

A stylized, colorful illustration of inland waterway transport and infrastructure. The scene is set on rolling green hills. A blue river flows through the landscape, with several yellow and orange barges and a tugboat. On the left, a road with black trucks and a train with colorful cars are visible. The middle ground features a port area with cranes, a building, and a cluster of houses. Wind turbines are scattered across the hills. The overall style is flat and modern.

INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT

Saimaa, 5 September 2018

INLAND NAVIGATION EUROPE

INE sees major opportunities to contribute to long-term strategies for sustainable transportation by moving more goods by water in EU regions and cities with accessible and navigable rivers and canals.

WHO Network of waterway managers, ministries and organisations promoting waterway transport

WHAT

- EU advocacy for policies which make waterway transport easier to use
- Promotion
- Networking

WHY

- Use better existing asset of waterways
- Improve mobility with more freight and people on water



WATERWAYS IN EUROPE

EU Waterways

- 40.000 km
- ½ accessible to ≥ 1.000 tonne vessels
- 19 out of 28 EU Member States have navigable waterways
- 550 million tonnes per year

EU Roads

- 4.800.000 km

EU Railways

- 200.000 km

Waterways elsewhere

- USA 42.000 km
- Russia 85.000 km
- China 121.000 km



EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAYS

— WATERWAYS • PORTS ■ MAJOR ECONOMIC AREAS □ CITIES

NO TRAFFIC JAMS

Slower but reliable – only mode with spare capacity

Rotterdam →	Duisburg	24 hours
Paris →	Le Havre	36 hours
Basel →	Antwerp	48 hours
Lyon →	Marseille	48 hours



WATERWAY GEOGRAPHY

Strong in navigable regions

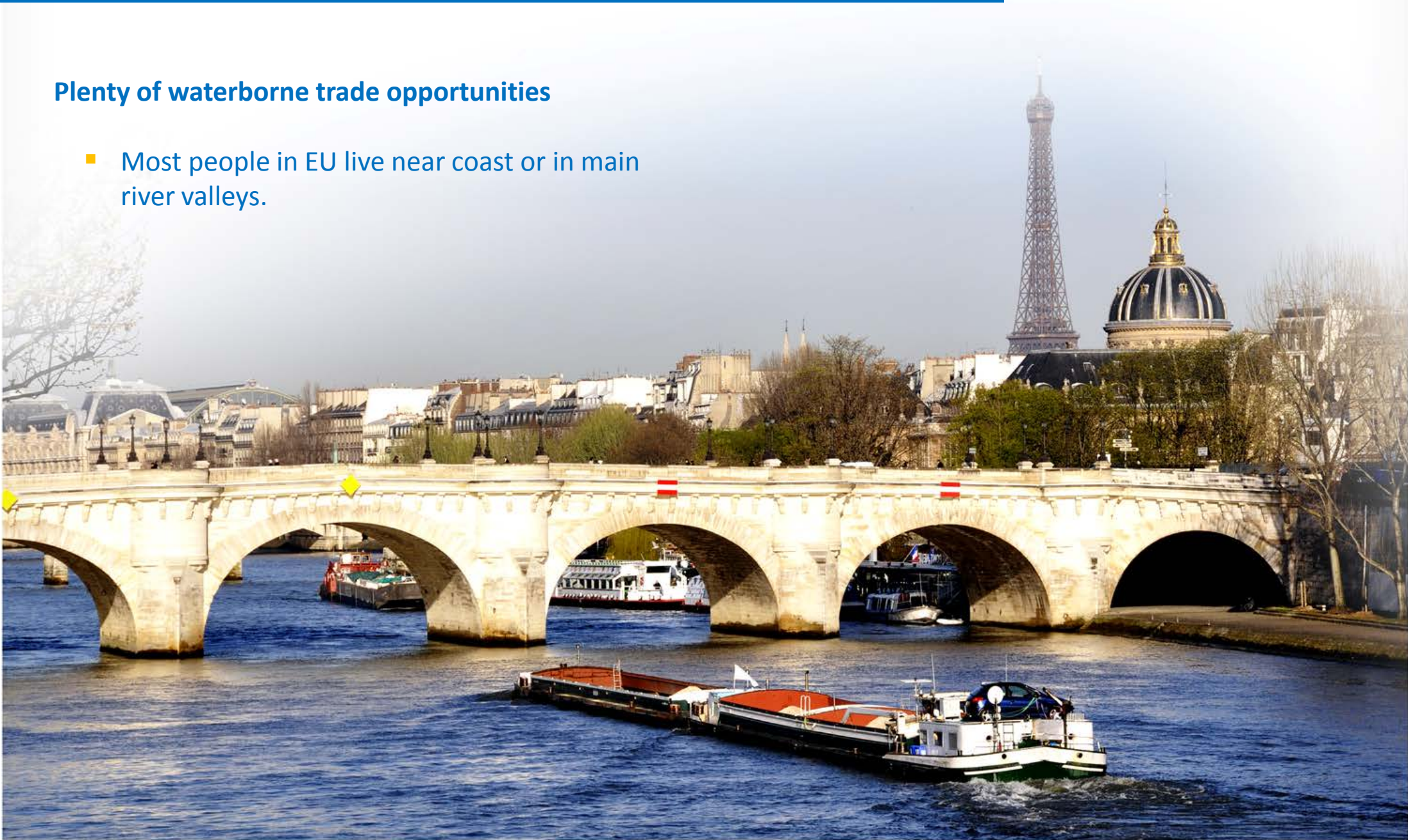
- Low transport share in EU28
- BUT, up to 40% in hinterland of major seaports
- 83% of waterfreight in BE, DE, NL
- Strong link with combination presence of markets and quality of infrastructure
- 140 billion tkm/y

