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The Albert Canal: lifting of bridges and upgrading to class VIb (part 4)

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Programme:

CEF Transport

Transport corridor:

North Sea - Mediterranean

Transport mode:

Inland Waterways

Call year:

2014

Location of the Action:

Belgium

Implementation schedule:

August 2014 to December 2022

Maximum EU contribution:

EUR 59,042,911

Total eligible costs:

EUR 147,607,278

Percentage of EU support:

40%

Coordinator:

Flemish Government (Belgium)

<https://www.departement-mow.vlaanderen.be/nl>

Status:

Ongoing

Last modified:

March 2023

Action Website:

https://www.vlaamsewaterweg.be/opwaardering_albertkanaal



The Albert Canal is the most important inland waterway in Belgium, connecting the Port of Antwerp and the Scheldt River with the Meuse River in Liège. The Action is part of a Global Project aiming to upgrade the whole Albert Canal as a major shipping route by making the transport of 4 layers of containers and navigation of class VIb ships on the whole length of the Albert Canal possible. The Global Project involves substantial infrastructure works, it is being implemented gradually, with TEN-T and CEF support for several phases.

In this context, the general aim of the Action is to contribute significantly to the removal of the bottlenecks described above and accelerate the implementation of the Global Project. The specific aims are :

- to lift 12 bridges (either through lifting of the existing bridges or reconstruction of the whole bridge) to allow the passage of four layers of containers (9.10 metres);
- adjustment works such as widening the Albert Canal at the site of the bridges to increase the safety and navigability of the canal;
- widen the waterway in specific sections between Antwerp and Wijnegem to meet the characteristics of CEMT class VIb;
- provide support to plan, tender and oversee the works for the lifting of 15 bridges to be executed through a PPP outside of the scope of this Action.



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**Beneficiaries:
Name:**

Flemish Government

Country:

Belgium