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BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	Improving fairway marking system on the Hungarian Danube section of the Rhine - Danube corridor		
Short project title: (acronym)	-	Project logo:	-
Project website:	-	Project ID:	PA1A143
Need and added value for Danube Region Strategy:	<p>The movement of freight is the most important economic use of the Danube, Europe's second-longest river. Solving the obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establishing effective waterway infrastructure management by 2020 is among the targets of Priority Area 1a of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region.</p>		
Objective(s) of project:	<p>Fairway marking is an essential activity for navigational safety and accident prevention that defines the navigability conditions of a certain river section. Traffic along the shipping route is controlled by land- and waterside navigation signs. The landside navigation signs are mainly located on the riverbanks or mounted on hydraulic structures and serve the interpretation of traffic rules. The marking of the fairway trajectory and of characteristic points along the route is done with buoys (floating navigation signs). Placing the buoys according to the current riverbed morphology is the main objective of fairway marking activities. The fairway marking signs are to be checked continuously due to the fluctuation of the water level and the riverbed changes, and if necessary they are to be re-positioned or re-placed. The current fairway marking system, especially with respect to floating navigation signs, needs modernization. The marks are to be modernized and the operational tasks are to be improved, especially with respect to cost-efficiency. In order to make navigation safer, modern buoys (unlighted and light buoys) with better characteristics (low-maintenance, higher stability in currents and ice drifts, better visibility and resistance to damage) are to be applied.</p> <p>The improvement of the fairway marking system includes a modern buoy system as well as landside bank marks and fits well into the traffic safety system of the 3,300 km long Danube-Main-Rhine inland waterway. Furthermore, it is in full adherence to the relevant legislation. The marking should define the fairway trajectory in such a way that the vessels can follow it safely with their compulsory navigational tools. The complete fairway marking system for the Hungarian Danube section includes about 1,500 land- and waterside navigation signs, ships and their staff operating the vessels and the equipment. The operational tasks can only be executed with ships equipped with modern riverbed surveying tools and equipment that allows for the positioning of marking signs. Within the project at hand, three full-functional vessels and three high-speed inspection boats will be procured.</p> <p>The improvement of the fairway marking tasks and system, from a technical perspective, is independent from other activities aiming at the improvement of the fairway parameters. There is a need to improve the current fairway marking system, especially for the present status of the river. The development of the complete waterway is executed according to the recommendations of the Danube Commission, based on the Belgrade Convention and the parameters of the AGN agreement.</p> <p>Specific objectives of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernisation of the fairway marking fleet for more efficient and environmentally-friendly marking operations • Modernisation of the marking system (buoys) to improve navigability 		

Planned project activities:

The Action entails 9 activities from the preparation of the tender documentation to the installation/deployment of the fairway marking signs, including their testing.

- **Activity 1 - Preparing tender documents**

Elaborating the technical specifications of the public procurement documentation for vessels (marking vessel, fast-response boat) and buoys, landside navigation signs and other marks. The public procurement documentation of both vessel types is to contain specifications of the instruments, like surveying tools and equipment for placing the buoys.

Procurement documentation and specifications are to be made for the buoys and landside navigation signs below:

- floating light buoys (AIS AtoN buoys, regular light buoy)
- floating unlighted buoys,
- bank marks (AIS AtoN mark, regular mark)
- river km marks

- **Activity 2 - Public procurement (designing and manufacturing of vessels, procurement of boats)**

- **Activity 3 - Public procurement (bank markers, intelligent floating markers, monitoring system, selection of type of unlighted buoys, procurement)**

- **Activity 4 - Procurement delivery**

- **Activity 5 - Deployment, installation**

- **Activity 6 - Test run of the fairway marking system**

The different parameters of the fairway marking signs and the various characteristics of certain signs are specified by legislation. The signs to be procured must meet these guidelines. Of course, the actual conditions at certain river sections need to be taken into. Navigation signs fully corresponding with the guidelines may not correspond with the actual local conditions. During the test run of the system these possible faults can be corrected.

Following the placement and commissioning of buoys, the navigation signs need to be observed continuously – similarly to a test run. The optimal test run duration for the floating navigation signs is about a year. In this period the different weather conditions of the seasons and their impact on the marking system can be observed.

During the commissioning of landside marks, the remote position monitoring will also be established. At the end of the test run, after establishing safe operation of the new fairway marking system, the shipping authority issues the operational licence.

- **Activity 7 - Establishment of data transmitting system**

It is necessary to establish a data transmitting system for the operation of the AIS buoys and the AIS riverbank marks which is capable of receiving and processing data on the exact position of every single AIS buoy (signal transmitted by the intelligent buoys). This information should be made available to ships' captians directly on board of vessels in the area and to the waterway administration responsible for fairway marking.

