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First container transportation along the Vistula waterway highlights the benefits of inland waterway transport

At the beginning of April, the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region will organize the first-ever transport of containers carrying real load using the Vistula waterway (International Waterway E40 and E70). The pilot is a part of the EMMA Extension project which aims to enhance inland navigation in the Baltic Sea Region.

The containers will be loaded at the Port of Gdansk and will sail to Chełmno, where they will be reloaded onto trucks and transported to production companies from the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region. At the same time, another transport will be loaded to the barge which will return to the coast. The entire operation will take about five days.

“This EMMA Extension pilot aims to check the functionality of inland waterway transport in the supply chain and to highlight the benefits of inland waterway transport, which is still a unique means of transport in Poland. Inland waterway transport is in line with the European Union’s transport policy as well as the Polish sustainable growth and development policy, which requires the use of more environmentally friendly and low-emission modes of transport”, says **Rafał Modrzewski**, Head of European Territorial Cooperation Unit at the Marshal's Office of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region.

This commercial pilot is a continuation of the EMMA activities from 2017, when the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region organized a promotional and research cruise from Gdańsk to Warsaw and developed a location study for the planned Bydgoszcz-Solec Kujawski multimodal platform as a part of the EMMA project. The EMMA Extension project is funded by the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme, which supports integrated territorial development and cooperation for a more innovative, better accessible and sustainable Baltic Sea Region.

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Watch a short promotional video of the pilot in YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaTeoWBfoD0>

Information about the pilot in Polish: <https://www.kujawsko-pomorskie.pl/aktualnosci-wspolpraca/36878-wisla-poplyna-pelne-kontenery>

Further information about the EMMA Extension project: <http://www.project-emma.eu/>

