The EU’s PLATINA project and its implications for the Danube basin

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Concept of PLATINA

- PLATINA is a project within the 7th Framework Programme for Research, Technology Development and Demonstration
- The funding scheme for PLATINA is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
  - CSAs are aimed at coordinating research activities and policies
- PLATINA establishes a knowledge network bringing together all relevant actors concerned to assist the implementation of NAIADES in Europe
  - Provision of technical expertise and coordination
  - Provision of organisational, infrastructural and financial support
- Strategic guidance by key industrial stakeholders, associations and Member States administrations
- PLATINA is organized around the five NAIADES action areas
# Work Package Structure

| NAIADIES Objectives | WP1 | MARKETS | • Attract new markets  
|---------------------|-----|---------|------------------------|
|                     |     |         | • Encourage entrepreneurship  
|                     |     |         | • Improve administrative and regulatory framework  
|                     | VIA |         |                         |
|                     | SWP1.1 | VIA | Creation and operation of European IWT information services  
|                     | SWP1.2 | NEA | Monitoring administrative barriers  
|                     | SWP1.3 | ECO | Benchmarks and best practices  
|                     | SWP2.1 | VNF | Support for European IWT innovation  
|                     | SWP2.2 | DST | IWT innovation expert group  
|                     | SWP2.3 | VIA | Support development of interoperable hull databases  
|                     | SWP3.1 | BDB | European IWT educational network  
|                     | SWP3.2 | ADB | Life-long learning initiative  
|                     | SWP3.3 | BDB | Setup of European IWT recruitment campaign  
|                     | SWP4.1 | INE | European IWT promotion and development network  
|                     | SWP4.2 | INE | Development and coordination of communication and promotion strategy  
|                     | SWP4.3 | PBV | Establishment and support of IWT lead events  
|                     | SWP4.4 | IGPDR | Support interdisciplinary dialogue on environmentally sustainable waterway development  
|                     | SWP5.1 | DVS | Technical support for European IWT infrastructure development plan  
|                     | SWP5.2 | DVS | Administrative and technical support for RIS  
|                     | SWP5.3 | IGPDR |                         |
|                     | WP6 | TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT |                         |
|                     | SWP6.1 | VIA | Project coordination  
|                     | SWP6.2 | VIA | Communication & dissemination  
|                     | SWP6.3 | VIA | Project office in Brussels  
|                     | SWP6.4 | VIA | Policy support  
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# PLATINA Partners – Technical Secretariat

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All together 22 partners from 9 countries
## Partners from the Danube region

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Organisational structure
Members of Steering Committee

- **European Commission**
- **Member States/Candidate countries**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Croatia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovak Republic
- **IWT sector representation**: European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF), European Barge Union (EBU), European Skippers Organisation (ESO), European Federation of Inland Ports (EFIP)
Some key results in the 1st project year

- Started/finished:
  - Publication of the Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) Funding Guide
  - Launch of a European IWT information portal (www.naiades.info)
  - Work programme for monitoring group on administrative barriers
  - Best practice report for the sector
  - Inventory of IWT education and training institutes
  - Support for the foundation of a European IWT educational network (EDINNA)

- Coming up:
  - Online Funding Guide for inland waterway transport in four languages (EN, FR, DE, NL)
  - IWT innovation database
  - Working programme of the educational network
  - Strategic positioning of IWT’s reputation
  - Promotion and development programme
  - Inventory of available knowledge on strategic inland waterway projects
  - Technical specification for support of ENC Tool Production
Activities with relation to the Joint Statement foreseen 2009

- Integrative study on hydro-morphological alterations
- Publication of a best practice manual on waterway infrastructure planning following the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin (ICPDR)
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Welcome to www.naiades.info

On this website you will find topical information about inland waterway transport in Europe. The promotion of this eco-friendly and efficient mode of transport is a cornerstone of the EU's transport policy. For this purpose a multi-annual action programme was launched in 2006: NAIADES – Navigation and Inland Waterway Action and Development in Europe. These web pages represent the current state of play of NAIADES and offer consolidated knowledge about inland waterway transport under one single roof.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

- European Transport Policy
- NAIADES Action Programme

SERVICE PAGES

- Comprehensive services and tools for the inland waterway transport community
- IVT news
- IVT events calendar
- Contacts

PLATINA

- A new project to support the promotion of inland waterway transport
- About PLATINA
- Objectives
- Consortium
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DOWNLOAD CENTRE

- Funding Guide for IVT
- Study on administrative barriers in IVT