Watertruck+

Perspectives for Inland Navigation and River Sea Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region

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What is Watertruck?

Watertruck is an innovative transport concept where small vessels (push boats and barges) are operated in a similar way as road transport (truck/trailer concept), whereby convoys are formed on large fairways and individual (self-propelled) barges or smaller convoys can penetrate the capillary network of small waterways.
The current fleet of small vessel in Europe

Customized designs and great diversity

Segmented market (family-owned) with limited investment capacity

Living on board = unattractive lifestyle

Old fleet, phasing out in favour of larger ships

Without a long-term alternative, there is a good to fair chance that IWT on Europe’s 34,000 kilometers of small inland waterways will disappear
Watertruck

Standard design, multi-purpose, plug-and-play customizations

Daytime sailing for short stretches, conventional lifestyle

Create a commodity investment with reliable residual value

New fleet with new techniques and materials

Watertruck provides a long-term alternative for shippers, operators, skippers and investors to ensure that IWT remains or becomes economically viable
Master Plan

The results of the pilot cases and financial investment instruments are the backbone of the master plan for the roll out of the concept towards a European fleet.

- Financial toolbox - a.o. EIB, ESIF, EFSI, EIAH, Green Shipping Tool etc.
- Costs and results of the test pilots (construction costs, revenues, savings)
- Support of European stakeholders with setting up business cases following the Watertruck+ concept