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LOGISTICA ROMANIA



INDUSTRIE-LOGISTIK-LINZ



Municipality of Giurgiu



Free Zone Giurgiu

High Performance Green Port Giurgiu A Project Description

This EU-project is a study on the development of a technology and service oriented, energy-efficient intermodal port system as best practice business model for the deployment in existing Danube ports.

The action addresses Priority Project Nr. 18 “Waterway axis Rhine/Meuse-Main-Danube” of the TEN-T network. The action has a general approach aiming at the development of an eco-efficient Danube engineering and operation port system, in line with the principles of the “Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for Development of Inland Navigation in the Danube River Basin” (ICPDR, Danube Commission, Sava Commission, 2008).

The overall objective of the project is to turn the port of Giurgiu into the first “Green Danube Port” based on integrated energy-efficient concepts and comprehensive environmental measures for intermodal ports.

The action will ensure the first steps towards the delivery of the overall objective, through a study comprising several technical concepts and feasibility studies. Three specific objectives will be met by carrying out four defined activities within the Action.

First specific objective:

- analyse the current situation

Second specific objective:

- develop concepts for innovative technology at the port

Third specific objective:

- design the new port and define its business model

The following activities will be carried out within the project:

Activity 1 - Status Quo Analysis:

This activity will address the first specific objective by identifying, describing and assessing the current status of infra- and supra-structure, port operations, current market situation and market position as well as

the environmental situation and the eco-performance of the Port of Giurgiu.

Activity 2 - Innovation & technology concept:

This activity will address the second specific objective by developing a comprehensive port concept for the Green Port Giurgiu as a best practice model. A green and energy-efficient Danube ports model, an infra- and supra-structure concept, enhanced information systems and consumer-oriented operational concepts are developed.

Activity 3 - port design and business model:

This activity will address the third specific objective by elaborating the preliminary port design and the definition of a related business model.

Activity 4 - project management:

This activity comprises the coordination within the project team, the interaction with external parties and the documentation of the progress in the project. In addition, dissemination activities form an important part of this activity.

The project partners are:

ILR Logistica Romania S.R.L.

Industrie-Logistik-Linz GmbH

S.C. Administratia Zonei Libere Giurgiu S.A

Giurgiu Municipality

Statement by Ralph Gallob

The progress of the EU-project „High Performance Green Port Giurgiu“ is absolutely presentable. All project partners are working intensively on the overall objective to transform the port of Giurgiu into a modern and efficient inland waterway port.

Most preparatory studies have been conducted, this means analysis of the current situation, development of new port innovation technology and design of the new port and definition of the business model.

The first two milestones of the project, namely „Analysis of the capacity of the existing port and future potential“ and „Customers‘ requirements in terms of infrastructure and actual condition of the Romanian market analysed“ were completed on schedule. The remaining project milestones „Innovation and technology concept defined and approved“, „Detailed design finished and approved“, „Model port implementation strategy agreed with stakeholders“ as well as „Final project report finalized“ are currently in progress and will be finalized at the latest by the end of the project (31/08/2015).

The business development of ILR Logistica Romania is very positiv – cargo handling was more than 80,000 tons in 2014 at the port of Giurgiu. These developments, together with the results of the ongoing project, confirm our company‘ intent to carry out our planned investment and build the missing infrastructure in line with the studies elaborated.

ILR plans to invest in a tri-modal all-weather terminal (approx. 8000 sqm) including a fully covered berth (approx. 1500 sqm), new railway line (approx. 760 m), truck parking area (approx. 950 sqm) and new transshipment facilities. A first important step was the signing of a concession contract between Giurgiu Municipality and ILR Logistica Romania for a building plot of 24,449 sqm located in Giurgiu.

Together with our partners, Giurgiu Municipality and SC Administratie Zonei Libere Giurgiu, ILR submitted in February 2015 a new project „High Performance Green Port Giurgiu – stage II construction“ with an overall project budget approx. € 15,6 Mio to the European Union. We want to realize our vision to transform the port of Giurgiu into the first state-of-the-art, high performance port in Eastern Europe, and realize the benefits for the town of Giurgiu, such as new jobs, stimulation of the economy and induce the construction of new infrastructure (road, railway, quay, water basin).

Statement by Nicolae Barbu

A year ago, on 12th March, 2014, we started our way within an ambitious project, a reference undertaking for the Giurgiu community, both for authorities and private sector, a project intended to become the milestone in the upcoming development of the town.

Today, one year after that decisive moment, I'd like to express my confidence that "High Performance Green Port Giurgiu" is the project the town needed to get re-located on the economic map of the Romanian ports, a return to the former port tradition in Giurgiu, when Giurgiu was a reference spot in the grain trade on the Danube.

The existence of a tri-modal port center in Giurgiu, with all the shipment facilities, will give the investors the chance to develop in Giurgiu suitable projects all year long, in a protected and safe environment, while the Free Port, through its adjacent involvement, will become attractive for business people willing to benefit of these advantages.

During this year, the Giurgiu Municipality has drafted the technical and economic documentation in order to achieve the proposed goals, that means the demolition of the old ferry-boat's structure, the construction of a railway crossing and the landscape re-design of the area.

Along with ILR Logistica Romania, a subsidiary of ILL (Industry Logistics Linz) and the Giurgiu Free Zone we'd like to see our project accepted by the Brussels authorities, the project "High Performance Green Port Giurgiu", a project of such magnitude, to get shape for the Giurgiu community to enjoy all the benefits this investment is bringing, that means jobs, additional income to the local budget and the comeback of a port tradition.

Statement by Mr. Cuc

I am honored to be with you, partners once again in this advanced stage of the project "High Performance Green Port Giurgiu".

If the first stage of the project was more dedicated to the studies and documentation the second part is the practical part which will help the Free Zone to move forward and develop all the activities that are now taking place inside the Free Zone Giurgiu.

Next stage of the project is going to make the difference between what used to be Free Zone Giurgiu and what will be because I hope that this project becomes a strategic point for the community and greatly improves the city's economic development, given the increased flow of goods in the Free Zone.

"High Performance Green Port Giurgiu" is a successful project that can prove only together we can have the best results, and I want to thank one more time to our partners ILR Logistica Romania for making possible to add value and improve quality to our services through this project.