- **Activity 8 - Project management**

- **Activity 9 - Other services**

Services for public relations activities as well as the services for auditing and public procurement are provided via framework contracts signed by 'NIF Zrt.' This includes the supervision and the support of training activities concerning the new tools and equipment and the costs for photocopying, translation and other supportive activities.

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	Interim milestones are the issuing of a call for proposals, the contract awarding that ends the successful public procurement procedure and the supervisory reports.		
Transboundary impact:	Every state along the Rhine-Danube Corridor will be positively affected by better conditions for navigation.		
Project beneficiaries / target groups:	The users of the waterway are the main beneficiaries of the project.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Completion		
Start date:	September 2015	End date:	May 2020
Notes:	-		
PROJECT TEAM			
Project leader:	Ministry of National Development		
Project partner(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Infrastructure Development Private Company Limited – implementing body General Directorate of Water Management - implementing body 		
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FINANCING			
Available: (please tick a box)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partly <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Total budget:	8,919,872 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:	1,337,980.80 EUR national funds	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU funds:	7,581,891.20 EUR funded by CEF (Connecting Europe Facility)	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> IFI loans:	-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private funds:	-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	-
PROJECT ENVIRONMENT		
Project cross-reference:	especially FAIRway Danube	
Cross-reference ID(s):	PA1A108	
Strategic reference:	<p>The project at hand supports the EU Cohesion Policy and the TEN-T cohesion objectives at various levels. On the one hand, it reduces disparities between the qualities of transport infrastructure of the member states; on the other hand, it improves the long-distance and regional transport connections. With the improved competitiveness of the EU, the intervention indirectly contributes to the creation of new jobs. In the respective corridor, the waterway traffic and transport will become safer, more competitive and attractive. With the expansion of environmentally-friendly inland waterway transport (lower CO2 emission rate) sustainable growth is facilitated, which is an objective of the Europe 2020 Strategy (20% decrease in GHG emissions, 20% energy efficiency improvement).</p>	
Relevant legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEN-T Regulation (EU) No. 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T Regulation), which requires Member States to upgrade a so-called TEN-T Core Network by 2030, so that minimum requirements for the transport infrastructure are fulfilled. International legislation is based on the Danube Commission recommendations "Instruction for installation of signs of fairway buoyage and marking system on the Danube", ed. 2006 and ECE Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59 - ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.1). National legislation is No. 27/2002 GKM regulation for establishment, operation, modification and termination of waterway signs and marking. 	
Other:	-	
EUSDR EMBEDDING		
Relation to other Priority Areas of the Danube Region Strategy:	<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	

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	<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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010. <input checked="" 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. <input 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To complete the implementation of TEN-T Priority Project 18 on time and in an environmentally sustainable way. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To invest in waterway infrastructure of Danube and its tributaries and develop the interconnections. <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> To promote sustainable freight transport in the Danube Region. <input 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterway infrastructure and management <input type="checkbox"/> Ports and sustainable freight transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danube fleet <input type="checkbox"/> River Information Services <input type="checkbox"/> Education and jobs

OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES	
Project requirements:	<p>The beneficiary of the project is the Ministry of National Development (NFM). The CEF-Department under the Deputy State Secretariat for Transport Operational Programmes is responsible for the management, preparation and implementation of CEF projects. According to Article 2.11 of the CEF-Regulation when the beneficiary is a Member State, it may designate a public or private undertaking or body to implement the action concerned.</p> <p>Under this project two implementing bodies have been designated with clearly identified tasks and responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd. (NIF Zrt.) which is a fully state-owned organisation and NFM's background organisation responsible for infrastructure development • General Directorate of Water Management (OVF) which is an independently operating body, reporting to the Minister of Interior Affairs (BM) and financed from the government budget, with national competence. <p>The coordinating implementing body of the project is NIF Zrt. (PM organisational framework is ensured by NIF Zrt.). Among others, it performs administrative tasks and fulfils the obligations associated with the assistance. OVF basically delivers its opinion on professional issues, makes decisions and approves them through its competent representatives delegated to the PM, who are also responsible for professional management and control of the performance by the contractor as well as preparation of the professional specifications for public procurements. The framework of cooperation within the project is laid down in the agreement between the two organisations.</p> <p>Most critical issue is the cooperation and coordination of the implementing bodies (NIF, OVF) by NFM CEF-Department. Without a cooperation agreement, public procurement procedures cannot be started.</p>
Follow-up project:	-
Any other issues:	-