Work Package 5, Activity 5.3

Open Source Software Strategy

Sharing demonstrations, tools and reference implementations in a sustainable

Maritime Open Source Software Community

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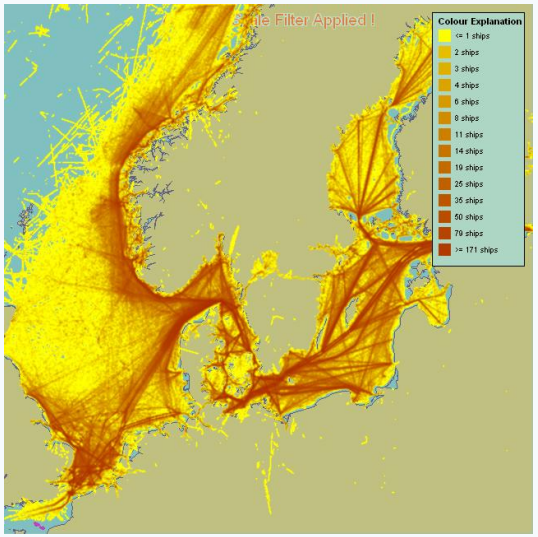
Activity 5.3: Tool to support AIS Datalink Management

100+ AIS stations Baltic Sea Region, emerging transmit services

Coordination of transmissions required



Technically complex task, geographically distributed time / frequency planning – requires highly specialized tool

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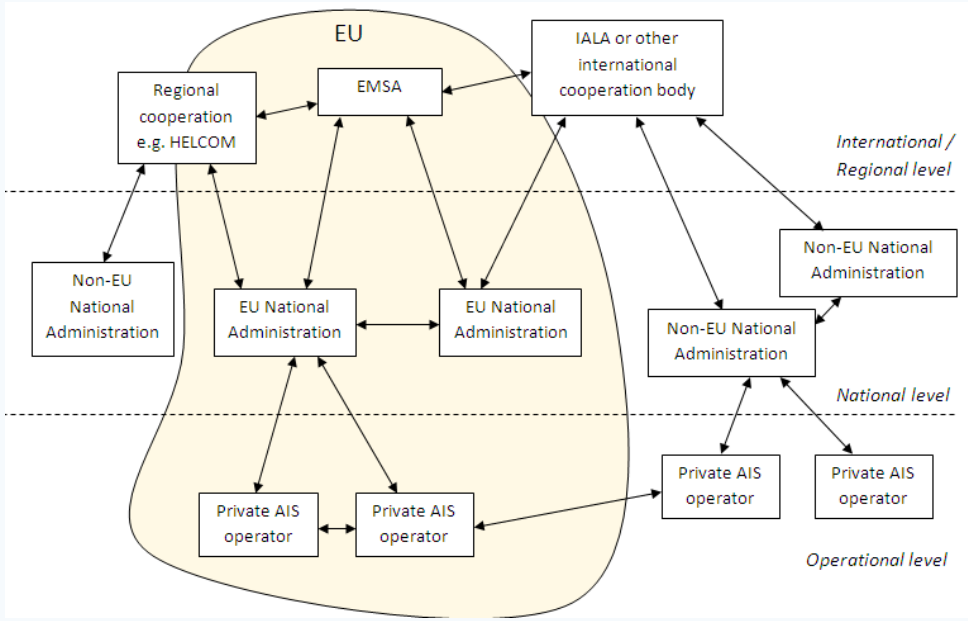
Many stakeholders involved
local, national, regional, international

Global challenge!

Radio waves tend not to respect administrative boundaries…



Calls for transnational cooperation!

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<u>Task at hand:</u> Develop highly specialized software tool, to a very limited market

Some theoretical work to be done

Technical experts available in EfficienSea project

How to ensure future support and improvements, when market is limited…

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Cost is always an issue…

High cost product = market value for supplier – high incentive for future support – but barriers for operators to use

Low cost product = AIS operators likely to participate, limit incentive for future product support

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Strategic aim:

Sustainable maritime community
for sharing highly specialized software tools

Open Source Software Strategy

System blueprint available for anyone to improve or support product

Free software package ensures no economical barriers - widespread use

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Why Open Source?

Not proprietary – stakeholder can freely develop extensions, improvements, etc. – world wide

Why Free?

Ensure no economic barriers prevent cooperation

Promote a sustainable
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Open Source License compatibility

Combining different OSS packages is like combining LEGO blocks of different colours…

… however, what if the red blocks are not allowed to combine with the yellow - and when combined, all other blocks become red too?

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How to navigate OSS?

