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## The Albert Canal: lifting of bridges through a PPP

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**Programme:**

CEF Transport

**Transport corridor:**

North Sea - Mediterranean

**Transport mode:**

Inland Waterways

**Call year:**

2017

**Location of the Action:**

Belgium

**Implementation schedule:**

April 2019 to August 2022

**Maximum EU contribution:**

EUR 27,000,000

**Total eligible costs:**

EUR 90,000,000

**Percentage of EU support:**

30%

**Coordinator:**

De Vlaamse Waterweg nv (Belgium)

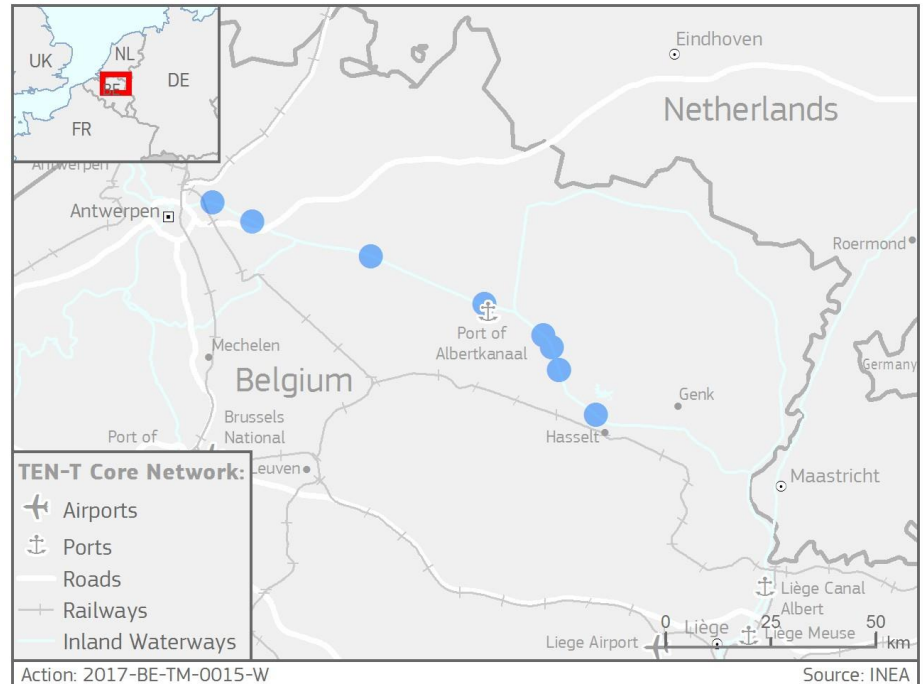
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**Status:**

Ongoing

**Last modified:**

March 2023



The Action is related to the further completion of the Global Project, more explicitly the lifting of the last 15 bridges over the Albert Canal.

Across the Canal, there are 62 bridges with a vertical under bridge clearance ranging from 6,60 m to 9.10 m and more. The limited height of a number of bridges makes the Canal not accessible for transport of four layer container transport (9.10 m) or even three layer container transport (7.00 m), mainly because the bottlenecks are located close to the entrance of the Canal on the side of the Antwerp port. At this moment 31 bridges have already been lifted to 9.10 m and the local narrowings at bridge level haven been eliminated to increase safety and navigability of the Canal.

The Action foresees the lifting of the remaining 15 bridges over the Albert Canal by 2022 through a PPP-construction (Public Private Partnership), thereby eliminating the remaining part of the bottleneck and optimising the economic and social return of the Global Project.

The Action will contribute to increase the transport capacity of the Canal, making four-layer container and three-layer high cube container transport possible, improving accessibility for Short Sea Shipping, increasing opportunities for co-modality, synchromodality and intermodality, and improving traffic flow, safety and navigability.



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**Beneficiaries:**

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