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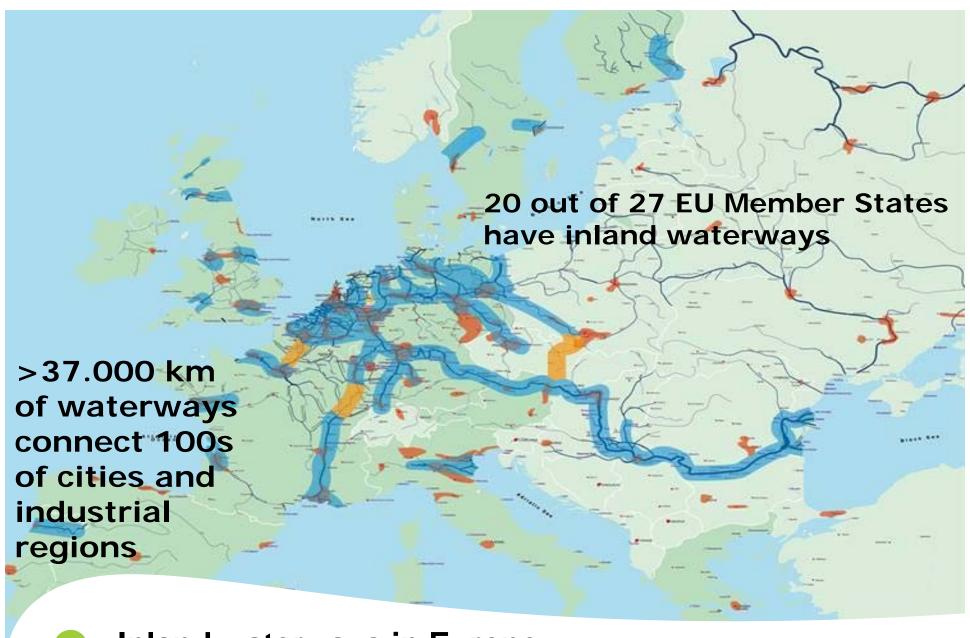


Developing Inland Waterway Transport in the European Union

Contributing to a sustainable Transport Network

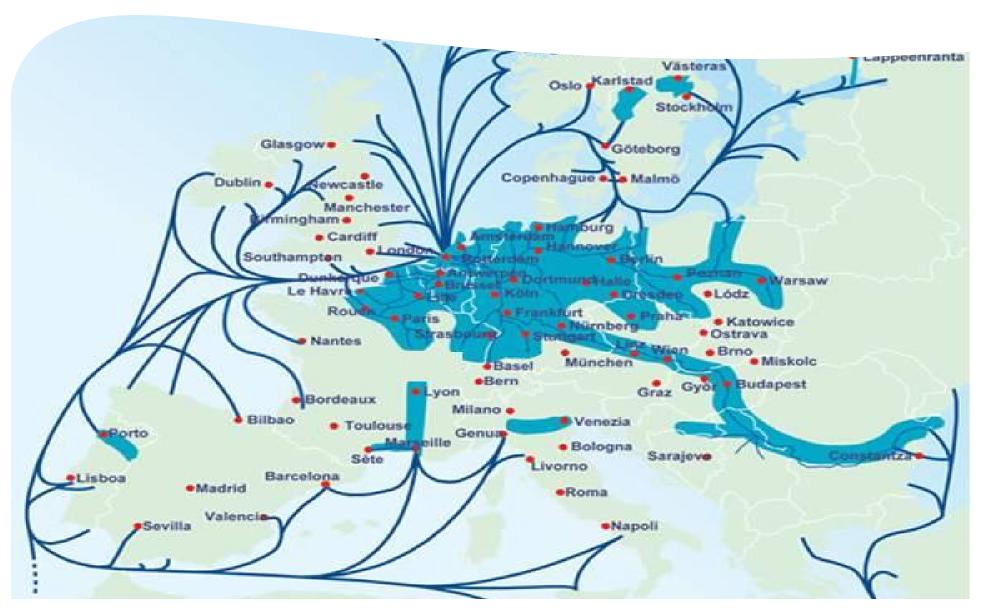
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Inland waterways in Europe

Europe's Accessibility by Waterborne Transport





- 20 out of 27 EUMember States have inland waterways; 12 Member States are connected by inland waterways
- Modal share of river transport: ~5% of total inland transport
- Modal share in NW Europe: up to 40%.
- > 500 million tons of freight p.a.
- Almost 140 billion ton-kilometres



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Advantages of Inland Navigation



- High degree of safety
- Reliable and predictable
- Substantial spare capacities
- Environmentally most friendly mode of transport as
 - inland navigation contributes with less than 1% to transport's greenhouse gas emissions and
 - it uses mainly natural infrastructure
 - in general, the external effects are 70% lower than in rail and 83% less than in road transport





Promotion of Inland Navigation in the EU

I. NAIADES (1)

The goals of the NAIADES action programme for 2006 2013 can be defined as follows:

- Strengthen the market position of inland navigation
- Modernisation of the fleet
- Improve the image of the sector
- Promotion of jobs and skills, e. g. via the social dialogue
- Improvement of infrastructure, e. g. by removing bottlenecks



Actors: EU, Member States, social partners and river commissions



NAIADES (2)

Examples for actions under NAIADES:

- <u>Legislative measures:</u>
 - River Information Services (2005-7)
 - Technical requirements for vessels (2006-8)
 - Boatmaster certificates (ongoing)
- Policy measures:
 - Screening on administrative barriers for IWT (2008)
 - TEN-T Coordinator (2007-)
 - Social dialogue (ongoing)
- Financial support:
 - Funding Handbook (2008)
 - Fleet renewal programmes in MS (ongoing)





II. Other Programmes

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 Support for modal shift (transport) services, traffic avoidance, catalyst and common learning actions

TEN-T

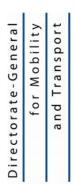
Up to 30% support for cross-border priority projects

CIP

- Competitiveness and innovation for SMEs
- Socrates, Leonardo
 - Professional qualifications
- IPA (ex "Phare")
 - Preparing for EU accession
- Structural & regional funds
 - Economic and social cohesion

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Interregional cooperation

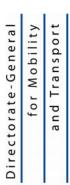






Upcoming Activities

- Revision of TEN-T guidelines (2011)
 - ensure that inland navigation is an integral part of the priority network
 - reduce bottlenecks along inland waterways
- New White Paper on Transport Policy (2011)
 - Ensure that inland navigation is duly represented
- Environment
 - Contribution to Commission's policy on greening transport
 - Adaptation to climate change





Thank you for your attention

