



# RIS in Germany RIS week 2014

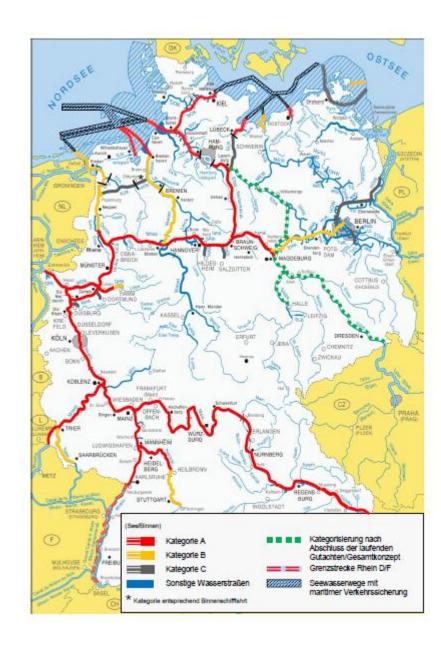
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#### Main Waterways in Germany

The German Waterway and Shipping Administration maintains

- 23,000 km² maritime waterways
- 7,300 km inland waterways
  - 5,100 km main waterways (class IV or above)
- New waterway categories according to the amount of transport
- red waterways priority A
- yellow waterways priority B
- black waterways priority C
- blue other waterways
- green priority current open





#### **Current RIS-Applications**

#### Information Services

- NIF nautical information service via VHF-radio
- VTS "Gorge section" Information about traffic flow by special visual aids
- ELWIS Electronic Waterway Information Service (internet service)
- ELWIS-Abo Subscription for Information via SMS or email

#### Management Services

- On Board
  - ARGO Advanced River Information (Inland ECDIS)
  - AIS Automatic Identification System
- On Shore
  - MOVES lock management service (Modern Traffic Data Collection System)
  - MIB Information service for calamity abatement



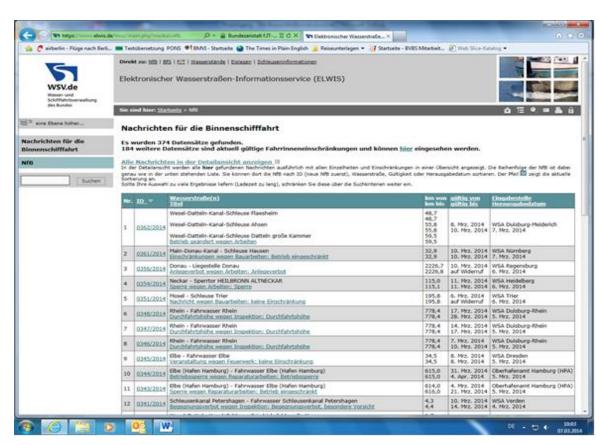
#### **RIS-Systems in use**

- Visual and radar reflecting aids to navigation, light signals
- Mobile Phone (voice and data)
- VHF-radio
- Internet
- Vessel based radar
- Shore based radar
- (D)GPS for vessel positioning
- Electronic nautical charts
- Ship reporting system

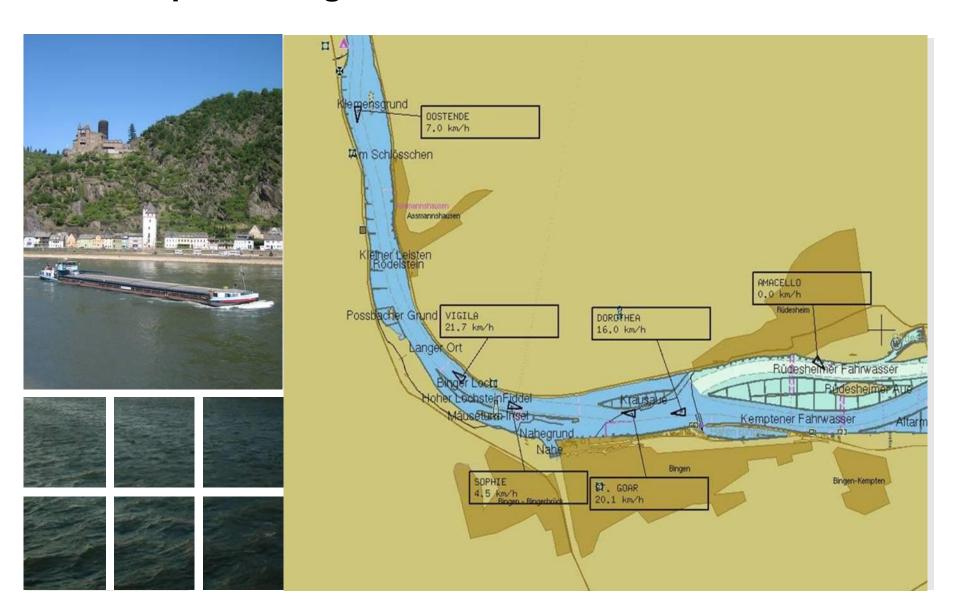


#### ELWIS – The German internet portal for inland navigation

- ELWIS access in 2013:
- 51,3 mio. visited the ELWIS homepage.
- 3,2 mio. emails sent.
- 263 ELWIS-authors feed data into the system.
- At the moment, a route- and chart-based search function is being developed.



# Implementing Inland AIS into the German RIS



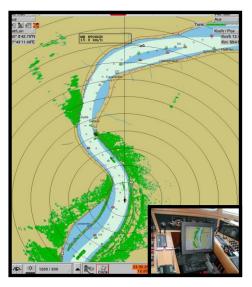


# Precondition I - Vessel equipment Inland AIS connected to ENC (e.g. IECDIS)



Inland AIS station





el. navigation chart IECDIS navigation mode



#### Precondition II - Standards and regulation

#### VTT standard defines Inland AIS

- EU Directive 415/2007 (VTT standard)
- CCNR VTT standard and Inland AIS test standard
- UNECE Resolution 63 (VTT standard)

#### Inland AIS shipborne mobile station

- Type approved Inland AIS stations
- Specialised firms for installation and testing
- Supporting program for Inland AIS equipment
- Operational and technical guidelines for the use of Inland AIS

#### Mandatory Carriage requirement

- Existing requirements at Danube (AU, SL, HU), Antwerp, NOK
- Rhine from Dec 2014 (CCNR): Inland AIS and el. chart system
- other waterways are expected to follow



#### Establishment of the shore-based AIS infrastructure

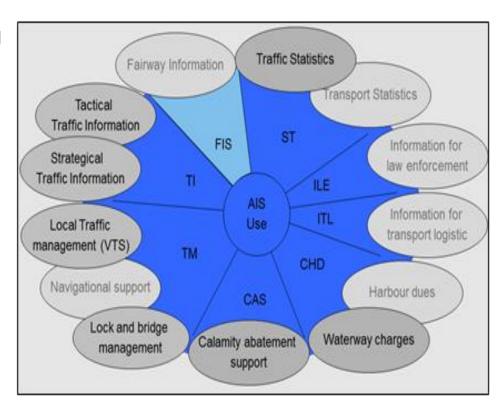
- Inland AIS
  - Inland AIS has been developed to support on board navigation and shore - based RIS services in inland navigation
- Implementing Inland AIS
  - Guidelines and Recommendation for River Information Services identify Inland AIS as the RIS key technology for the tracking and tracing of inland navigation vessels
- The German AIS network
  - The German waterway and shipping agency is now in the process to expand their shore based AIS infrastructure towards the German main inland waterway network
- Use of Inland AIS in the German waterway network
  - The aim is to support the work of RIS centers, lock management, ship reporting, etc.



# Support of River Information Services by Inland AIS in Germany

Set up to support the following services

- Traffic monitoring
- Information services
- Lock management
- Calamity abatement
- Waterway statistics
- > Ship reporting
- Waterway charges
- Traffic Statistics





Technical implementation of the German Inland AIS shore

infrastructure

The Inland AIS network will cover about 2400 km of inland waterways. It consists of:

- ➤ 86 physical Inland AIS shore stations along the rivers and canals,
- ▶ 9 AIS Repeater Stations
- 4 Regional AIS servers.

The Regional AIS Servers provide the Logical AIS shore station which is the functional interface with other RIS services, like VTS, lock operation, and provides those services with data for further processing.

The German Inland AIS network shall be fully operational by mid 2015.





