

Fact Sheet

Aid scheme for green inland waterway vessels

- **Target:** Stimulate **environmentally friendly & innovative modernization** of inland navigation vessels as well as modal shift towards inland waterway transport. **Reduction of external costs** (emissions, noise, accidents, congestions) of the transport system.
- **Time frame:** 01/07/2014 - 31/05/2017

LAST deadline for applications:

March 3, 2017

- **Actions to be supported:** For each project the direct positive environmental effects have to be explained and quantified (especially reduction of CO₂, NO_x and particles). Please find a non-exhaustive list of possible actions to be supported:

Actions to be supported	Exempels & Explanation
a) Environmentally friendly vessel equipment and adaption	• Optimised propulsion and steering systems to save fuel (e.g. Kort nozzle, 360° rudder propeller, special rudder blades) • Environmentally relevant telematics Advising Tempomat, RIS onboard (Soft- and Hardware), RIS based logistics conepts, Auto pilots, NO AIS-Transponder • Environamentally relevant adaption for the transport of dangerous goods for early adaptation to future Community standards (e.g. double hull) • Exhaust aftertreatment facilities • Sloptanks • Environamentally relevant electrotechnical equipment esp. on tanker, fire protection • Bow Thruster • Application of new technologies
b) Modifications of the hull	Improvement of hydrodynamics and energy efficiency of vessels; reduction of draught of pushing vessels

- **Eligible beneficiaries:** Inland navigation vessel operators in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, operating regular commercial inland waterway transport on the Austrian Danube (at least 10 journeys per year) and having an agency branch in Austria.
- **Type of aid and funding rates:** The funding is a direct non-refundable grant, disbursed after the investment is made and verified. Eligible are only additional costs directly related to environmental protection.
 - **Funding rates:**
 - **Big enterprises: max. 30%** of eligible costs
 - **Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME): max. 40%** of eligible costs
 - Funding rates for investments for early adaptation to future Community standards (e.g. double hull) depend on the date of the investment (more than three years before the future Community standard resp. one to three years):
 - **Small enterprises: 25 % resp. 20 %** of eligible costs
 - **Medium-sized enterprises: 20 % resp. 15 %** of eligible costs
 - **Big enterprises: 15 % resp. 10 %** of eligible costs

Submission of applications is possible at any time. Dates of funding decisions (Board Meetings) are published on the website of viadonau. Applications (and enclosures) have to be submitted in German or English language to viadonau. Further information and application forms are available here: <http://www.viadonau.org/umwelt/foerderprogramm-binnenschiff/>

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