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Multi-modal & Intermodal Transport Chains

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Executive Summary

During the year 2020, the members of the Dionysus Project Consortium participated in several relevant policy and logistics events, that addressed the interconnectivity with the EaP corridors.

Throughout these active participations, the project partners provided presentations, held business meetings and facilitated business cooperation in view of increasing cargo flows and transport on the Danube.

Expanding the use of the Danube waterway to new markets and new clients requires commercial and political efforts as well as a comprehensive promotion.

Interconnecting the Danube corridor and thus the Danube waterway with the EaP corridors and tapping the cargo potentials will provide DR industries with new and commercially attractive business opportunities thus generating socio-economic benefit.

One of the most important topics of the events for 2020, was the transport of goods throughout the COVID – 19 pandemic. The discussions addressed the current situation in ports, overcoming the challenges and future development plans.

D.T.1.4.2. will also be elaborated for the years 2021 and 2022, all PPs contributing to the promotion and awareness-raising for the economic and socio-economic value of Danube transportation.

Events: Year 2020

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1.	Serbian partners meeting	MPAC / 24.09.2020 / online	12 participants – Serbian port operators, shipping companies, logistics operators	
<p>Event description: „Constanta Port Day in Belgrade” correspondent, to maintain the relationships with the Serbian and Croatian partners and to discuss the Danube intermodal transport.</p>				
2.	Hungarian partners meeting	MPAC / 30.09.2020 / online	12 participants – Hungarian port operators, shipping companies, logistics operators	

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<p><u>Event description:</u> „Constanta Port Day in Budapest” correspondent, to maintain the relationships with the Hungarian partners and to discuss the Danube intermodal transport.</p>				
3.	Motorways of the Sea in the Black Sea and the effective integration in the Rhine-Danube Region Conference	MPAC / 07.10.2020 / online	55 participants – port operators, shipping companies, logistics operators	https://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/infrastructure/motorways-sea_en
<p><u>Event description:</u> Development perspectives for Motorways of the Sea in the Black Sea region.</p>				
4.	Project GRENDL	MPAC / 29.10.2020 / online	42 port operators/ administrations, shipping companies	http://www.interreg-danube.eu/news-and-events/programme-news-and-events/5625
<p><u>Event description:</u> Participating in the closing of the GRENDL Project.</p>				
5.	Webinar on Transport in the Balkan and Black Sea region	MPAC / 19.11.2020 / online	35 port operators/ administrations, shipping companies, logistics operators, national/local authorities	https://cpmr-balkan-blacksea.org/event/webinar-on-transport-in-the-balkan-and-the-black-sea-region/#:~:text=The%20webinar%

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<u>Event description:</u> Potential collaboration in the transport and logistics within the Balcan area and the Black Sea.				
6.	METEET Conference	MPAC / 5-6.11.2020 / online	44 participants - port operators/ administrations, shipping companies, logistics operators, national/local authorities	https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/2021/02/17/meteet-workshop-on-environmental-legislation-requirements-and-inland-waterway-navigation-projects-will-be-held-online-on-16th-march-2021-from-9-a-m-till-1-p-m-cet/
<u>Event description:</u> Conference organized by the Danube Comission with the MTIC about the integrated planning in IWT projects.				
7.	12th meeting of the work group attending the TEN-T Rhine-	MPAC / 25.11.2020 / online	50 port operators/ administrations, shipping companies,	Organizer: iC consulenten Ziviltechniker GesmbH

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	Danube corridor.		logistics operators	
<u>Event description:</u> Status and project perspectives for transports at the Rhine-Danube corridor level.				
8.	Forwarding Navigator Vilag Conference	MPAC / 08.12.2020 / online	64 port operators/ administrations, shipping companies, logistics operators	https://www.oltisgroup.com/forwarders-2020-conference/
<u>Event description:</u> Discussion with the Hungarian Forwarder Association about the Danube transport corridor.				
9.	Project GRENDEL	BRCCI / 29.10.2020 / online	42 port operators/ administrations, shipping companies	http://www.interreg-danube.eu/news-and-events/programme-news-and-events/5625
<u>Event description:</u> Participating in the closing of the GRENDEL Project.				
10.	National User Forum of the FAIRway Danube Project	VPAS / 17.12.2020 / online	FAIRway Danube project (CEF) PPs, Slovak Water Management Enterprise, Slovak University of Technology (STU), VPAS	https://www.svp.sk/sk/narodne-uzivatelske-forum-k-projektu-fairway-danube-2/
<u>Event description:</u> Presentation of activities of the Slovak Republic in the FAIRway Danube project and implementation of pilot operation of vessels acquired within				

