



Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme

PROJECT IDEA FORM

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Project Title	nisch port development (nipod)		
Priorities Interreg IVB NSR Programme <i>Please choose one theme that fits best with your project idea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Building on our Capacity for Innovation	
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Project Description			
<p>Containerisation of goods changed the freight handling drastically. The effect is a structure change of huge dimensions. On the one hand it enabled smooth handling with the help of IT, making traceable delivery common now. Stewarding functions changed from manual to high tech flow handling. On the other hand it implicated large changes in port structures. Large harbours more and more concentrate on container flows only. Flows of containers increased and forces port authorities to find transport solutions for growing amount of goods to and from the final destination. An important side effect of this development is that the position of small ports also changed. The flows of goods that not are containerable, more and more are handled by smaller ports around major Gateways. Formerly fighting for survival, many of these ports have better results than ever. The goods that is handled arrives as bulk or is of non container size. Yet another tendency is that some of these small ports get specialized in one or two specific types of goods.</p> <p>In the recent past smaller harbours barely survived and were not of regional or local interest. Subsequently there has been low priority in infrastructure investments, often harbour equipment is old fashioned, IT investments are too expensive. The bulk character of the goods implies many transport movements from and to the harbour. Often the lorry is the only way to transport these commodities onwards. On roads that not really are apted to that traffic. On railway systems that are not updated if existing. NIPOD strengthens the development potential of smaller ports, enables a possible growth of employment in the hinterland and seeks green transport solutions.</p>			

Central Aim	
to improve the market position of small/nisch ports to develop hinterland connection lifting freight from road to rail/Inl�and waterway to facilitate common marketing and freight promotion to give access to IT based transport systems through common purchase	
Envisaged Outcomes	
A stronger economic support for small ports on the international market and less road based freight transports.	
Thematic Keywords <i>(max. 5 words)</i>	IT for small ports, marketing, promotion rail/inland waterway
Partners already found	Varberg/Uddevalle/Lysekil/V�nern in Sweden Brake/Nordenham/Emden in Germany Northern provinces of Netherlands
Partners requested	Small ports from all countries around North Sea, preferably interest or development organisations/associations like V�nerr�d -Sweden or the Danish Westcoast Harbours association
Estimated budget	� 5 mE
Date <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	26.01.2006

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