DANUBE BLACK SEA CONNECTION OF EUROPEAN AND ASIAN ECONOMY, A STEP FOR SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH OF THE BLACK SEA BASIN

The fourth DABS Thematic Workshop was organized on the 29th and 30th January, in Greece Thessaloniki by the Greek partners from the European Regional Framework for Cooperation (ERFC).
The workshop had an active participation of Greek and international stakeholders who presented their own perspectives regarding the **"Redefinition of European and Asian interests in Greek market and Greek interests in the Danube countries, by taking advantage of the prospects of Danube as a waterway transit route"**.

Port Thessaloniki - Passenger Terminal

The main conclusions of the workshop organised in Greece were:
1. The European Economic Area (SEE) needs a new infrastructure, a modernization of the existing facilities and multimodal terminals.
2. The new planned EU territorial programmes for the SEE area make a separation between "Danube" bordering countries and "Adriatic-Ionian" South Mediterranean Sea bordering countries.
3. The Danube is the subject of many initiatives in the frame of the European transport policy and several adaptations are required in order to transform the Danube into an easily navigable waterway.
4. The Black Sea Region will increase in significance as a major hub in trade between East and West.
5. The trade between the Northern part of the European continent and South will be facilitated.

DABS Declaration - From Synergy to Strategy

During the workshop in Thessaloniki, the project partnership has proceeded to the elaboration of a Declaration, which is opened for further support by stakeholders.
The declarations concerns transport and logistics links, between Danube Region, Black Sea Basin Region and Adriatic Ionian and East Mediterranean Regions focusing on maritime and hinterland transport.

DABS declaration can be downloaded here.

Feasibility Study

One of the main objectives of the DABS project is to elaborate a feasibility study to find the most suitable solutions for a regular maritime liner service connecting Black Sea and Danube.

The Feasibility Study for Establishment of the Most Efficient Solutions for Regular Maritime Services connecting Black Sea and Danube ports is aiming to:

☐ *Identify freight volumes by category of goods and transport chain organization(s) for the OD's suitable to be attracted by the Black Sea – Danube maritime lines*

☐ *Identify the total cost of the transport by category of goods and transport chain organization(s) for existing routes and estimate it for the new possible routes to consider the new Black Sea – Danube maritime lines*

☐ *Propose incentives and measures necessary to attract transport flows on the new maritime lines connecting Black Sea and Danube*

The transport chain approach and considered for carrying out the current and future assessment of trade and transport flows and for identifying the incentives and measures for shifting the current road flows to new transport chains based on new maritime lines connecting Black Sea and Danube.

The feasibility study that includes an analysis of trade and freight flows, identification of the main transport corridors and economic development perspective of the Black Sea basin and Danube macro region, is being finalized and will be presented in the upcoming event of DABS project.

Upcoming event

The upcoming event in DABS project will consist in organizing a regional conference to promote the results of the activities from previous meetings and events. The regional conference will be organized in Republic of Moldova in March, by DABS partners from ACTIE.

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