Launch of HEKLA project

The Helsingborg and Klaipeda Infrastructure Facility Deployment project was officially launched with the signature of the Grant Agreement by all parties, which took place on November, 12th, 2015.

On July 10, 2015 the EU Member States, represented in the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Coordination Committee, approved the allocation of 13.1 billion to support a total of 276 projects selected following the first transport calls for proposals under the CEF, published in 2014. Under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), 24.05 billion will be made available from the EU’s 2014-2020 budget to co-fund TEN-T projects in the EU Member States. Of this amount, 11.305 billion will be available only for projects in Member States eligible to benefit from the Cohesion Fund. Annual and multi-annual work programmes specify the set of priorities and the total amount of financial support to be committed for each of these priorities in a given year. 2014 has been the first programming year under the CEF.

HEKLA kick-off meeting

On November 18th, 2015, the kick-off meeting of HEKLA project was held in the Port of Helsingborg, initiating activities, which are planned for implementation until the end of 2018.

The kick-off meeting was officially opened by the Mr. Per Olof Jansson, HEKLA Project Leader, Chairman of the Steering Group. Official exchange of signed Partner Agreements and signed Grant Agreement by the EC, Innovation and Networks Executive Agency has been transmitted to HEKLA Project partners.

Official gathering was attended by Project partner’s representatives from Klaipedos Nafta AB and Port of Helsingborg AB, Trafikverket-Swedish CEF Transport Secretariat, Baltic Ports Organization and ÅF Consult. Update on the latest development of the action was given by Mindaugas.
Aleška, Head of Business Development, Klaipeda Nafta and Roland Brodin, Business Development, ÅF Consult.

Expectations by the Swedish CEF Transport Secretariat were presented by Emil Fastén – Project Controller. Moreover Mr. Emil Arolski, Project Manager, HEKLA underlined the main reporting procedures to INEA and EC. Furthermore, project management plan, website, logotype, design and Project graphics were presented and discussed.

‘LNG Campaign and LNG Market Development’ activity and intended HEKLA on-the-road campaign with the involvement of the Baltic Ports Organization has been discussed. Two campaigns have been scheduled; West Baltic LNG Stakeholders and Ports organisation and East Baltic events with visits to several Baltic Region ports and dissemination of the project’s results. HEKLA on-the-road campaign will aim to provide permanent distribution of relevant information to all stakeholders having an interest in utilising LNG technology of Helsingborg and Klaipeda.

HEKLA kick-off meeting was successfully summarised by the Project Leader – Mr. Per Olof Jansson and project’s next steps and appropriate meetings confirmed.

HEKLA on-the-road campaign

Investment activities conducted within HEKLA will be accompanied by HEKLA on-the-road campaign in order to facilitate distribution of relevant information to key stakeholders having an interest in utilising LNG technology of Helsingborg and Klaipeda.

HEKLA on-the-road campaign will be addressed to key stakeholders representing transport and energy sector as well as other relevant business areas, such as:

- ship owners and operators of shipping lines (using LNG as a marine fuel),
- the shipyard and shipbuilding industry (implementation of LNG technology on-board),
- seaport terminals and the transhipment industry (LNG as a fuel for port equipment),
- road transport companies, including road haulage and public transport companies (LNG as a land transport fuel),
- the transport and transhipment equipment industry (implementation of LNG technology for vehicles),
- industry and enterprises (LNG as an energy source especially for off-grid locations),
- household energy suppliers (LNG for off-grid urban areas),
- public authorities issuing permits for investments and procedures related to the LNG bunkering.

