

Heavy goods transportation connection – the Lithuanian EMMA pilot

Inland waterway transport can be a reliable and efficient solution for oversize cargo transport in Lithuania. In the Lithuanian EMMA pilot, the conditions and prerequisites for using inland shipping for oversized cargo transports will be analysed.

In Lithuania many bridges are constructed to carry a maximum load of 200 tons, which is not enough for the heavy cargo transportation. Since inland waterways have good development possibilities in regards to the cargo transportation, the solution could be the development of oversize and heavy cargo service line using rivers. EMMA project partners focus on the heavy goods transportation connection from the Port of Klaipėda to its hinterland along the River Neman (Nemanus in Lithuanian), which is the largest river in Lithuania. In this pilot, links and technical possibilities between Lithuanian inland waterways and European inland waterway system will also be examined.

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EMMA in brief

Port of Hamburg Marketing developed the three-year-long EMMA project with 21 partners from five Baltic Sea Region (BSR) countries: Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Poland, and Sweden.

EMMA tackles the challenges and opportunities concerning the inland- and river-sea shipping (IWT), focuses on enhancing inland navigation in the BSR, and fosters a better integration of IWT in transport chains and the EU Strategy for the BSR.

The holistic approach of EMMA includes regional and national administration as well as policy and industry level, setting the possibility for a real change and long-term impact of results.

EMMA partners develop efficient transport solutions together and proof their feasibility. In order to assure cross-region applicability and benefits, the pilot activities will be jointly developed during the EMMA project.

Benefits of EMMA

- Improving competitiveness of IWT
- Strengthening the future development of IWT
- Identifying possible new IWT services
- Raising the awareness of the potentials of IWT
- Ensuring better standing of IWT in policy and society
- Five pilot activities proving feasibility of IWT in the BSR

EMMA appointed as flagship project by the EC

The European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) is the first macro-regional strategy in Europe. It aims at bringing together initiatives in different sectors as well as promoting cooperation between stakeholders in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR).

The Strategy also promotes flagships in the BSR, which have a macro-regional impact and start from joint initiatives involving partnership from different countries. EMMA was approved as a flagship project in the Policy Area Transport. This reflects the importance the European Commission attaches to the further development of inland navigation in the BSR.

EMMA also cooperates with the 'Good Navigation Status' initiative, a study tendered by the European Commission DG MOVE on support measures for the implementation of the TEN-T Core Network related to sea ports, inland ports, and inland waterway transport.

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