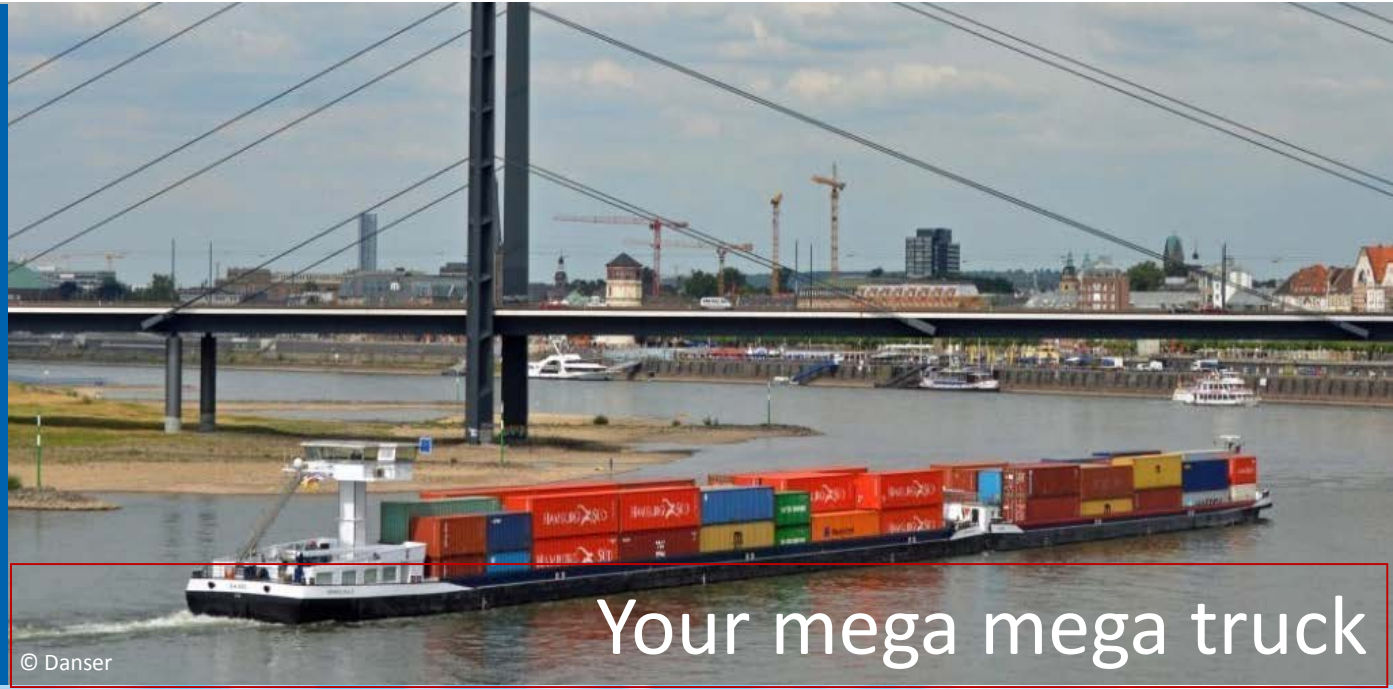


HISTORIC ADVANTAGE

Plenty of waterborne trade opportunities

- Most people in EU live near coast or in main river valleys.