#### Inland AIS shore infrastructure in Germany - Roadmap

Los1: 86 AIS Shore stations and 9 Repeater stations

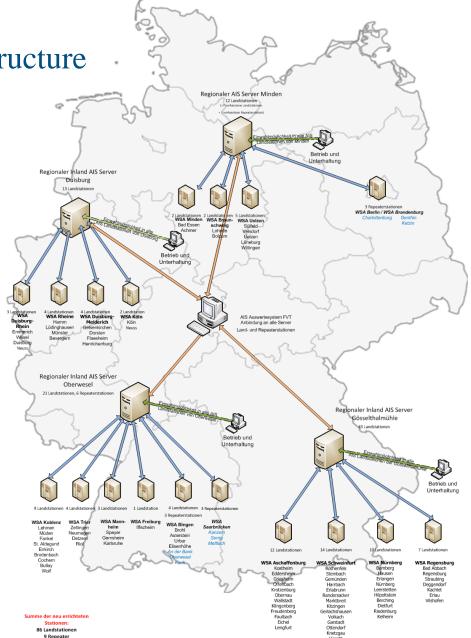
Los2: 4 Regional IAIS Server + 1 central technical evaluation





Inland AIS shore infrastructure

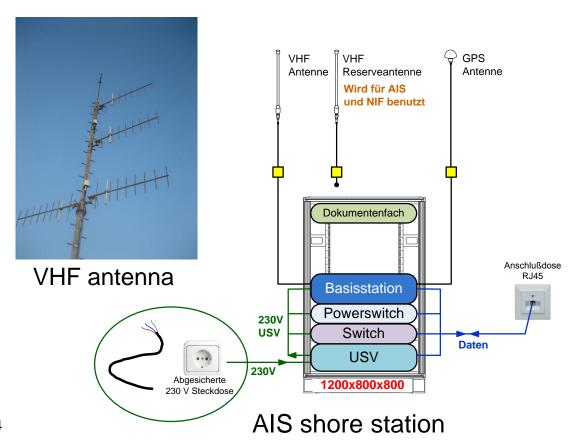
- Full AIS coverage of relevant inland waterways
- Use of existing VHF voice radio telephony infrastructure (NIF) antenna mast, shelter, energy supply, land line for data transfer
- 4 regional Inland AIS centers
  - Middle (Minden):
     Weser, MLK, ESK,
  - West (Duisburg):Rhine, Western Channels
  - **South-West** (Oberwesel): Rhine, Mosel, Saar
  - South (Gösseltalmühle):
     Main, MDK, Danube
- Central technical evaluation center



4 Regionale Server (+FVT Server



#### Set up Inland AIS shore station





GPS antenna



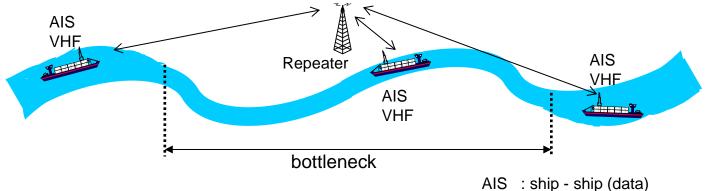
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#### AIS Repeater station

to enable ship to ship data exchange in difficult radio propagation





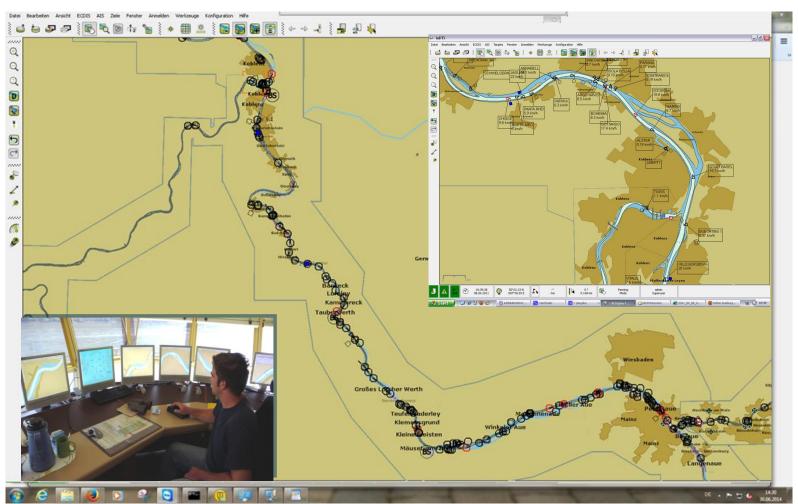
VHF : ship - ship (data)

AIS Repeater ashore enable data exchange ship-ship also in case of difficult radio propagation. Extended Radio Coverage by re-transmission of the AIS VDL Messages received.

