

A multimodal river port – the Polish EMMA pilot

The inland waterway network in Poland consists of 3655 kilometres of waterways, including three of international significance (E30, E40 and E70). Unfortunately the percentage of water transport in relation to all branches of transport amounts to only 0.4%. The aim of the Polish EMMA pilot is to present possibilities of transporting cargo using inland navigation and to specify the location for a modern multimodal port on the Lower Vistula River.

The first stage of the pilot will be a promotional and research barge cruise with containers. The cruise on the route Gdańsk–Warsaw proves that it is possible to use inland waterway transport even with current unfavourable navigating conditions on the Vistula River. It also presents the transport potential of the river and the regions bordering the Vistula.

The Polish pilot aims to determine the optimal location for the multimodal inland port. Therefore it presents an analysis of environmental, hydrological, economical, and infrastructural conditions in the area between Bydgoszcz and Solec Kujawski, where the inland port is planned to be built. The port would function as a direct base resource for the seaports of Gdańsk and Gdynia.



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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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