

Project Data Sheet

BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	Establishment of River Information System in the Bulgarian part of the Danube river		
Short project title: (acronym)	BULRIS	Project logo:	
Project website:	www.bulris.eu	Project ID:	PA1A012
Need and added value for Danube Region Strategy:	<p>There is a prognosis for the increasing of the traffic intensity along the Danube river (TEN-T priority project 18). One of the components defined in the White Paper which will make waterborne transport more reliable, effective and accessible is the establishment of a highly effective communication system for navigation assistance along the national maritime system.</p> <p>The river information services (RIS) concept aims at introducing the information services, which will contribute to the planning and the management of traffic and transport operations. The introduction of RIS contributes not only to better traffic safety and efficiency but at the same time it increases the efficiency and the safety of the transport operations.</p> <p>The project achieved the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of the necessary infrastructure in 16 communication points along the Danube River • Establishment of River information center in Ruse • Expansion of the range of the services and the system • Implementation of new technologies and improvement of the system 		
Objective(s) of project:	<p>The general objective of the project was the harmonization of the traffic information services management on Inland Waterways.</p> <p>As EU Member-state Bulgaria has the obligation to establish a RIS system, which is a part of the trans-European network concerning the technical guidelines for the planning, implementation and operational use of river information services in order to ensure an effective and safe navigation on the inland waterways.</p> <p>Specific objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of telecommunication infrastructure of the RIS in the Bulgarian part of the Danube River – BULRIS, which ensures full and permanent data and voice traffic from Florentin station to Silistra station and the RIS Center • Establishment of conditions for interaction with other information systems, servicing the other modes of transport • Construction of a modern building for the RIS Center in Bulgaria 		
Conducted project activities:	Construction and delivery of equipment for building and starting the exploitation of RIS.		
Transboundary impact:	The BULRIS is part of the common European RIS.		
Project beneficiaries / target groups:	<p>The project was directed at the following groups of stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport: Shipping operators, Inland Waterway Administration, Port operators, Fleet management • Public Administration: Environmental protection, Custom services, Border police 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulgarian citizens and foreign tourists traveling on Danube River Trade: Logistic operators, freight and passenger operators <p>Beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inland waterway freight operators Transit vehicles and passengers in the Bulgarian part of the Danube River Business enterprises from the Danube Region Investors 		
STATUS AND TIME FRAME			
Current project phase: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Definition (e.g. project idea, abstract) <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study) <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completion		
Start date:	2007	End date:	2013
Notes:	-		
PROJECT TEAM			
Project leader:	Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company		
Project partner(s):	-		
Contact person:	Name:	-	
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	Website:	http://www.bulris.bg/	
FINANCING			
Available: (please tick a box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partly <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Total budget:	18,000,000 EUR		
Source(s) and amount (potential sources for project ideas): (please tick a box and provide further info)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National/regional funds:	National budget – 4,400,000 EUR	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU funds:	EFRE – 13,600,000 EUR (Operational Programme 'Transport' 2007–2013)	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> IFI loans:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private funds:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
PROJECT ENVIRONMENT		
Project cross-reference:	–	
Cross-reference ID(s):	–	
Strategic reference:	The project is included for financing and implementation in Operational Programme on Transport 2007-2013.	
Relevant legislation:	Directive 2005/44/EC	
Other:	–	
EUSDR EMBEDDING		
Relation to other Priority Areas of the Danube Region Strategy: (please tick a box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA1b: To improve mobility and multimodality – Road, rail and air links <input type="checkbox"/> PA02: To encourage more sustainable energy <input type="checkbox"/> PA03: To promote culture and tourism, people and people contacts <input type="checkbox"/> PA04: To restore and maintain the quality of waters <input type="checkbox"/> PA05: To manage environmental risks <input type="checkbox"/> PA06: To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils <input type="checkbox"/> PA07: To develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies <input type="checkbox"/> PA08: To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development <input type="checkbox"/> PA09: To invest in people and skills <input type="checkbox"/> PA10: To step up institutional capacity and cooperation <input type="checkbox"/> PA11: To work together to promote security and tackle organised and serious crime	
EUSDR COMPLIANCE		
Compliance with targets of the Danube Region Strategy: (please tick a box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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.	

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015. <input type="checkbox"/> 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: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> To complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way. <input type="checkbox"/> To invest in waterway infrastructure of Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections. <input type="checkbox"/> To modernise the Danube fleet in order to improve environmental and economic performance. <input type="checkbox"/> To coordinate national transport policies in the field of navigation in the Danube basin. <input type="checkbox"/> To support Danube Commission in finalising the process of reviewing the Belgrade Convention. <input type="checkbox"/> To develop ports in the Danube river basin into multimodal logistics centres. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve comprehensive waterway management of the Danube and its tributaries. <input type="checkbox"/> To promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube Region. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS). <input type="checkbox"/> To invest in education and jobs in the Danube navigation sector.
Affiliation to thematic working group of Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterway infrastructure and management <input type="checkbox"/> Ports and sustainable freight transport <input type="checkbox"/> Danube fleet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> River Information Services <input type="checkbox"/> Education and jobs
OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES	
Project requirements:	–
Follow-up project:	–
Any other issues:	–