

## Events

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Workshop on Sustainable Danube Navigation at the 12th Green Week Conference 2012 in Brussels – Under the motto EVERY DROP COUNTS - The Water Challenge, the Green Week Conference 2012 offers a unique opportunity for debate and exchanges of experience and best practice in water policy in over some 40 sessions. A special workshop on sustainable navigation on the Danube in partnership with DG MOVE will be held. – Over the past decade, the conference has established itself as an unmissable event for anyone involved with protecting the environment. The 2011 edition attracted some 3 160 participants from government, business and industry, non-governmental organizations, academia and the media. On 22 May, there will be a special opportunity to deal with sustainability issues of IWT on the Danube: The workshop 4.1 "Sustainable navigation on the Danube: challenge or opportunity?" will be held in partnership with DG MOVE. The question "Can navigation on the river be developed in an intelligent and sustainable manner, blending transport expansion with tourism, water management, flood protection and new business practices?" will be tackled. The speakers will be - Nikolina Nikolova, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria - Karin De Schepper, Secretary General, Inland Navigation Europe - Gavin Roser, Secretary General, European Freight & Logistics Leaders Forum - Nicolas Bour, Director, Seine-Nord Europe Project The chair is taken by - Karla Peijs, DG MOVE – – RISING Industry Forum on 6th of April 2012- Millenium Business Center/Constanta, Romania – The second RISING Industry Forum was organized in Constanta on the 6th of April 2012. The necessity of the event was triggered by the end of the RISING project and to better disseminate the project results to the stakeholders from the waterborne transport and logistic services. More than 40 participants from different organizations (national and local authorities, transport services providers, port operators, logistic services providers, maritime university, consultants) were involved in an interactive debate on RIS services, as well as, the current status of the developments in the industry The representative of The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Mrs. Monica Patrichi – "Head of the Technical Secretariat for the Danube Region, delivered a presentation on the promotion of Romanian Inland Waterways on national level based on the RU Danube Region Strategy {COM(2010) 715 final} and related Action Plan {SEC(2010) 1489 final}. There were also stated the conclusions of the RIS working Group (15-16 March 2012, Vienna). The results of the RISING project and the possibilities to use RIS were shown by Dr. Costel Stanca, RISING coordinator from RIA. The main focus was on the final objectives to connect the private sector to the River Information System in order to benefit from tools for optimizing the costs and better estimation of goods delivery. The general opinion of the auditorium was towards creating a general procedure for using the web platform and RIS without leading to a risk of a private monopole. The second RISING Industry Forum held in Constanta/Romania was an outstanding success and all the participants manifested their support for the Romanian Intermodal Association. The RIS services are gaining more market share by the year and thus improving the transport infrastructure in Romania. – Presentation and pictures are – available – on : Projects / RISING – – – – RISING Industry Forum on 6th of April 2012- Millenium Business Center/Constanta, Romania – The Industry Forum in Constanta will be held on the 6th of April at the Millenium Business Center. The Forum is organised within the 7th framework of the EU project RISING, aimed to inform parties interested mainly in the field of transport and logistics about benefits connected to River information services and also to stimulate interest in their use. River Information Services (RIS) are modern traffic management systems enhancing a swift electronic data transfer between water and shore through in-advance and real-time exchange of information. The development of RIS, in combination with cost-effective and environmentally friendly logistics operations, enhances the competitive edge of inland waterway transport in the supply chain. – The policy importance of RIS is presented in various EU policy papers, i.e. EC – White paper, TEN-T Guidelines, NAIADES, Logistics Action – Plan. You can register for the Forum by email at the adress : office@ria.org.ro – – RISING Industry Forum on 27th of March 2012 in Bratislava, Slovak Republic The Industry Forum in Bratislava will be held on 27 March 2012 in the framework of the EU project RISING. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Holiday Inn Hotel in Bratislava. In order to disseminate and to discuss the benefits of RIS in general for transport and logistics companies, various so-called RISING Industry Forums are taking place in different countries on national level. The aim of Industry Forum in Slovakia is to inform parties interested mainly in the field of transport and logistics about benefits connected to River information services and also to stimulate interest in their use. This Industry Forum is hosted and organized by KIOS Ltd., as one of the project partners involved in RISING project. – – – – Danube Region Strategy 2nd session of Working Groups on inland waterways – REGISTRATION OPEN 2nd Session of Working Groups for Danube Region Strategy Priority Area 1a - Inland waterways, 15-16 March 2012 - Vienna (Austria) The 2nd session of the Working Groups for Priority Area 1a - To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways - of the EU Danube Region Strategy (EUSDR) will take place in Vienna (Austria) on 15 and 16 March 2012 right after the Barge to Business 2012 Conference; Europe's premier inland waterway event. Registration for the event is open until 8 March 2012 a – http://groupspaces.com/MobilityWaterways/item/246760/register. Five thematic Working Groups were established by the Priority Coordinators together with the Steering Group of EUSDR's Priority Area 1a in order to coordinate and discuss existing and proposed projects and initiatives which are in line with the objectives set for the Priority Area on inland waterways of the Strategy. Working Groups will get together twice a year and specifically invite the involvement of the private sector; experts and NGOs. More information on Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR can be found at www.danube-navigation.eu. – – – – Barge to Business 2012 Vienna, – 14 and 15 March 2012 – Barge to Business 2012, Europe's – premier inland waterway event, is the perfect place for businesses to learn about inland waterways transport, and the environmental and cost benefits it offers. Companies can find out how technology and innovation on the waterways are solving transportation challenges, they can speak to industry experts on the specialist services available, and hear firsthand the many success stories of water transport in Europe. – – – – – – Pre-booked business to business meetings, called Danube Business Dating , offer an opportunity for the inland navigation community and logistics service providers to showcase their network to logistics and supply chain managers wishing to add inland

