



PRESS RELEASE

Basel, 13 July, 2015

EU funds Upper Rhine Traffic Management System

Barge management system for container shipping on the Upper Rhine to be co-financed by the EU.

Last May, the RheinPorts Basel-Mulhouse-Weil joint-venture started its RheinPorts Information System (RPIS) at the transport logistic exhibition in Munich. The petition of RheinPorts, the Port Autonome de Strasbourg and the Rheinhäfen Karlsruhe for co-financing as part of the EU-wide Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) financing program in the transport sector was approved by the European Commission. The financing program will contribute 50 percent of the project costs of around EUR 2 million.

The RheinPorts Basel-Mulhouse-Weil joint-venture began testing the first barge information system for container shipping at the inland ports along the Rhine in spring 2015. This week the European Commission approved the petition for co-financing from the European Union as part of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funding program in the transport sector and allocated approximately EUR 1 million to the Upper Rhine Traffic Management System. This amount makes up half of the estimated project costs totalling EUR 2 million. The project includes the RPIS as a pilot implementation, as well as a review of expansion and adaptation to the other ports on the Upper Rhine spanning from Colmar to Ludwigshafen-Mannheim.

The positive decision underlines the importance and potential of interior waterway transport in Europe. The RheinPorts pilot project and the potential expansion to all ports on the Upper Rhine will make it possible in the future for shipmasters and shipping companies to use RPIS to register at container terminals. In turn, the ports on the Upper Rhine are expecting more efficient utilisation of the capacity and terminal moorings and thus terminal capacity overall. In future, customs clearance for RheinPorts will be simplified and handled electronically. The first module of RPIS for the announcement of barge calls is already in a six-month trial phase, which will be completed by the end of 2015.

Information:

Simon Oberbeck, RheinPorts spokesperson, simon.oberbeck@portof.ch
Phone +41 61 639 95 97 (on holiday through 20 July 2015, please send questions by e-mail)

Jens-Jochen Roth Rheinhafen Karlsruhe, roth@rheinhafen.de
Phone +49 721 599 7400

Manfred Rausch, Port autonome de Strasbourg, m.rausch@strasbourg.port.fr
Phone. +33 3 88 21 74 95



Co-financed by the European Union
Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T)