

BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	Cooperation network for logistics and nautical education focusing on Inland Waterway Transport in the Danube corridor supported by innovative solutions		
Short project title: (acronym)	NELI	Project logo:	
Project website:	www.neliproject.eu	Project ID:	PA1A009
Need and added value for Danube Region Strategy:	The Action Plan issued within the European Strategy for the Danube Region highlights that "Danube navigation is currently experiencing a shortage of nautical personnel, which is also caused by limited training and education opportunities in the Danube countries. Existing education institutions use different curricula. In order to facilitate labour availability and mobility at the European level, common education and training profiles should be pursued. Within this framework, the Danube countries should attract and educate young people for the profession of Danube crewman. Companies involved in inland waterways transport (ports, shipping companies, customers, etc.) and educational and research bodies should establish educational platforms and networks to increase competitiveness and competence of all actors."		
Objective(s) of project:	The project established a cooperation network between stakeholders from inland waterway transport (IWT), research / education and administrative sectors along the Danube corridor in order to develop balanced capacities for trans-national cooperation in the field of logistics and nautical education and training including regional policy support actions.		
Conducted project activities:		on sector with a	different organisations active in view to facilitating the exchange and training matters
	 Design and implement eLear reducing digital divide among 		r the inland navigation aimed at he South East Europe
	 Conceive and implement Ir Romania and at Ennshafen i 		Training Centres (at Galati in
		ld of inland navi	importance of new innovative igation in order to promote the
Transboundary impact:	Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine		
Project beneficiaries / target groups:	 Training and education institutions providing IWT curricula Inland navigation sector General public (visitors of the Information and Training Centres) 		







STATUS AND TIME FRAME				
(please tick a box)		efinition (e.g. project idea, abstract) eparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study) plementation ompletion		
Start date: 01.04.		2009	End date:	31.03.2012
Notes:	-			
PROJECT TEAM				
Project leader:	CERONAV – Romanian Maritime Training Centre / Romania			
Project partner(s):	 via donau – Österreichische Wasserstraßen-Gesellschaft mbH / Austria Ennshafen Oberösterreich GmbH / Austria University of Applied Science Upper Austria Research & Development Ltd / Austria EAMA – Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" / Bulgaria Budapest University of Technology and Economics / Hungary National Association of Radio Distress-signalling and Infocommunications / Hungary University of Craiova, Faculty of Engineering and Management of Technological Systems / Romania Romanian Naval Authority / Romania Technical University of Košice, Faculty of Manufacturing Technologies with a seat in Prešov / Slovakia University of Žilina, Department of Water Transport / Slovakia Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences / Croatia Inland Navigation Development Centre Ltd. / Croatia School of shipping, shipbuilding and hydrobuilding / Serbia Odessa National Maritime Academy / Ukraine 			
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FINANCING				
Available: (please tick a box)	X Yes [Partly D No		
Total budget:	2,167,820 EUR			
Source(s) and amount (potential sources for project ideas): (please tick a box and provide further info)	X National/ regional funds:	286,703 EUR (State budget and budget of project partners)		
	EU funds:	1,624,646 EUR (European Regional Development Fund) 112,845 EUR (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance)		
	IFI loans:			
	Private funds:			
	Other:			
PROJECT ENVIRONMENT				
Project cross-reference:	EWITA – European Web Platforms and Training Concepts for Intermodal Inland Waterway Transport			
		the Implementation of NAIADES r Training and Certification in Inland Navigation		
	Danube SKILLS - Increased institutional capacity of the Danube region by build-up of joint transnational capacities of education and public services for inland waterways			
	HINT - Harmonized Inland Navigation Transport through Education and Information Technology			
Cross-reference ID(s):	PA1A018 (HINT) and PA1A124 (Danube SKILLS)			
Strategic reference:	The EU's NAIADES Action Programme which requests jobs and skills for the European inland navigation sector. This is due to staff and entrepreneurial shortages, which are the main problems in this business sector. NELI mainly addressed the training of river personnel within a harmonized education framework. It also focused on the attraction of youngsters towards jobs in IWT sector as well as cooperation between specialized education and training institutions across Danube riparian countries.			
	The EU cohesion policy (2007-2013), Priority: Territorial co-operation to which NELI contributed by having established a joint cooperation network consisting of organisations coming from almost the entire SEE-Danube regions (AT, SK, HU, HR, RS, BG, RO and UA).			
Relevant legislation:	_			
Other:	Outputs of EWITA and I	PLATINA		



EUSDR Embedding			
Relation to other Priority Areas of the Danube Region Strategy:	 PA1b: To improve mobility and multimodality – Road, rail and air links PA02: To encourage more sustainable energy PA03: To promote culture and tourism, people and people contacts PA04: To restore and maintain the quality of waters PA05: To manage environmental risks PA06: To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils PA07: To develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies PA08: To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development PA09: To invest in people and skills PA10: To step up institutional capacity and cooperation PA11: To work together to promote security and tackle organised and serious 		
	crime		
	EUSDR COMPLIANCE		
Compliance with targets of the Danube Region Strategy:	 Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010. 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. 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. Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015. Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures. 		
Compliance with actions of the Danube Region Strategy:	 To complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way. To invest in waterway infrastructure of Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections. To modernise the Danube fleet in order to improve environmental and economic performance. To coordinate national transport policies in the field of navigation in the Danube basin. To support Danube Commission in finalising the process of reviewing the Belgrade Convention. 		



	To develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistics centres.		
	To improve comprehensive waterway management of the Danube and its tributaries.		
	To promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube Region.		
	To implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS).		
	x To invest in education and jobs in the Danube navigation sector.		
Affiliation to thematic working group of Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR:	Waterway infrastructure and management		
	Ports and sustainable freight transport		
	Danube fleet		
	River Information Services		
	x Education and jobs		
OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES			
Project requirements:	A balanced consortium with a large coverage in terms of geographic area and interests. Maximum duration of the project – 36 months.		
Follow-up project:	HINT - Harmonized Inland Navigation Transport through Education and Information Technology		
Any other issues:	-		