The following events have been scheduled as the part of HEKLA on-the-road campaign:

**South-East Baltic HEKLA on-the-road campaign:**
- Gdańsk/Gdynia ....................... March 2016
- Riga ........................................ April/May 2016
- Ventspils .......................... April/May 2016
- Vilnius ............................... June 2016
- LNG Baltic Transport Forum – Klaipeda ... autumn 2016

**West-Baltic HEKLA on-the-road campaign:**
- Rostock/Lübeck ............................. Spring 2017
- Aarhus ................................. Spring 2017
- Trelleborg/Ystad ........................ Spring/summer 2017
- Copenhagen/Malmö ........................ Spring/summer 2017
- LNG Baltic Transport Forum – Helsingborg ........................... Autumn/winter 2017
Final conference of the LNG in Baltic Sea Ports project

Over 50 stakeholders and ports representatives gathered on December 3rd, 2015, in Trelleborg at the final conference of the ‘LNG in Baltic Sea Ports’ sequel project final conference. The seminar aimed to summarise the project that was officially closed at the end of 2015 and enhance a networking between the partners.

The event was officially opened by Torbjörn Karlsson, Mayor of Trelleborg, Tommy Halén, CEO of Port of Trelleborg and Per-Olof Jansson, Project Leader and Chairman of the Steering Committee of the LNG in Baltic Sea Ports II.

The opening presentation was given by Bogdan Oldakowski, the Secretary General at Baltic Ports Organization (BPO). Mr. Oldakowski gave an update on the LNG small scale within the Baltic Sea region main driving forces and challenges, the impact of the Sulphur Directive on the Baltic ports and the proactive approach of BPO applied.

‘We can see ourselves as a good example. Swedes are on European top in supporting and executing the environmental regulations. We can see the interest in clean fuels increasing. As a forerunners we are now highly focused on exports’ remarked Ulrika Roupé, Project Manager (SSPA Sweden).

Benjamin Janke from Bomin Linde presented plans of the JV and showed an animated picture of the new LNG Bunker Supply Vessel to combine highest safety standards together with the projects, operations and pricing update.

Klaus Rasmussen (Moving Energy) presented an alternative solution on how the LNG bunker supply chains can be developed in ports. Mr. Rasmussen presented the 3 scenarios in distributing LNG to maritime industry, discussed the authorities approval process and presented a new projects to be developed.

Second session brought presentations given by the Project Partners representatives underlining the latest of the LNG activities. Roland Brodin, the Project Manager of HELGA II gave an overview on the Baltic ports LNG projects, activities launched, demand forecast and key success factors. Agneta Nilsson (Port of Trelleborg), Carina Sangren (Port of Sundsvall) and Mindaugas Aleška (Klaipedos Nafta) presented the project course in the ports respective. Following presentation by Alessandro Bertorello, Head of Environment, Carnival Maritime, gave a ship-owners’ perspective to the LNG supply and demand issue in the Baltic and EU region.
News from project partners

Bomin Linde LNG GmbH & Co. KG and SC Klaipedos Nafta have signed a contract to establish a joint venture. The agreement sets up a new company, Blue LNG, which is going to implement the LNG Bunker Supply Vessel project. The Hamburg-based Bomin Linde LNG will hold 80 percent of the shares, 20 percent will be at hands of SGD logistika, a fully owned subsidiary of Klaipedos Nafta.

The aim of the agreement, signed in January by Mahinde Abeynaike, Managing Director of Bomin Linde LNG, and Mantas Bartuska, General Manager of Klaipedos Nafta, is to build and operate a LNG Bunker Supply Vessel that will be put into operation in 2017. It will mainly fulfill the following functions:

- Supplying the marine customers of Bomin Linde LNG with liquefied natural gas (LNG) as ship fuel;
- Securing a flexible LNG transport service to the LNG reloading station of Klaipedos Nafta;
- Offering further services regarding LNG, e.g. transporting it to small-scale terminals at the Baltic and North Sea.

Klaipedos Nafta contracted design and construct a Liquefied Natural Gas reloading station in the Port of Klaipeda. (03.03.2016)

According to the contract of the budget EUR 27.7 mln deal, the construction works will be initiated upon the approval of the contract by the Board of Klaipedos Nafta and the stakeholders’ general assembly. Completion of the works is expected in Autumn, 2017. The onshore LNG reloading station will be connected to the floating LNG storage & regasification terminal ‘Independence’ moored in the Port of Klaipeda. It will consist of five cryogenic storage tanks 1,000 m³ each and two truck filling stations. The station has a technical design capacity of 10,000 m³.