

FINAL EVENT : RISING & IRIS Europe II

Press Invitation and background

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‘River Information Services’ (RIS) offer tools for inland navigation and logistic service providers

Presentation of EU-projects results in Duisburg, Germany

At a unique event in Duisburg, Germany, practical opportunities and experiences with modern day ‘River Information Services’ (RIS) will be presented to professionals in the field of inland navigation and logistic service providers. The practical RIS-applications are the outcome of two European projects, ‘RISING’ and ‘IRIS Europe II’ that are coming to an end. European media are invited to attend, and to listen to first-hand testimonials of what RIS-applications can actually mean for inland navigation and logistic service providers.

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This joint final event of both RIS-related European projects takes place on Thursday 1st December from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 47137-Duisburg-Nord, Landschaftspark, Emscherstrasse, 71. Journalists who want to attend are requested to register in advance online via <http://www.rising.eu/web/guest/final-event>

Additional information on the event as well as a detailed programme (including a museum visit and a boat tour with on-board dinner on the day before the event) can also be obtained from <http://www.rising.eu/web/guest/final-event>. Free parking is available and a plan of how to get at Landschaftspark can be downloaded.

The closing event in Duisburg is unique in two ways. Both EU projects have indeed closely worked together; have used each other’s findings in the course of their own proceedings; and will now present their final results at one single event. In addition, and most interestingly, the results will be presented from the view of the end user. Three important logistic operators will demonstrate the practical opportunities which they have identified in the projects results.

‘RISING ‘ and ‘IRIS Europe II’ are two EU projects that have been focusing of late on the development, implementation and optimization of ‘River Information Services’ (RIS), both for use on board inland navigation vessels and for the benefit of land-based logistic service providers. The so-called 2005 European RIS-Directive defines standards for data communication and required equipment which together provide a framework for harmonized and interoperable River Information Services and Systems across Europe.

The European project '*River Information Services for Transport & Logistics*' (*RISING*) was kicked off in Brussels on 24th February 2009, bringing together 23 project partners from eleven countries. These included skippers, fleet managers, ports and terminal operators, forwarding companies, inland waterway managers and lock operators. *RISING* has focused on the optimization of both already available and potential River Information Services for transport and logistic services in the first place, a.o. traffic information and management, information for transport and logistics, fairway information, calamity abatement support, etc. Demonstration cases at the Duisburg event will include transport planning by Industrie Logistik in Linz, tactical monitoring of the transport by Norddeutsche Wasserweg Logistik, and strategic monitoring of the transport and lock planning by Euroports.

The 'IRIS Europe II' project is a follow-on initiative to 'IRIS Europe I'. It started in January 2009 and comes to an end in December 2011. It is funded in the framework of the TEN-T Programme and co-financed by nine EU member states. Four additional countries are co-operation partners. 'IRIS Europe II' aims to facilitate the development of River Information Services in Europe by identifying technical, legal and organizational challenges as well as by defining, harmonizing, and implementing a minimum European level of Quality of Information Services for RIS.

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