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the project.				
11.	11th Meeting on the Follow-up of the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin	PDM/16-17.09.2020/ online	Representatives of the European Commission, international river organisations, national and local public authorities, stakeholders and representatives of the sector	https://www.savacommission.org/event_detail/8/22/435
<p>Event description: organised online due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the event brought together representatives of international organisations, national and local authorities as well as the international representatives of the IWT industry to discuss and to present the current status of relevant European policy initiatives for the Danube Region and the ongoing waterway infrastructure projects that have a huge impact on the navigability of certain sections of the Danube and its navigable tributaries.</p>				
12.	GRENDDEL final event	PDM/29.10.2020/ online	Representatives of the European Commission, national and local public authorities, stakeholder, sector representatives	http://www.interreg-danube.eu/news-and-events/programme-news-and-events/5625
<p>Event description: GRENDDEL's final online event was attended by more than 80</p>				

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European experts, ranging from European River Commissions, UNECE, branch organisations and engine manufacturers, to representatives of 3 DGs holding keynote speeches and EUSDR PA1a coordinators.				
13.	Chemical and Petrochemical products transported on the Danube	PDM/12.11.2020/ online	Representatives of national authorities, stakeholders & sector representatives	https://www.viadonau.org/wirtschaft/donau-logistik/initiativen/chemische-petrochemische-produkte-mit-dem-binnenschiff-2019-2020
<p>Event description: The conclusion of the event was that strengthening the ties among the chemical industry and the businesses operating on the Danube as well as the proper integration of IWT in the transnational transport and logistics chains would undoubtedly lead to a win-win situation on both sides. The event was attended by various Austrian stakeholdres, as well as representatives of the private sector.</p>				
14.	Danube Ports Day	PDM/17.11.2020/ online	Representatives of relevant private and public entities, ministries, stakeholder, international sector representatives	https://danubeports.eu/info-room
<p>Event description: The Danube Ports Day annual events are meant (i) to continue the well-established practice in the DAPHNE project by holding events dedicated to port affairs providing insights into the policy framework and concrete examples</p>				

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of development works and projects as well as (ii) to trigger future key actions meant to place Danube Region ports as ideal locations for setting up businesses relying on waterborne infrastructure.				
15.	Digital Transport Days	PDM/18.11.2020/ online	Representatives of the EC, national and local public authorities	https://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/events/digital-transport-days-2020_en
<p><u>Event description:</u> Event attended by key representatives of the European Commission, relevant national public authorities and representatives of the sector. Of particular interest for the IWT sector was the recently adopted Regulation on electronic freight transport information. The aim of the Regulation is to encourage the digitalisation of freight transport and logistics in order to reduce administrative costs, improve enforcement capabilities of competent authorities and to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of transport.</p>				
16.	12th Working Group Meeting of the Rhine-Danube Corridor on Ports and Inland Waterways	PDM/25.11.2020/ online	Representatives of the European Commission, national and local public authorities, stakeholder & sector representatives	
<p><u>Event description:</u> Attended by key representatives of the European Commission, relevant national public authorities and representatives of the sector, the discussions proved extremely fruitful, highlighting the need for further major projects in the upcoming MFF to adequately finance the development of IWT related infrastructure.</p>				
17.	Danube Navigational Fairway	PDM/15.12.2020/ online	Representatives of the European Commission,	

	Development Forum 2020		national and local public authorities as well as sector representatives	
<p>Event description: Organised on 15 December by the Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management (OVF) and the National Infrastructure Developing Company (NIF), the core objective of the Danube Navigational Fairway Development Forum 2020, organised in the framework of the FAIRway Danube project, was to present the latest developments in terms of efficient fairway maintenance & RIS development in Hungary.</p>				
18.	Serbian partners meeting	PGA / 24.09.2020 / online	12 participants – Serbian port operators, shipping companies, logistics operators	
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