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GIS Applications based on RIS to ease Life of Captains and to Better Promote Potentials to Industry and Shippers

- **RIS** Digitalisation in inland navigation
- ELIAS German EMMA prototype
- From Vision to Reality



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RIS – Digitalisation in inland navigation

"River Information Services (RIS) are **information services** designed to **enhance safety and efficiency** of inland waterway transport (IWT) by **optimising traffic and transport** processes."

RIS defines four core services:

- Navigational charts (ENC & ECDIS)
- Electronic Reporting (ERI)
- Notices to Skippers (NtS)
- Vessel Tracking & Tracing (VTT / AIS)

source: http://www.ris.eu/







River Information Services today



source: http://www.inlandnavigation.eu/what-we-do/digital-policy/



RIS implementation well advanced

in many countries in terms of:

- geographical coverage
- service maturity
- industry uptake

But challenges remain:

- International exchange of information
- Lack of integration
- Little benefit for transport & logistics



River Information Services tomorrow

Corridor Management as a concept aims at improving and linking existing RIS services on a route or network in order to supply RIS not just locally, but on regional, national and international level.

Therefore, Corridor Management will realise support for

- route & voyage planning,
- traffic management
- transport management

which are at present, if at all, just available in fragments.

source: http://www.riscomex.eu/vision/



Three service levels are defined:

- Level 1: provides basic infrastructure & fairway information
- Level 2: provides traffic information for voyage planning and traffic management
- Level 3: supports transport management of the logistic partners (e.g. deviation management)





ELIAS – German EMMA prototype

- Our Goal: Develop an IT prototype combining RIS data with traffic flow relevant information to achieve better traffic management to have more efficient IWT in BSR
- strengthen IWT through improved competitiveness
- improve competitiveness through increased reliability and efficiency
- ELIAS collects, aggregates & publishes available RIS information:
 - Static information (waterways, locks, bridges, ports, terminals & other facilities)
 - Status of infrastructure (water levels, obstructions such as maintenance work)
 - Traffic situation (traffic density, lock waiting times, vessel positions)





Interactive web map application

Infrastructure information

Water level information

Lock passage time statistics

> ENC overlay

(RIS Index)

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NtS messages

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From Vision to Reality

- > EMMA demonstrates the added value of integrating the individual RIS services
 - ELIAS is the Single Window towards traffic information on the Inland Waterways
- > Other regions in Europe and the BSR could benefit from this approach
 - ELIAS builds on European RIS standards
 - > Technical basis is already available in many regions
- While RIS data is standardized the accessibility is not (not always)
 - Common accessibility model should be developed by RIS community
- > Activities towards Corridor Management will hopefully close this gap

The full potential of the inland waterways can be harnessed in the future

EMMA - WP2, Activity 3



Thank you for your attention!

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