

## **NEWADA duo: Part II of the NEWADA initiative for Danube navigation**

The EU Project NEWADA duo has now entered the starting phase. The **Network of Danube Waterway Administrations – data and user orientation** will contribute to a harmonized level of service in waterway management.

The ongoing project NEWADA duo is the second project of its kind, following NEWADA (2009-2012). Under the lead of via donau, the Austrian Waterway Administration, these projects are characterized by a concerted approach to waterway and information management procedures that will translate into new benefits for the users along the Danube and its navigable tributaries.

A specificity of the NEWADA initiative is its Board of Directors, a supervisory body which brings together all directors of the partner waterway agencies to make strategic decisions, point out the directions of coordinated actions for the future and implement common business performance indicators. This body will continue to exist after the project is implemented, in order to build on the project results.

### **The NEWADA duo project objectives are the following:**

- Improved waterway management (integrated, sustainable and regionally coordinated)
- Enhanced waterway maintenance (improved and coordinated performance)
- Improved customer orientation of waterway related services
- Harmonized waterway infrastructure related basic data (defined quality, scope and availability of data)
- Enhanced usage of Information and Communication Technologies (harmonized and up-to-date fairway information)
- Increased visibility of waterway authorities
- Provide transition support from pilot implementation to regular operation
- Enable countries to tackle national priorities by involving partners

### **NEWADA duo in a nutshell:**

The project "NEWADA duo" supports the waterway management authorities of the Danube riparian states in achieving a common level of service in waterway management along the Danube and its navigable tributaries. This improved cooperation focusses on efficient and effective waterway infrastructure maintenance as well as customer-oriented services. The "NEWADA duo" approach of concerted waterway and information management procedures will translate into new benefits for the users.

### **NEWADA**

The NEWADA project (2009-2012) aimed at increasing the efficiency of the Danube as Europeans transport corridor VII by intensifying cooperation between waterway administrations which helped to promote inland navigation as a cost-effective and environmentally friendly mode of transport.

The main results are:

- Intensified cooperation on hydrological and hydrographical tasks
- Improvement of the physical accessibility of the waterway infrastructure
- Enhanced access to ICT networks and services
- Integration of responsible stakeholders and increased cooperation

## **Project facts**

**Project Coordinator:** via donau

**Budget:** € 2,2 Mio.

**Start:** October 2012

**Project duration:** 2 years (until September 2014)

**Funding programme:** SEE

**Project partners:** Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia