

PRESS RELEASE

INPLAN receives high federal funding for innovative software

Two funding awards go to the Mülheim-based software company

Mülheim an der Ruhr, April 2019: The Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) supports two projects of the Mülheim-based software specialist INPLAN GmbH under the IHATEC program for innovative port technologies. Reinhard Klingen, head of the Department of Waterways and Shipping, handed over the funding awards last week at the offices of the Central Association of German Seaport Operators in Hamburg. Peter Stratmann, Senior Vice President of INPLAN: "As dynamic hubs for storage, services and logistics solutions, ports offer optimal conditions for the expansion of their business locations. The prerequisite for this, however, is comprehensive participation in digital business. With the support of both projects UniPort 4.0 and Häfen NRW 4.0 we expect a remarkable digitalization boost by new digital solutions for seaports and inland ports".

With the UniPort 4.0 R&D project starting in April, INPLAN is going to explore and develop innovative software solutions over the next three years together with seven participating partners from the North Sea and Baltic Sea (Brunsbüttel Ports, CPL Lübeck, Fraunhofer IGD Rostock, HANSAPORT, Rostock Freight and Fishing Port, West Coast University of Applied Sciences and Wismar Seaport). The project partners want to move forward with further digitalisation for universal ports and thus create the necessary conditions for the control, monitoring and optimization of relevant handling and storage processes. This offers the ports versatile competitive advantages: increased flexibility, higher security, faster throughput times, increased capacities at lower costs and the possibility to better serve increasing annual transshipment volumes. Enak Ferlemann, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, commented: "We want maximum innovation in port technologies. The UniPort 4.0 project is an outstanding example of the innovative strength of the German port industry. We are pleased that IHATEC is integrating the important universal ports for the first time with this project". The BMVI is supporting the UniPort 4.0 project with a total of 2.8 million euros.

The second INPLAN project "Häfen NRW 4.0" is intended to lead to closer operational and strategic cooperation, increase in efficiency and flexibility and ultimately improve the

competitiveness of river ports. INPLAN aims to achieve this by creating a new cloud-based platform with a range of cooperative functionalities. In this project, INPLAN acts as one of a total of eight participating North Rhine-Westphalia based partners in this project (DeltaPort Wesel, CPL, Hafen Minden, RheinCargo Köln, Hafen Krefeld, Stadthafen Lünen and the University Duisburg-Essen). The research project "Häfen NRW 4.0" is funded by the BMVI over the next three years with a total of 1.9 million euros.

Mohamad Itani, Managing Director of INPLAN: "We are very pleased about the great support by the IHATEC funding of the BMVI to create even more efficient software solutions for sea ports and inland ports".

The business performance at INPLAN continues to show a clear upward trend, also due to the winning of further projects, so that new employees are hired in the areas of process analysis, project management and software development.

About IHATEC:

With the "IHATEC" funding programme for innovative port technologies, the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) supports R&D projects that contribute to the development or adaptation of innovative technologies in German seaports and inland ports and help to manage transshipment volumes and improve logistics chains. The BMVI is providing around 64 million euros for this purpose in the period 2016-2021. The digitalization of the German port industry is the key driver. It not only changes globalisation and global trade flows, but also opens up new opportunities in the areas of transshipment, transport and networking. Especially for a sector like maritime logistics, in which there are numerous interfaces between different players, there is a broad spectrum of opportunities for digital technologies. This is to be developed with selected projects of the funding programme. This paves the way for Port 4.0.

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About INPLAN GmbH:

INPLAN is a leading provider of software solutions for port management and terminal operations. The well proven INPLAN solutions are in operation in more than 58 ports worldwide and have been continuously developed over the last 30 years to become modern digital tools for various customer requirements. INPLAN also offers a comprehensive range of services. Thanks to INPLAN software, customers worldwide are able to quickly adapt to industry dynamics, increase productivity and manage infrastructures competitively. The concept of INPLAN Software, which has proven effective with many customers, comprises a modular software structure, so that any customer requirement can be quickly implemented by selecting the appropriate modules, as well as simple adaptation or expansion.



Hamburg: Peter Stratmann from INPLAN (left) at the handing over of the funding award by MDir Reinhard Klingen, head of the Waterways and Shipping Department of the BMV, I at the Central Association of German Seaport Operators. (Picture: CPL)



Hamburg: MDir Reinhard Klingen (left), Head of the Waterways and Shipping Department of the BMV, I together with Peter Stratmann from INPLAN at the handover of the funding award at the Central Association of German Seaport Operations. (Picture: CPL)