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REDUCING CO2 EMISSIONS IN PORTS

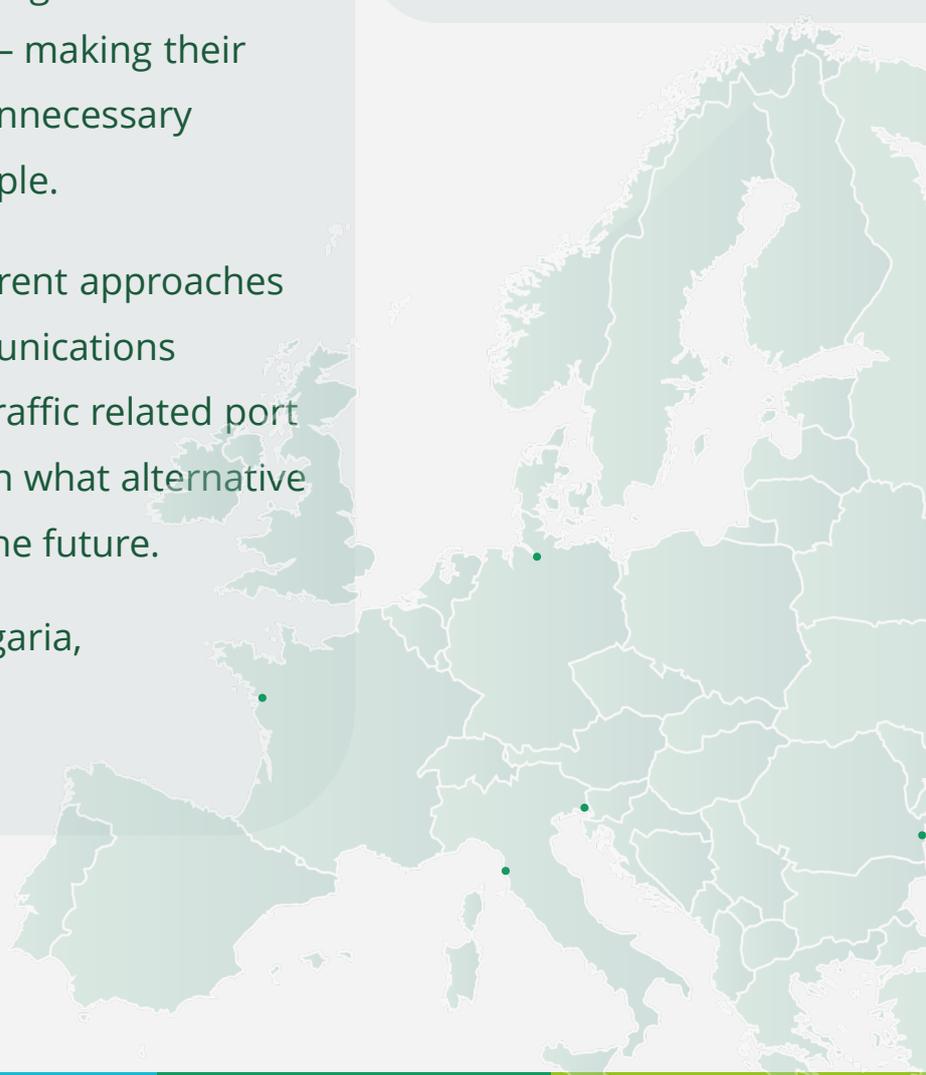
SMOOTH PORTS wants to utilise the differences of the project partners' ports through an exchange of effective tools and best practices.

A key focus lies on finding optimal procedures for the clearance of the goods that are so vital for society and commerce – making their processing speedy and avoiding unnecessary burdens on environment and people.

A further focus will be on the different approaches regarding Information and Communications Technology solutions for various traffic related port activities as well as on the question what alternative fuels can power port activities in the future.

The Project Partners are from Bulgaria, France, Italy and Germany.

SMOOTH PORTS (Reducing CO2 emissions in Ports) is an Interreg Europe project running from Aug 2019- Jan 2023 with a budget of approximately EUR 0,95 million.





Hamburg Stakeholder Meeting

On April 13th, 2021, the stakeholders of the Lead Partner, the Ministry of Economy and Innovation, came together to their regular meeting. The meeting touched various port related topics and included an update on the status and next steps of the Smooth Ports activities for Hamburg. Stakeholders exchanged their experience regarding implications of the BREXIT, the handling in the port and the situation on the supply chain. The stakeholders were also informed on the next steps of the Border One-Stop-Shop project BOSS and the reorganisation of responsibilities between the Ministries of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.



Virtual Partner Meeting and Presentation on Onshore Power Supply (OPS)

Project Partners and stakeholders came together virtually on April 22nd, 2021. An update on the individual partner's progress was provided and a presentation of the Hamburg Port Authority (HPA) on Onshore Power Supplies to reduce emissions in ports was held. The topic relevance was underlined by many questions posted to Mr Homann of the HPA by stakeholders. There is also a HPA video on the topic. A recent Memorandum of Understanding on OPS by the big northern European Ports further underlines the importance and potential of OPS in emission reduction. The HPA took activities a step further with ZeroEmission@Berth. Together with northern German ports additional measures to reduce emissions while berthing will be analysed.



Virtual Port visit Nantes and Varna

Project Partners and stakeholders came together again on June 16th and June 17th, 2021, to visit the ports of Varna and Nantes virtually. Due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, it was unfortunately not possible to visit them in person.

The two-day event was kicked off by the colleagues from Varna. Introducing their port, the geolocation, and connectivity to the TEN-T Network. Nantes then showcased their port the next day with the CNG Biogas Station, Border Inspection Point and 'A bon port' app. All relevant material can be found in our library.



Stakeholder Meetings & Action Plans

All project partners have continued to work on their Policy Instrument Action Plans. The partners will come together physically (hopefully) in September 2021 in Monfalcone, and the progress discussed there again. This will give all partners enough time and chances for exchange of experience, until the Phase 1 finishes in the beginning of 2022. All partners furthermore undertook their stakeholder meetings, be it mostly via phone or video conference due to the pandemic circumstances. Some more information can be found on the Smooth Ports Website in the relevant sections accordingly.



Physical Partner Meeting in Monfalcone

With the increased offer of vaccination throughout Europe and the CovidPass usability as from July, the project partners have decided to plan the first physical meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. It will take place as originally planned in Monfalcone, at the end of September 2021.

The project partners will discuss the general progress of all activities, but particularly the Policy Instrument Action Plans. They are due to be finalised in Phase 1 of the project, which ends at the beginning of 2022.



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