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EDITORIAL

This is the second issue of our newsletter and we hope that the list of recipients will keep growing with time. Please do not hesitate to forward us the contact details of people who could be interested in our newsletter and we will ensure that they are included in the sending list. And if you receive this newsletter via someone, please let us know and we will incorporate you in the sending list.

We would like to seize this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year, for you and your loved ones! As far as CCP21 is concerned, we look forward to a productive 2012. Some Partners will indeed start the infrastructure works set out in the project proposal and, as Partners, we do not only wish them the best for the coming year but, together, we will do our best so that all our plans and objectives come true.

CCP21 STEERING GROUP MEETING

On 15 December, CCP21 held its first Steering Group meeting. The Steering Group includes a representative from each Partner and aims at providing the general guidance to the project.

Participants discussed the state of play of local projects, which are all starting or about to start. Many feasibility or preparatory studies have been launched and some investments will already be carried out early 2012.

The meeting also led to a calendar of project outputs and helped to further identify the content of some outputs and their interactions with one another. This was very helpful for the deliverables of Work Package 1, which are deeply interconnected: the long term vision of urban ports, the study about the sustainability of inland ports, the position paper to be used

as lobby tool towards EU and national bodies, and the web interface that will demonstrate the advantages offered by inland ports. The sustainability study will come first and be an analysis of the existing situation.

FEEDBACK ON THE FIRST PAYMENT CLAIM

Due to some delay in the designation of a First Level Controller, the first payment claim was sent to the Interreg Joint Technical Secretariat on 9 November only. As some documents had to be resent, the claim was acknowledged as officially received on 5 December, whereby other projects' claims are being processed before CCP21's.

Although the JTS has not given its approval yet, the first feedback has been communicated already and some questions have been clarified. The JTS' feedback and the comments received from the First Level Controller of the Lead Partner (who will double-check all Partners' claims) have been communicated to Partners and will avoid complications in the coming claims.

COCKPIT TEAM MEETING IN PARIS

On 9 November, the Port of Paris organised the first meeting of Cockpit Team 2. This workgroup is in charge of actions and investments related to the cohabitation of freight and passenger activities in urban ports.

With the Port of Brussels and the Port of Switzerland, the Port of Paris decided to firstly investigate the issues related to safety and security measures in cohabitation environment, and to the accessibility of infrastructure, which will be important points in the preliminary studies for both multi-purpose platforms in La Bourdonnais (Paris) and Brussels.

Investing in Opportunities



This project has received
European Regional
Development Funding
through INTERREG IV B.



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COCKPIT TEAM MEETING IN LIEGE

Cockpit Team 1 also met in the last month of 2011, on 13 December, in Liège. The Port of Liège invited Partners to discuss several common issues around the theme “how to increase the awareness and the acceptability of inland ports?”.

The Port of Liège had invited two Observers, the Port of Antwerp and the FEPI, as well as one external expert, Mr. Audet, previous manager of Manuport Group. The input of these external participants was very valuable as the Port of Antwerp could tell us about new communication strategies towards target groups and how to use criteria that really mean something for the audience, rather than the usual and very abstract number of tons transported yearly. This was exactly what the project was looking forward to, and it will be integrated in the upcoming sustainability study.

THE PORT WILL HAVE A NEW FACE IN 2015

This was one of the titles that one could read in the press on 14 December 2011, following the signature of the Port-City-Region convention for the construction of a multi-purpose platform in Brussels.



The platform will indeed be the first passenger terminal in Brussels. Tourists currently transit through another quay, which cannot host large boats. All 3 parties are quite excited about the project and see it a great opportunity for the city, for the Brussels Capital Region and, of

course, for the port itself. The investment will indeed have a positive impact on tourism, local residents because the whole area will be renovated and reorganised, and local employment, through the freight activities that will also take place on the platform.

The event, which gathered representatives from Brussels City, the Brussels Region and the Port of Brussels, was featured in not less than 7 articles the next day. A sign that combining freight and passenger activities appeals to medias and thus to the general public?

Now that the agreement between the 3 parties is signed, works are planned to start in early 2014. By then, a feasibility study will be carried out to determine what type of freight platform can cohabit with passenger activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mid January:** CT meeting in Lille
- 31 January:** CT meeting in Utrecht
- 27-30 March:** Steering Group meeting at the SITL Fair in Paris
- April:** Christening of the new multi-purpose vessel in Utrecht
- 19-21 April:** EFIP Executive Committee meeting in Basel
- 5-6 June:** Interreg NWE Event in Dortmund

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