Describe OSS Strategy

Ensure licensing conditions don't prevent compatibility with other stakeholders, including commercial


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Enforce strategy – prevent inclusion of components, that violate licensing compatibility

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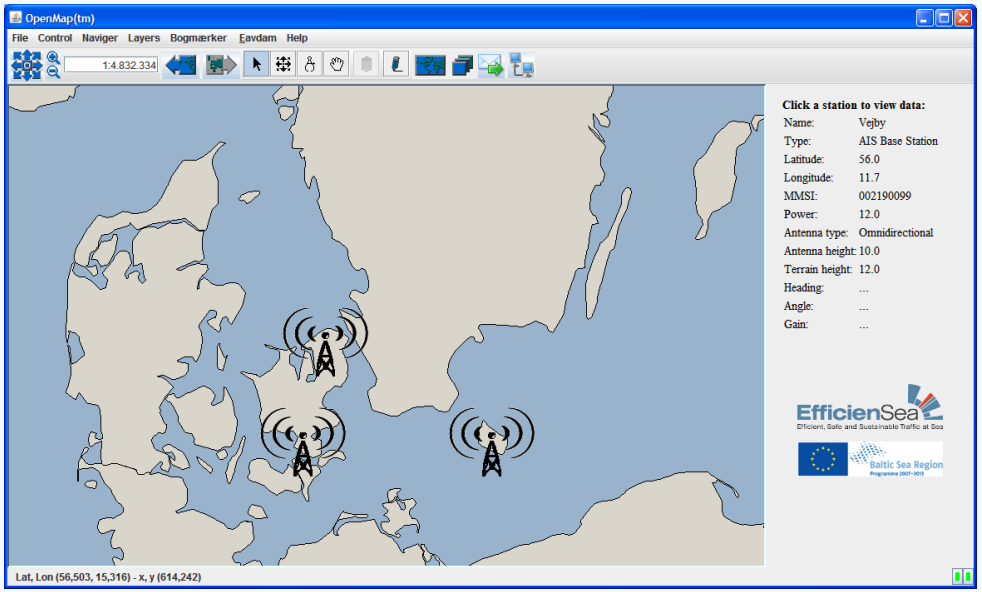
Based on Open Source GIS viewer (OpenMap™)



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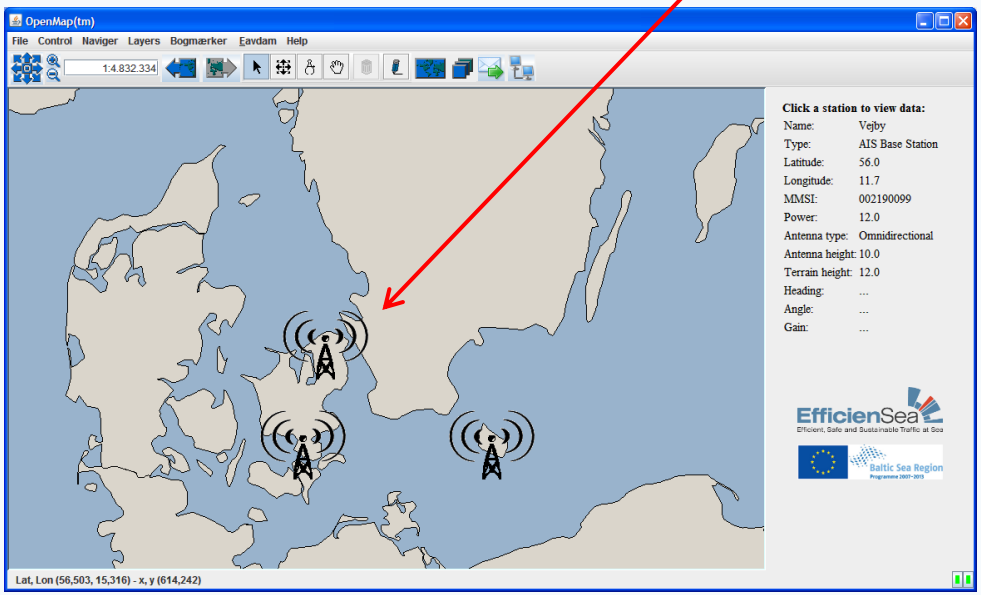
Ability to maintain data on own fixed AIS stations



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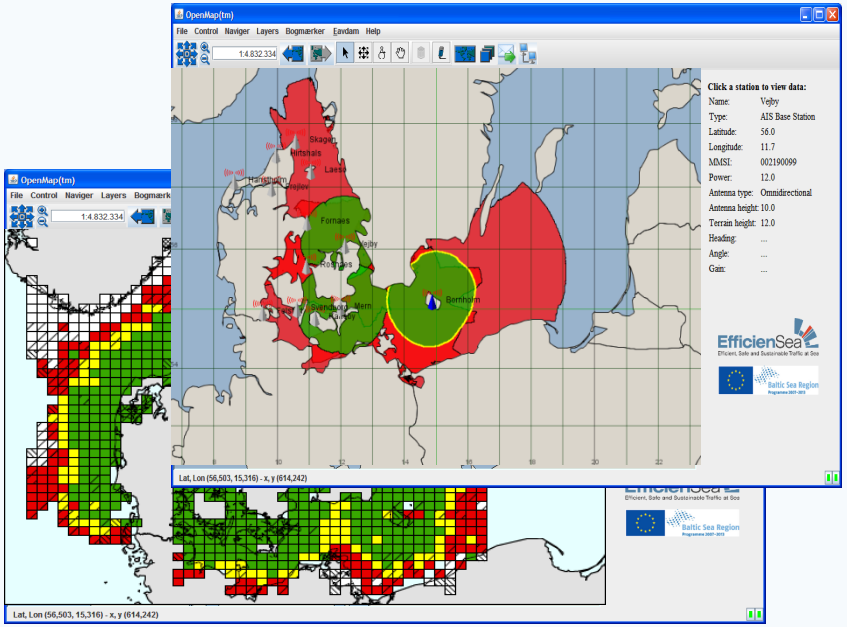
Different means of estimating geographical coverage