Your mega mega truck

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Your water truck

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2020 SUPPLY CHAIN

Future supply chain: cut costs (fuel, congestion, units, warehousing)

- Long haul shipping is done via inland waterways and rail with clean vehicles doing the last mile
- New logistics solutions share information, transport and warehousing to cut costs and emissions

Compatible with societal goal of less carbon, pollution, accidents, land take



4 WAVES

Bulk

- Traditional market of large volumes
- Steel, oil, coal, building materials, agrobulk etc.
- Stabilising trend, see reshoring, energy independence, climate



Container

- Successful maritime market
- Slowing growth
- Still +72% by 2030 in Antwerp-Rotterdam and impact megaships



Continental

- Building materials
- High & heavy
- Pallets & parcels (atomisation)
- Bio-economy & renewables
- Waste & recyclables



Synchro-modal in seaport hinterlands and continental markets

- Changing demand & freight flows
- Growing urbanisation
- Flexible a-modal logistics
- EU goal by 2030
 - 30% from road to rail/water
 - carbon-free city logistics



EU WATERWAY TRANSPORT POLICY



Naiades plan I (2006-2013)

- Investment in bottlenecks
 - Studies into markets, jobs & skills, fleet
 - Removing barriers
 - No financial support
- « preparation »

Naiades plan II (2014-2020)

- Innovation & greening
 - Uniform technical and education standards
 - Investment in bottlenecks and good navigation status
 - Digitalisation & automation
- « implementation »

Stronger link required with port, urban, infrastructure and logistics policies

RIVER INFORMATION SERVICES

From safety to logistics

15 partners from 13 countries cooperate on the next generation of RIS on 7 cross-border corridors



Towards a European single window

Traffic planning



Optimisation of lock and bridge schedules in cross-border corridors to reduce waiting times, the overall duration of the voyage and to optimise energy use.

Logistics planning



Single window access for the exchange of vessel and cargo position information among logistics users to make waterway transport visible in the digital supply chain.

Route planning



Provision of network information incl. its operation status to support route planning. Actual and forecast information on the fairway allowing for more efficient planning.

Less red tape



Single window services limit multiple reporting. In addition, data are collected and analysed for a more efficient use of the waterway infrastructure.

Voyage planning



Supporting voyage planners with real-time and predicted traffic information and interface to traffic planning services to ensure best-possible ETAs.

Berth management



Berths are the waterway parking spaces. The tool provides online information about available berths & their facilities and allows booking of berth space.

