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Upper Rhine Ports and the European Commission sign grant agreement for barge appointment system

The directors of the involved ports, Karlsruhe and Strasbourg as well as the lead partner RheinPorts Basel-Mulhouse-Weil am Rhein have signed the grant agreement for the barge appointment system 'Upper Rhine traffic management system' with the European Commission in Karlsruhe.

The project has already been chosen this summer by the European Commission to be supported as a promising and innovative project for the optimisation of the traffic management within the TEN-T Rhine-Alpine Corridor. The project will be supported with almost 1 million Euros by the European Traffic and Infrastructure Fund CEF (Connecting Europe Facilities) for the development and commissioning of a joint IT platform for terminals. A first version of the system RPIS (RheinPorts Information System) is already in pilot operations at the RheinPorts terminals. The next steps foresee an expansion of the system towards the other Upper Rhine Ports.

This contract ensures the commissioning and further development of the system for the next three years and defines the project approach in detail. At the same time the project partners have created a solid contractual basis for cooperation in the next years. The other ports Ludwigshafen, Mannheim, Kehl and Colmar that have already participated in the previous project 'Upper Rhine – a connected corridor' fully support the new project. The partners are confident that this project will have a positive impact on innovations for barge traffic and joint location marketing.



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