navigation to their transport options. Click here for more information. - The conference consists of business orientated presentations and debates covering inland waterways specialised services, new technologies, innovative solutions and learning by example. Speakers include Austria's Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology, Doris Bures; EU Regional Policy Commissioner, Johannes Hahn; Dirk K stner, MD of Hapag Lloyd Austria; and distribution specialist, Christian Boone, of Borealis. Click here for the programme overview. You are invited to REGISTER HERE to secure your participation as places are limited and filling up quickly. Attendance at the conference is free, but registration is compulsory. Follow the links to view an up to date programme, to register for the conference and Danube Business Dating. In the evening participants can meet each other in a relaxing atmosphere at the Dachfoyer of Hofburg (Josefplatz, 1000 Vienna). This networking evening, hosted by the Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology (Bmvit) and Via Donau, is an excellent opportunity to establish new contacts and to discuss the issues raised at the conference. RISING - the first Industry Forum on RISING in Constantza, on the 29th of April 2011 The Industry Forum "RIS tools for optimizing inland water transport", event organized by the National Center for Promotion of Intermodal Transport (CNPTI), within the Project RISING, will take place on the 29th of April 2011, at Ibis Hotel in Constantza. The project RISING is financed under the Framework Programme 7 of the European Union. The RISING Consortium includes 23 partners from 11 countries, from different sectors of industry. They are carriers, logistics providers, port and terminal operators, port data providers, research institutes, IT applications developers, promotion agencies and RIS suppliers. Project coordinator is the Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics (ISL) and from Romania is part of the consortium the National Center for Intermodal Transport. The project is in this third year of implementation and will be completed in February next year. The main goal of this project is to extend RIS system (information services for inland water transport) to private operators and also the extension of RIS to new services for transport and logistics in addressed. Among them are the voyage planning (by providing data on water levels and depths, availability of berths and locks status, fleet management (by identification of current position and operating status), event management (information to facilitate monitoring of inland water transport processes and other additional services for event management) and ports / terminal management (by providing updated data on estimated time to arrive). You are invited to participate at this seminar. Please find below the invitation and agenda of the seminar. Invitation and Agenda For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us: Centrul National de Promovare a Transportului Intermodal - CNPTI /RIA phone: +40.241601502 fax: +40.241.601503 email: office@ria.org.ro website: www.ria.org.ro Sea River shipping day (24 October 2008 - Paris) Untill the 31th december, France has the European presidency and the SPC (shortsea promotion centre) France is president of the ESN (European Shortsea NETwork). In order to create a red-letter day, BP2S organize a conference on the following topic: Sea-river transport and logistics potencies. Acces to this conference is offered (subject to registration). This professional conference will occur on the 24th October 2008 at "La Grande Arche de la D fense" in Paris. A prestigious environment for a prestigious conference on sea river shipping. Very strictly selected topics will be tackled. There will be three different courses followed by debates. These subjects will be treated by professional carefully chosen. Presentation will be in French or in English with a translation. For more informations about attending, program, register and practical guide please click here - First Sea-River Shipping Day, at la Grande Arche in Paris 30.10.2008 - Location & logistics real estate development in Romania - Crown Plaza Hotel Bucharest The focus of this seminar will be about the industry location requirements for long term solutions in a fast moving environment. A key ingredient of the seminar is to bring together international experience and local practice. Under the dedicated website www.logisticsportal.ro you will find the fully automated registration system where you can register.

After registration you will receive a confirmation and a pro forma invoice. When we have received the payment of the pro forma invoice you will receive the final confirmation and the fiscal invoice.

We are looking forward to meeting you on 30 October 2008. Register NOW at www.logisticsportal.ro Only 300 participations available and participation is on first come first served base. 07.01.2008 - Professional seminar "Logistics in Intermodal Transport" The Romanian Intermodal Association and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Navigation and Agriculture, Constanta organised on 12th of December 2007, a professional seminar under the title: THE LOGISTICS OF INTERMODAL TRANSPORTS - CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS - The event was meant to act as a communication platform between the entire community involved into the intermodal chain, as such: transporters, forwarders, logistic and expedition companies, professional association dealing with different modes of transport, border police, customs, ports authorities and the Ministry of Transport.

07.01.2008 - Constanta Intermodal Event With the support of the European Intermodal Association, the National Company Maritime Ports Administration SA Constantza organized on the 25th of May 2007, CONSTANTIA INTERMODAL EVENT - the largest EU intermodal borderline at the Black Sea. This event was dedicated to the new markets and untapped opportunities for the decongestion of transport towards Europe.