



platform for the implementation of NAIADES

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

NAIADES Objectives	WP1 MARKETS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract new markets Encourage entrepreneurship Improve administrative and regulatory framework VIA	WP2 FLEET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve logistics efficiency, environmental and safety performance of IWT VNF	WP3 JOBS&SKILLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract workforce Invest in human capital BDB	WP4 IMAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote inland navigation as a successful partner in business Set up and expand European IWT promotion and development network PBV	WP5 INFRASTRUCTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve multi-modal network Implement River Information Services DVS
	SWP1.1 VIA Creation and operation of European IWT information services	SWP2.1 VNF Support for European IWT innovation	SWP3.1 BDB European IWT educational network	SWP4.1 INE European IWT promotion and development network	SWP5.1 DVS Technical support for European IWT infrastructure development plan
	SWP1.2 NEA Monitoring administrative barriers	SWP2.2 DST IWT innovation expert group	SWP3.2 ADB Life-long learning initiative	SWP4.2 INE Development and coordination of communication and promotion strategy	SWP5.2 DVS Administrative and technical support for RIS
	SWP1.3 ECO Benchmarks and best practices	SWP2.3 VIA Support development of interoperable hull databases	SWP3.3 BDB Setup of European IWT recruitment campaign	SWP4.3 PBV Establishment and support of IWT lead events	SWP5.3 ICPDR Support interdisciplinary dialogue on environmentally sustainable waterway development
	WP6 TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT				
PLATINA initiatives	SWP6.1 Project coordination	SWP6.2 Communication & dissemination	SWP6.3 Project office in Brussels	SWP6.4 Policy support	VIA

PLATINA Partners – Technical Secretariat

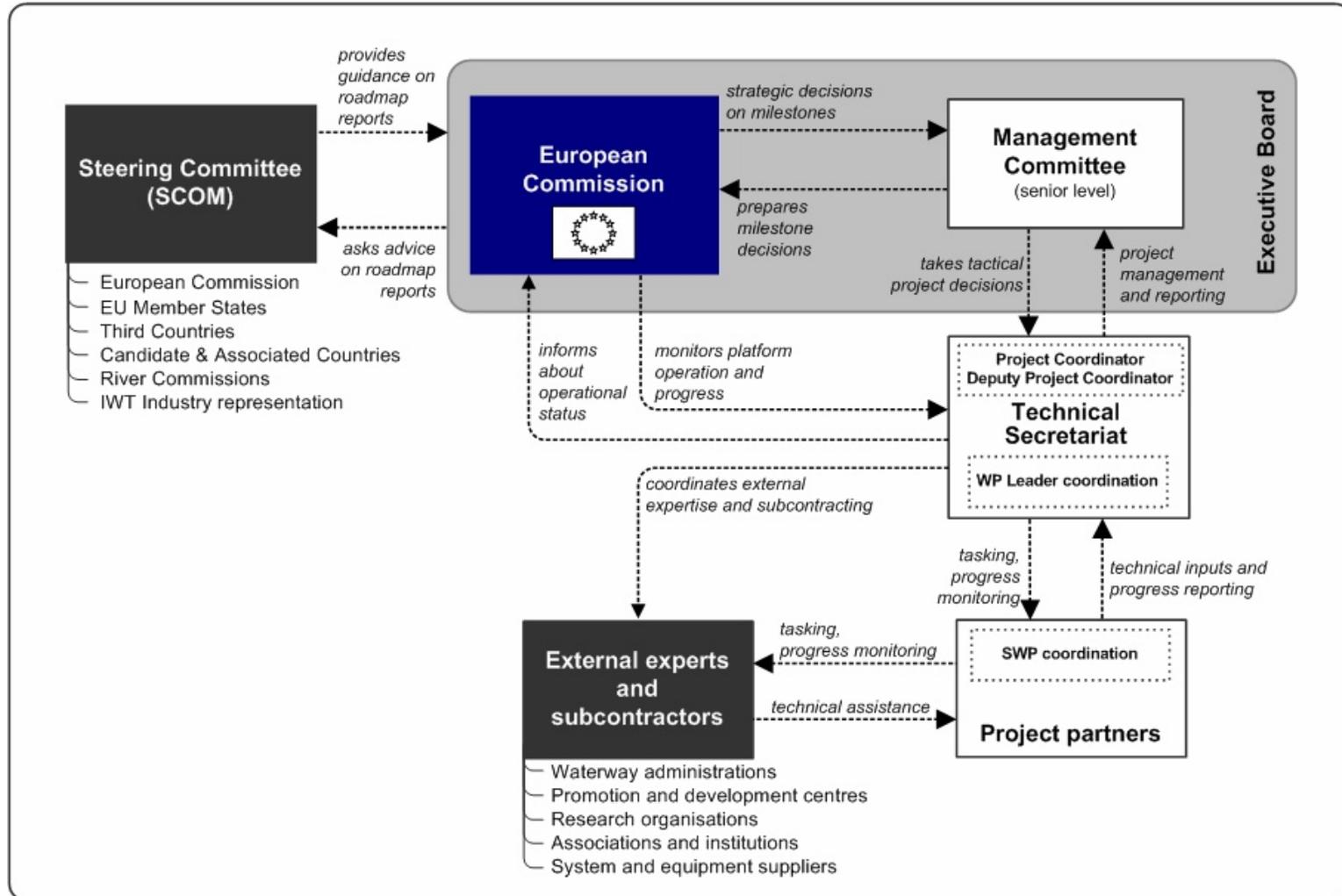
Work Package	WP Leader
WP1 Markets	via donau (AT)
WP2 Fleet	VNF (FR)
WP3 Jobs & Skills	BDB (DE)
WP4 Image	PBV (BE)
WP5 Infrastructure	DVS (NL)
WP6 Technical Secretariat	via donau (AT)

All together 22 partners from 9 countries

Partners from the Danube region

„Danube partners“	Others
via donau (AT)	VNF (FR)
CRUP (HR)	PBV (BE)
RIA (RO)	INE (BE)
RSOE (HU)	DVS (NL)
ICPDR (International)	BDB (DE)
CERONAV (RO)	ADB (DE)
BOKU (AT)	DST (DE)
IMST (RO)	NEA (NL)
	ECORYS (NL)
	BVB (NL)
	CBRB (NL)
	FWA (FI)
	CETMEF (FR)
	STC (NL)

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
- **River commissions:** Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR), Danube Commission, Sava Commission, Moselle Commission, Corridor VII Management
- **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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Opening your door to inland waterway transport in Europe

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



Detailed information on the European Union's strategy to promote inland waterway transport

- [European Transport Policy](#)
- [NAIADES Action Programme](#)

SERVICE PAGES



Comprehensive services and tools for the inland waterway transport community

- [European IWT News](#)
- [IWT Events calendar](#)
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PLATINA



A new project to support the promotion of inland waterway transport

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[Funding Guide for IWT](#)



[Study on administrative barriers in IWT](#)

IWT news

14.1.2009
European Union introduces new European Safety Certificate for safer navigation on European inland waterways
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8.1.2009
German inland navigation increased its turnover in 2007
[\[more\]](#)

8.1.2009
Inland waterway transport in France less affected by global economic slowdown
[\[more\]](#)

IWT events

22.1.2009 - 23.1.2009
6th IVR-Colloquium "Developments in juridical and economic politics in transport of goods and persons on inland waterways", Prague
[\[more\]](#)

24.6.2009 - 25.6.2009
Congress on climate change and shipping on the Rhine
[\[more\]](#)

6.9.2009 - 9.9.2009
smart rivers '21 - The future of inland water navigation
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