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European Commission

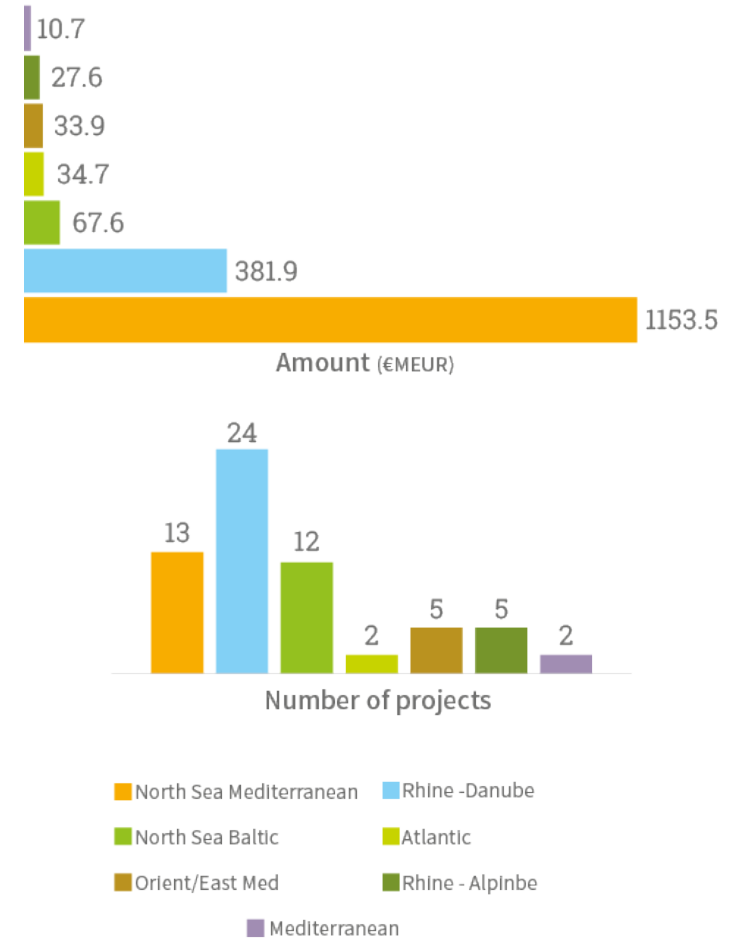
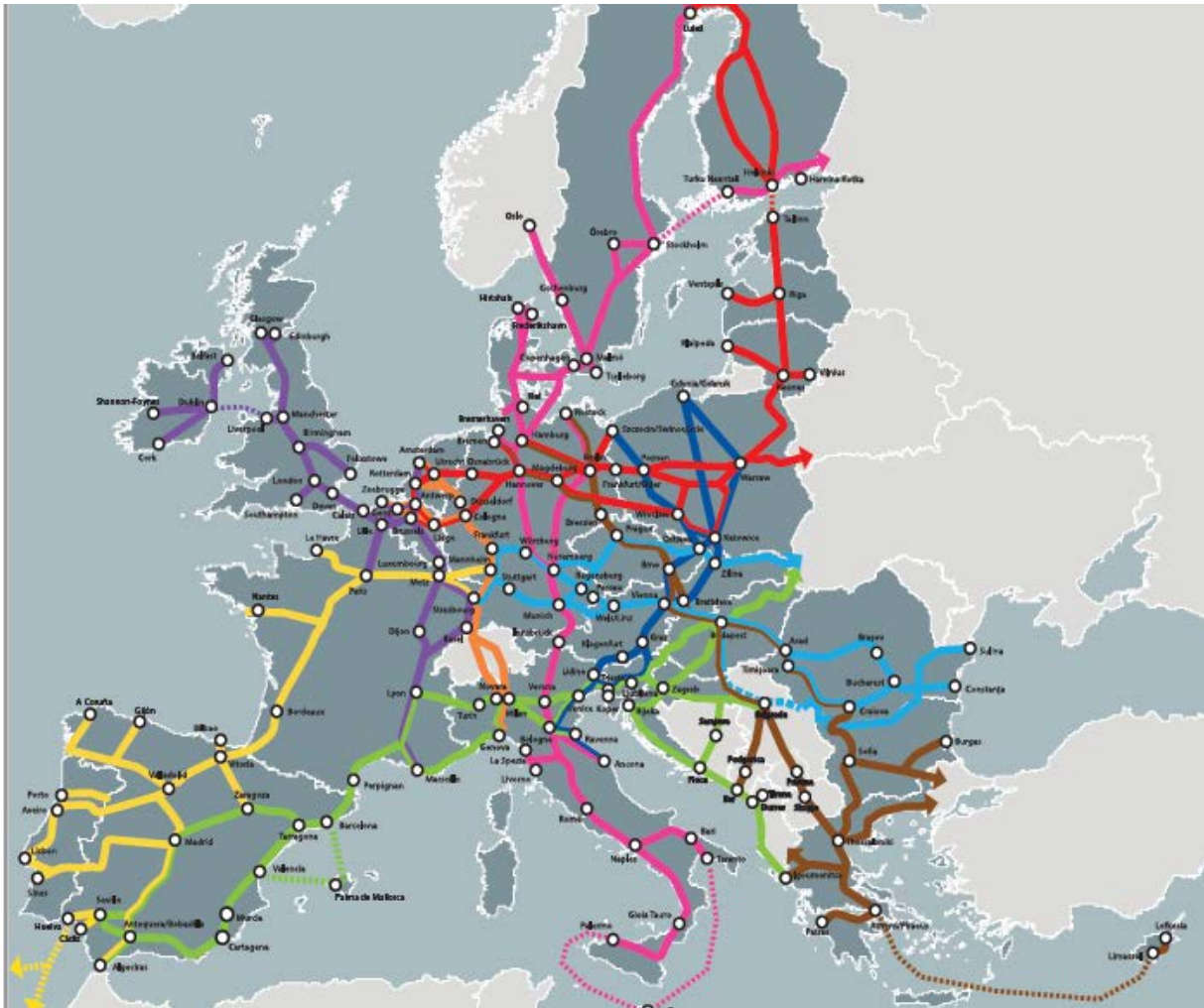
- Naiades 2 mid-term report
- DINA document
- RIS directive evaluation
- Impact assessment e-tools
- Good navigation status expert group and guidelines under preparation

