responsible authorities
Output / Results	Accelerate/facilitate the implementation of projects
Milestone 3	Prepare the project and identify the lots
Organisation resp.	Inter-ministerial committee
Organisation inv.	National authorities responsible for project implementation from Romania and Bulgaria, or other neighbouring interested countries
Timeframe	January 2013 – recurrent
Tasks	<p>The inter-ministerial committee will identify the projects to be developed and will support the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility studies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEA study (if needed) • EIA study • Preliminary design (if not yet done) • Design review • Preparation of financing application
Output / Results	Projects prepared for financing
Milestone 4	Implementation of projects
Organisation resp.	Inter-ministerial committee
Organisation inv.	National authorities responsible for project implementation from Romania and Bulgaria, or other neighbouring interested countries
Timeframe	2020
Tasks	<p>The inter-ministerial committee will support the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement schedule • Preparation of tender dossier • Tendering and contracting • Contract management (incl. claims and variations) • Financial monitoring • Supervision • Take over, project closure
Output / Results	Better conditions for navigation, modernized port infrastructure, intermodal transport, surrounding infrastructure and developed information systems