



Mobilizing small
waterway solutions

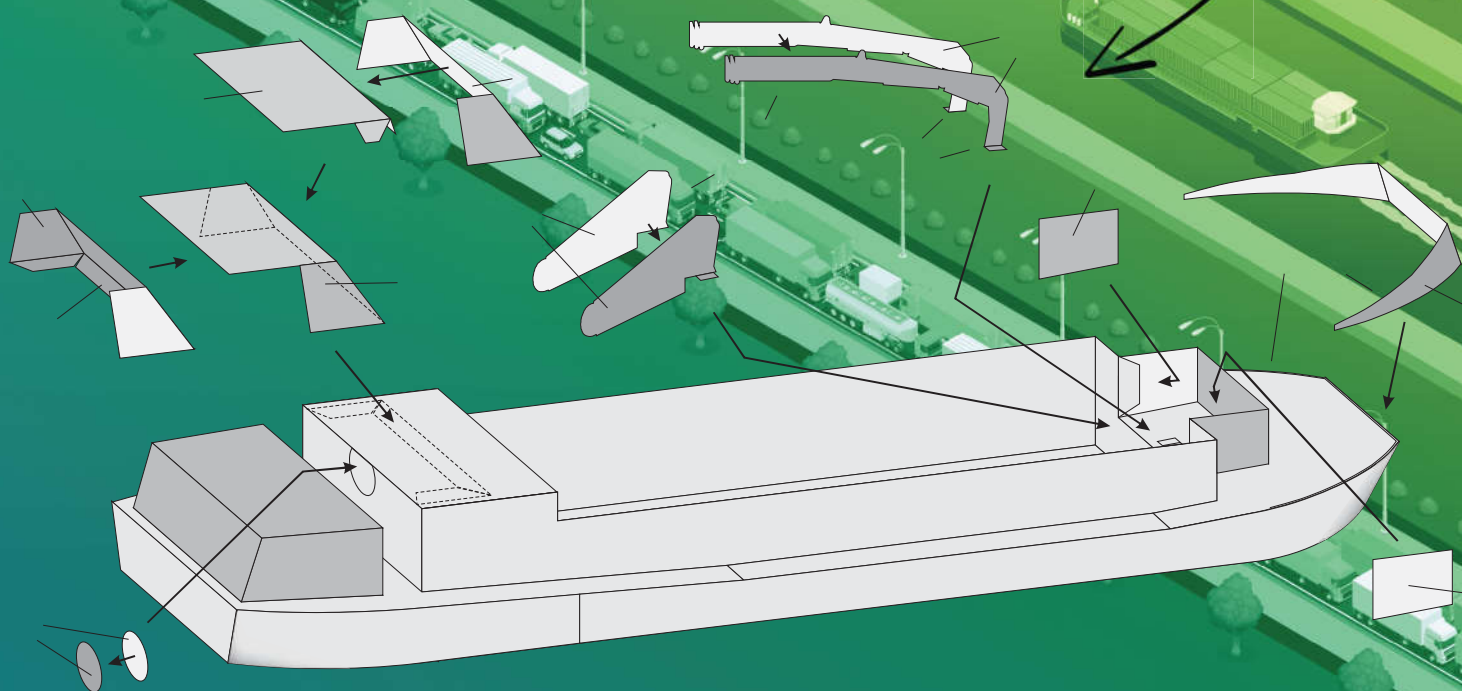
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**Mobilising potentials and capacity to
move freight to North Sea Region
smaller waterways**



Explore your innovative small
waterway solutions and
build your own sustainable future!

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Welcome to #IWTS 2.0 - a project co-funded by the North Sea Region Programme 2014 - 2020.

Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) offers relatively slow, cheap, climate friendly hinterland transport alternatives for commodities transported in large quantities or bulk. The energy input per t/km is superior to rail, road transport. Many waterways in Europe remain widely un-/underused in the past decades.

Addressed challenges:

- Low awareness about small waterway transport opportunities
 - Low innovation in small barge development, transshipment of goods
 - Lack of expertise in using small waterway opportunities
 - Lack of training content and dedicated crews for small waterway sailing.
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- *Partners join forces; mobilise potentials and capacity to move freight to yet under-used waterways by:*
 - Realising a quick modal shift by introducing new and proven logistic technologies and support logistic managers that decide about modal shifts.
 - Make better use of existing waterways by adapting them towards a sufficient standard size vessels.
 - Make better use of existing waterways by developing innovative sustainable small barge concepts.
 - Modernizing IWT education, training with a focus on navigation on smaller waterways.
 - IWTS 2.0. facilitates use of IWT on smaller waterways (comprehensive network) in the NSR region linking them to main TEN-T corridors.
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- By piloting small waterway solutions including; innovative barge-, waterway-, transshipment-, (un) loading-, freight flow mapping-, modal shift decision making solutions, feasibility research we show case proven concepts that will be adopted by the market.



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