Council preparing Council conclusions on Naiades III

ONGOING & PLANNED WATERWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



TEN-T CORE NETWORK CORRIDORS



Source: INEA

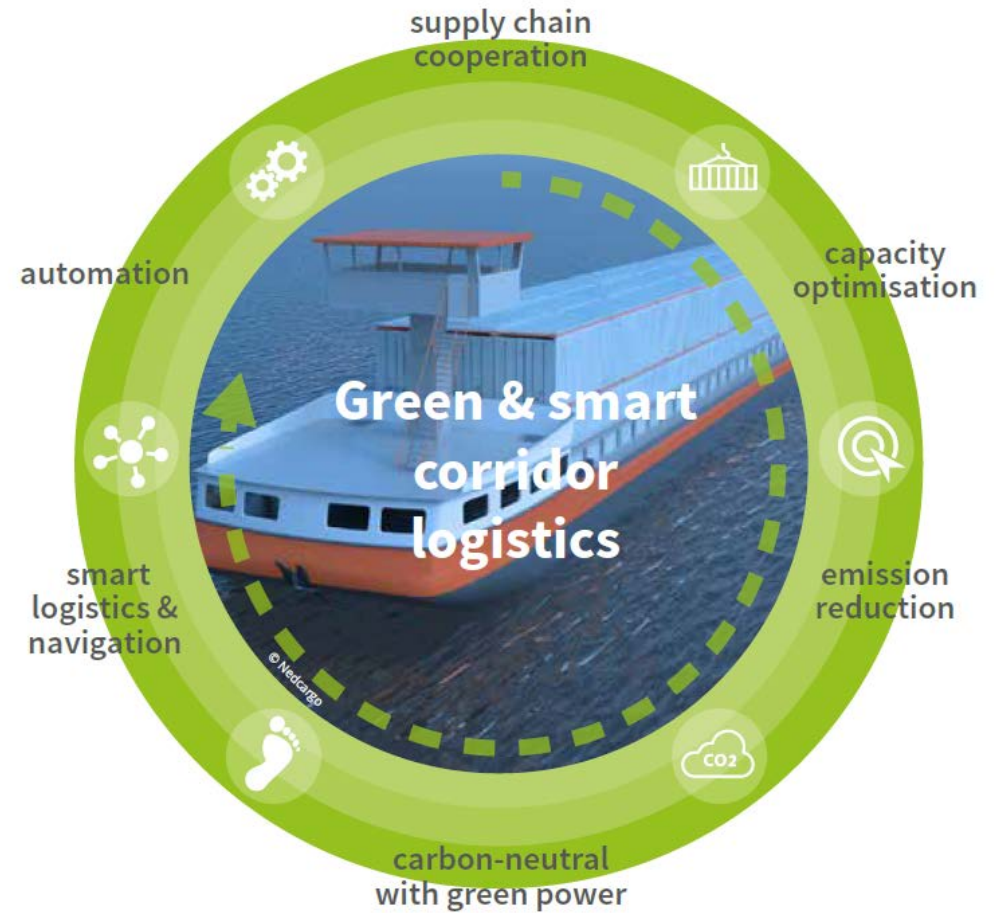
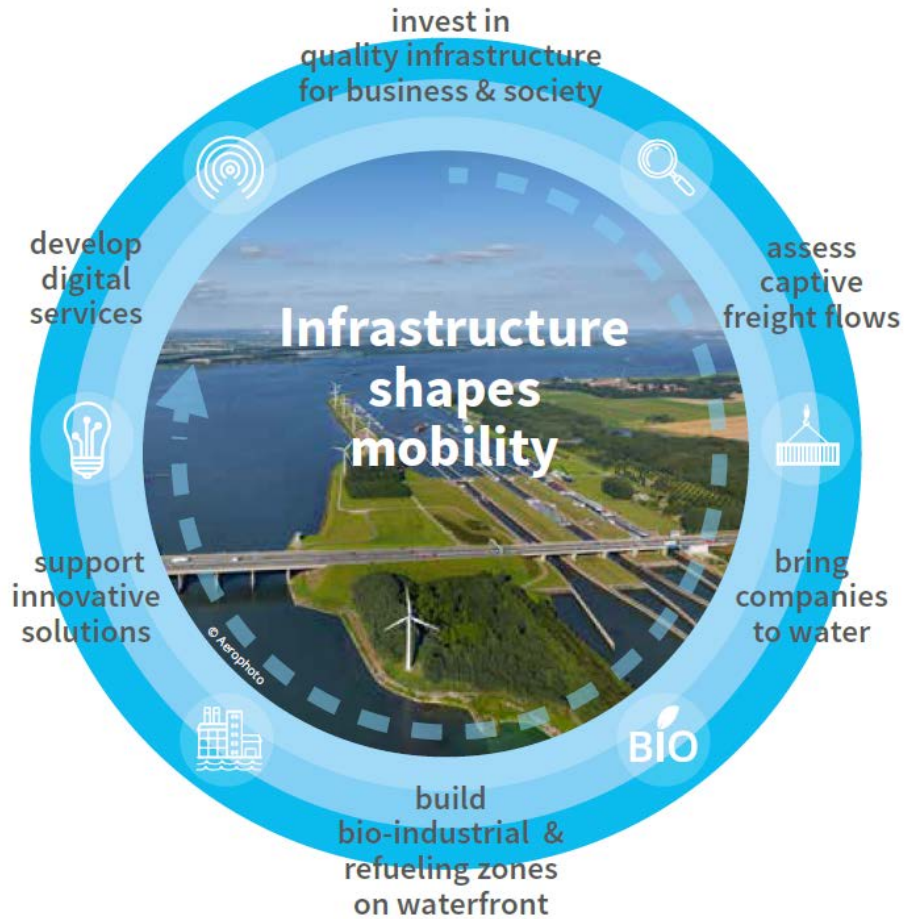
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European Commission

