



## **NEWADA duo**

### **Network of Danube Waterway Administrations – data & user orientation**

#### **Objectives**

The NEWADA duo ([www.newada-duo.eu](http://www.newada-duo.eu)) project will strengthen the cooperation between waterway administrations along the Danube waterway. In the run of a previous project initiative ([www.newada.eu](http://www.newada.eu)) common challenges were identified which shall now be tackled. The overall objective of NEWADA duo is to ensure seamless navigability of the Danube waterway on its entire course. This will be achieved by applying two different approaches. First, the waterway administrations shall increase their joint coordination efforts, thus defining and enabling a standardised level of service for Danube waterway infrastructure. Second, the users of the waterway will be directly involved as much as possible in order to be able to tailor future services to their specific needs.

#### **Activities**

Waterway administrations are responsible for the maintenance of their national stretch of the Danube waterway. Given the highly dynamic and heterogeneous character of the Danube over its entire course, this task is very challenging. However, short-term solutions can be found which will benefit both the users and the administrations.

First of all there is a need for the harmonization of basic waterway related data, which is the basis for the core processes of waterway maintenance by national authorities (surveying, dredging, provision of information). Hence, waterway administrations are able to exchange data and experiences easily, while users will benefit from standardised quality respectively level of service of waterway infrastructure.

Furthermore, services will be implemented for the users of the waterway which will allow them to receive the latest data on the status the waterway, such as shallow sections overview charts in digital or printed form, information about berthing possibilities or an overview on the current marking system.

Activities of strategic importance will also be undertaken. The top management of national waterway administrations shall identify common performance indicators in order to be able to compare the measures taken on the Danube and the availability of the services. Besides that, pilots shall be implemented which make use of already available technology and services to support the daily work.

Finally, follow-up activities will be identified which shall be funded within funding schemes allowing large scale investment into infrastructure and surveying/maintenance equipment.

#### **Results**

Customer orientation will be improved by directly addressing users of the Danube waterway. They will be involved in the development of new services as well as in the improvement of already existing ones. The aim is to provide the latest information to the user with already available technology within the shortest possible time.

Harmonization of basic data will be achieved by defining common quality criteria which will be used in the future. Thus, the amount of redundant work will be reduced and the basis for internal and external services – specifically in cross-border sections – will be improved.

Pilot activities to be implemented on selected stretches and future concepts will provide the basis for follow-up activities which will be forwarded to European funding schemes allowing investments into infrastructure and surveying/maintenance equipment on a large scale.

### Duration, geographical coverage and consortium

NEWADA duo project was launched in October 2012; it should end in September 2014. Hence, the project's duration will be 24 months.

The consortium comprises all Danube waterway administrations (9 partners from 7 countries) along the Danube, coordination with other relevant actors is also foreseen.



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### Role and activities of the Bulgarian partner

EAEMDR is the only specialized organization in Bulgaria, responsible for maintenance of the waterway and ensuring safety navigation along the Bulgarian section of the Danube. Being such, the Agency consider its participation in a transnational project, which gathers the Danube riparian countries, as a precondition of utmost importance for successful management of the waterway because it offers a platform for harmonization of the methods and processes with the other waterway administrations. Furthermore the activities planned to be implemented within the NEWADA duo project are closely related to the main activities of EAEMDR hence it will be able to provide its experience in the covered fields but will also improve its workflow based on the cooperation between the partners. Among the key activities for the Bulgarian partner are the pilots with the Romanian one as a result of which common quality criteria and procedures will be adopted.

### Bulgarian member of the consortium

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### Project budget and Bulgarian share

|                  | NEWADA duo     | EAEMDR       |
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| Total budget:    | 2 239 287.20 € | 154 158.00 € |
| ERDF fund:       | 1 513 116.22 € | 131 034.30 € |
| IPA:             | 390,195.90 €   |              |
| Other financing: | 335 975.08 €   | 23 123.70 €  |

