

# **TOWARDS A MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW**

# **ANNA**

A both-feet-on-the-ground project  
of 14 EU Member States  
to assist the implementation of  
Directive 2010/65/EU



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## WHY

In maritime transport, the EU Member States foster the development of an effective and harmonized European-wide electronic exchange of ship reporting messages between the industry and public authorities. The aim is:

- To make Europe more competitive.
- To improve interconnectivity (national-international and public authorities-business).
- To reduce existing barriers.
- To create a level playing field between various operators and transport modes.
- To develop a one stop shop approach (Maritime Single Window).

EU Directive 2010/65/EU - Reporting Formalities for Ships arriving in/departing from EU ports - serves as the overall legal framework to allow for the development and implementation of interconnecting national Maritime Single Windows.

To build the national Maritime Single Windows it is necessary for the EU Member States, neighbouring countries and business to co-operate. That is why the ANNA project was established.

## WHO

The ANNA project involves:

- 14 partner countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.
- 10 observer countries: Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Finland, Malta, Montenegro and Norway.
- 10 observer organisations: CESMA (Confederation of European Shipmasters' Associations), CLECAT (European organisation for freight forwarding, logistics and customs), FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations), ECASBA (European Community Association of Ship brokers and agents), ECSA (European Community Shipowners' Association), EHMC (European Harbour Masters' Committee), EPCSA (European Port Community Systems Association), ESPO (European Sea Port Association), WSC (World Shipping Council), WCO (World Customs Organisation).

## HOW

ANNA executes a both-feet-on-the-ground approach that:

- Involves the builders.
- Makes use of what is already available.
- Supports rationalisation, standardisation and interoperability.
- Connects all parties concerned, also those that normally do not co-operate.
- Creates a platform and knowledge base for all parties.

## **WHAT**

The ANNA project (Advanced National Networks for Administrations) is an EU Member States driven initiative to support the effective and sustainable development of national Maritime Single Windows in line with EC Directive 2010/65/EU. It facilitates constant interaction between the various Administrations and Businesses, also cross border.

ANNA fosters a harmonized approach for administrative facilitation:

- To reduce red tape for users (business).
- To parse IT languages.
- To exchange data between national (Maritime Single Window) networks.

## **WHERE**

The ANNA project covers the geographical area of European Union (especially maritime ports related), plus some neighbouring and other countries if they chose to co-operate.

The countries decide themselves what they want to do with the results of the work executed in ANNA.

## **WHEN**

The ANNA project runs from 2012 – end 2015, executing four major Activities:

1. Master Plan 2015 (2012-2015):
  - Minimum dataset, based on which the requirements of the EU Directive 2010/65/EU can be fulfilled nationally.
  - National scenarios and measures, and a mechanism for gauging national implementation.
2. Pilot projects (2012-2015) relating to:
  - Front office - electronic data submission by the reporting parties.
  - Mid office - electronic data exchange between the national (internal) administrations.
  - Back office - electronic data exchange between the participating countries including existing exchange mechanisms (i.e. Safe Sea Net).
3. Master Plan Extended Collaboration (2013-2015):
  - A strategy connecting the (national) Maritime Single Windows to national logistics platforms, e-Freight developments and other EU or national initiatives.
  - Project identification.
4. Consultation and co-operation (2013-2015):
  - A platform for all stakeholders, i.e. to exchange knowledge, experience and interests and to connect to B2A projects, including the EC TEN-T Motorways of the Sea (MoS) ICT related projects MIELE, WIDERMoS and B2MoS.
  - Incorporating business approaches and solutions into the frameworks being developed in the ANNA Master Plans (2015 and 2015 beyond) on a EU-wide, national and possibly also international level.

- Partners
- Observers



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