- CEF II proposal 2021-2027
- Budget for transport 30 BEUR: 12.83 general, 11.29 cohesion, 6.5 military mobility
- 60% to infrastructure (of which 75% to core network corridors), 40% to innovation
- Co-financing rates: non-cohesion 30% - 50%

Co-decision by Council and Parliament

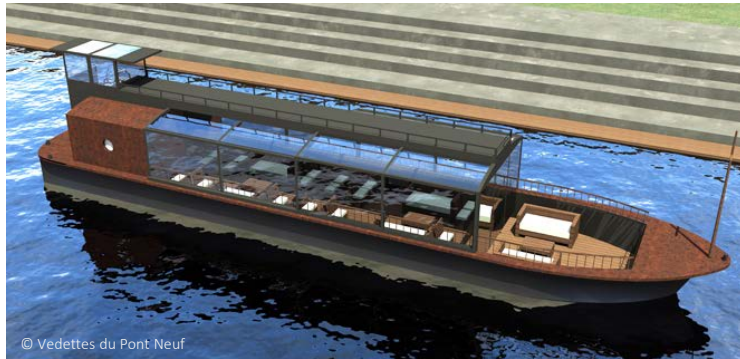
CHANGING POLICY ROLES



GREEN WATER LOGISTICS



WATER MOBILITY



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Horizon 2020

- Call topic “Moving freight by water”
- Working programme 2020

Horizon Europe 2021

- Specific implementing programme
- Strategic planning and preparation working programmes
- STRIA working group
- Strategic Research Agenda IWT

BEYOND TRANSPORT

- Arteries of development for communities and regions
- Burst of activities co-exist
- Joint development instead of competition
- Coordination to deliver on climate goals and resource efficiency
- Larger societal and economic return



2030 VISION

