

# Resolution on NAIADES II, an action programme to support inland waterway transport

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The European Parliament adopted by 428 votes to 46 with 11 abstentions a resolution tabled by the Committee on Transport and Tourism on NAIADES II – an action programme to support inland waterway transport, and welcomed the [Commission's initiative](#) to update and renew the NAIADES programme by 2020. Whilst supporting the specific actions defined in the NAIADES II action programme 2014-2020, it **regretted the fact that the Commission did not accompany the NAIADES II proposal with adequate and dedicated funding** to achieve the goals of the action programme. Members therefore called for a **well-structured policy with achievable short- and mid-term goals and a concrete roadmap** that describes, inter alia, the resources for implementation. Concrete actions should take into account the specificities of a sector largely based on SMEs.

Underlining the importance of high-quality infrastructure as a condition for integrating inland waterway transport and inland ports into the trans-European transport network, Parliament called on the Commission and Member States to do the following:

- **integrate all important bottlenecks into the corridor implementation plans** to be adopted, noting the fact that the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) gave funding priority to the development of infrastructure for the greener modes of transport, such as inland waterways and improving cross-border sections of the core network;
- **pay particular attention to free-flowing rivers** which were close to their natural state and which could therefore be the subject of specific measures, and respecting EU environmental legislation, as indicated in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on the trans-European transport network (TEN-T);
- speed up the **integration of River Information Services (RIS), inland waterway transport market observation data and TEN-T corridor tools** in order to support integrated multimodal transport governance;
- swiftly develop orientations to enable the **integration of RIS data exchange into information streams of other transport modes** in order to facilitate the integration of inland waterway transport with other transport modes
- support the **uptake of best practice** on integrating inland waterway transport services into multimodal logistics chains;
- come forward with options on how to **leverage the reserve funds** by using them in conjunction with financial instruments available under existing Union funds such as the CEF and from the European Investment Bank.