Inland AIS for communication "ship ↔ ship" for navigation in bottlenecks ("Datenfunk-Selbstwahrschau")



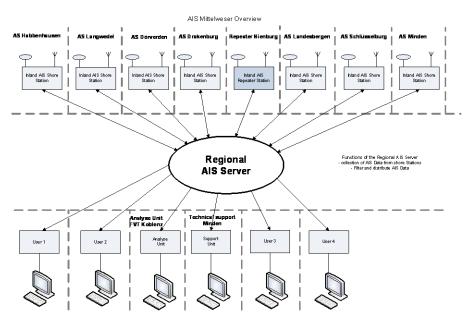
# Data provided by Inland AIS shore infrastructure

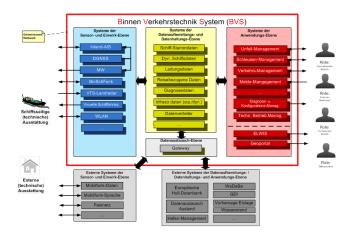




The regional AIS Server is the interface of the AIS service to other Services to transfer data:

- received from vessels to connected RIS
- from connected RIS services via Inland AIS shore stations to
  - + all vessels in a region or
  - + addressed to single vessels

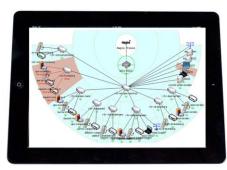




Service architecture



Regional AIS server



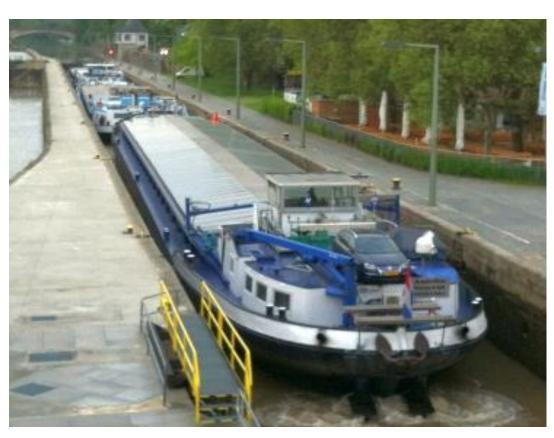
Display for maintenance personnel





# Lockmanagement

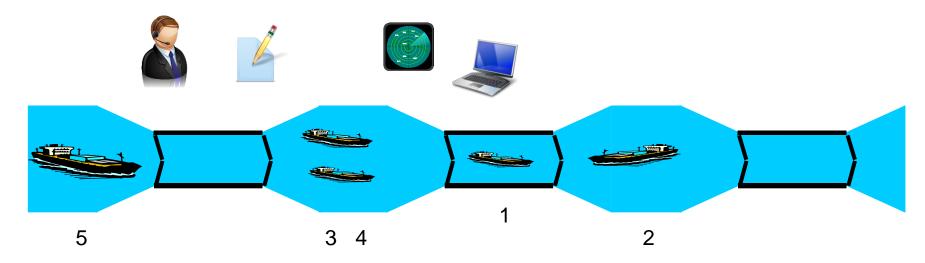


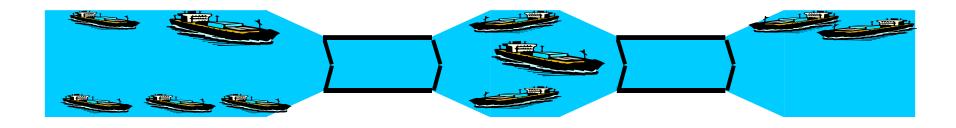




# Why?



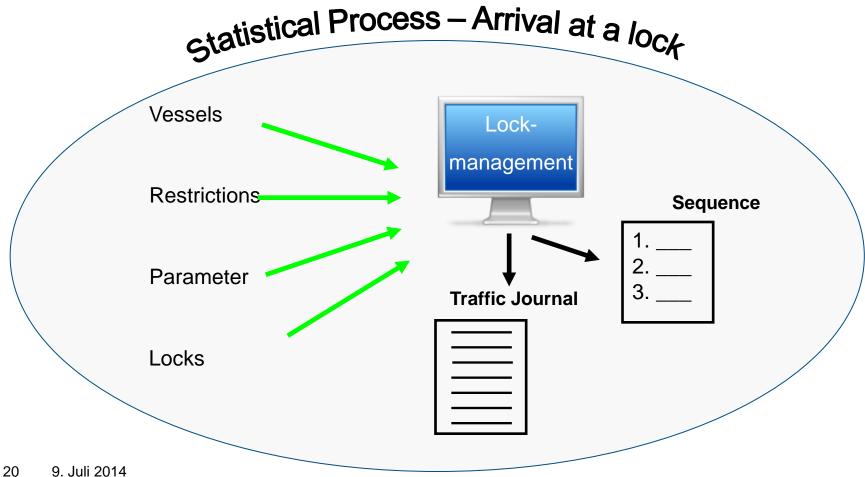










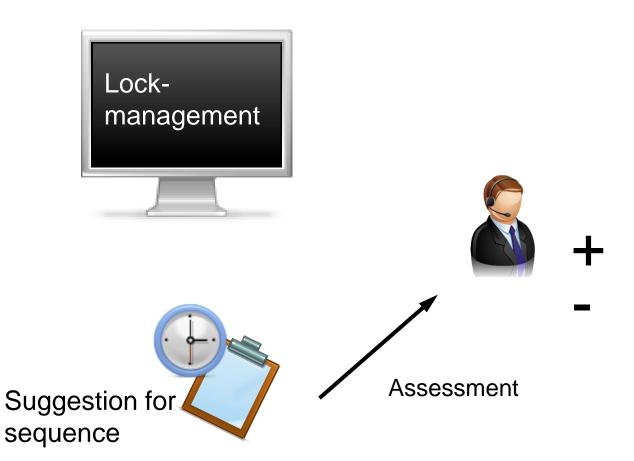






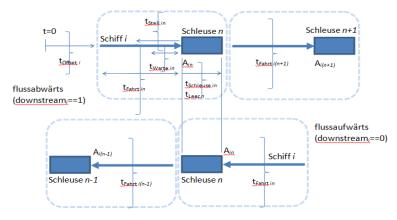
#### **Basic Idea**

# Restrictions Locks Vessels

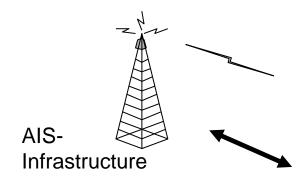




### "To Do"



Optimization





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# **Optimization - Startposition**



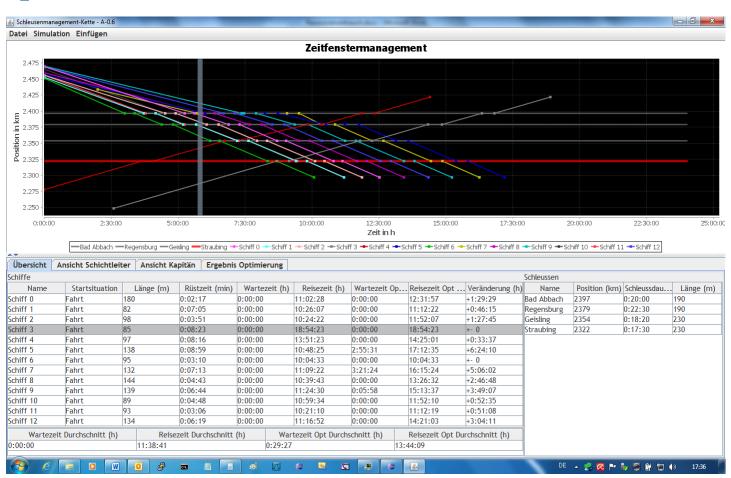
- 13 Vessels / 4 Locks
- Dense voyages
- Vessels and Locks can be configurated separately





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#### **Optimization - solved**







#### **Current work**

- Lock management project on the Danube
  - AIS-Infrastructure will be available latest October 2014
  - Tender for Software is ready and will be made public in July 2014
  - Software will be tested end 2014/early 2015
  - Evaluation of Lockmanagement will be done starting April 2015



#### Prospects for the future

- Obligation to install Inland AIS and Inland ECDIS on all German main waterways
- Equipping all vessels with Inland AIS and Inland ECDIS
- Use of Inland AIS in the VTS centres
- Information exchange in an international network
- Data management in connection with reference database
- We expect that Inland AIS will be used intensively to support and maintain the high standard on waterways in terms of safety and smooth operations – as well as with Inland ECDIS

The development, introduction and – in order to satisfy changing demands - updating of information systems such as the ones described above can make a major contribution towards guaranteeing efficient and safe navigation on inland waterways, now and in the future.

# Thank you for your attention!

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