Declare coverage and interference areas



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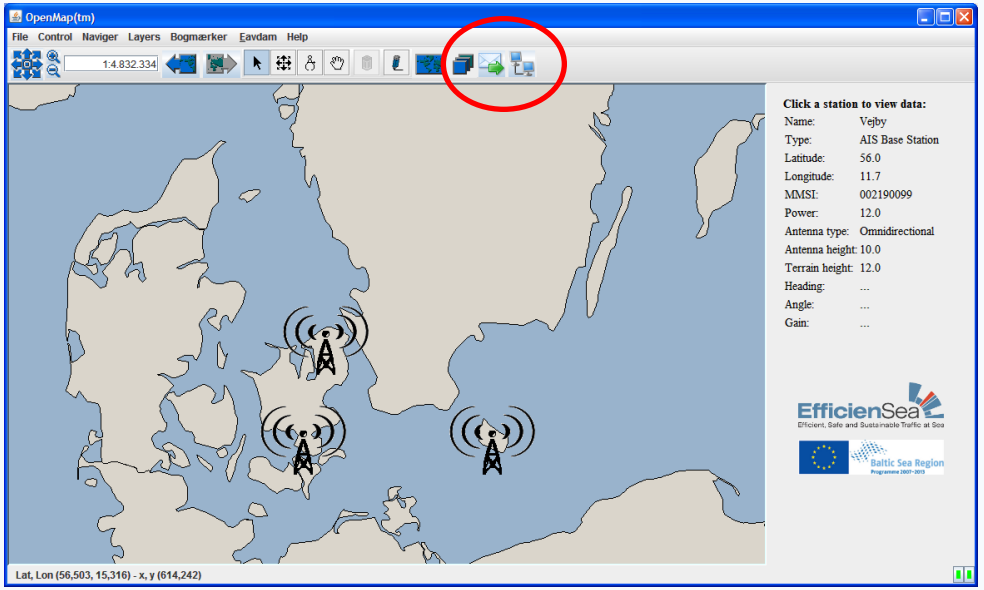
Exchange data on current / planned stations, proposals for changes

Central respository or e-mail

Supports peer-to-peer coordination or approval procedure



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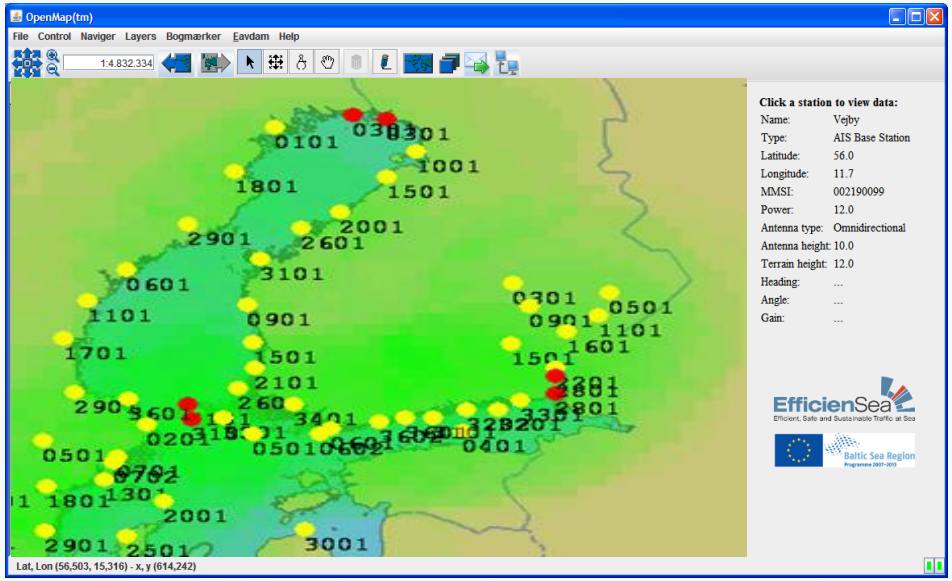
Detect conflicts in transmission schemes

Geographical distribution of capacity loading



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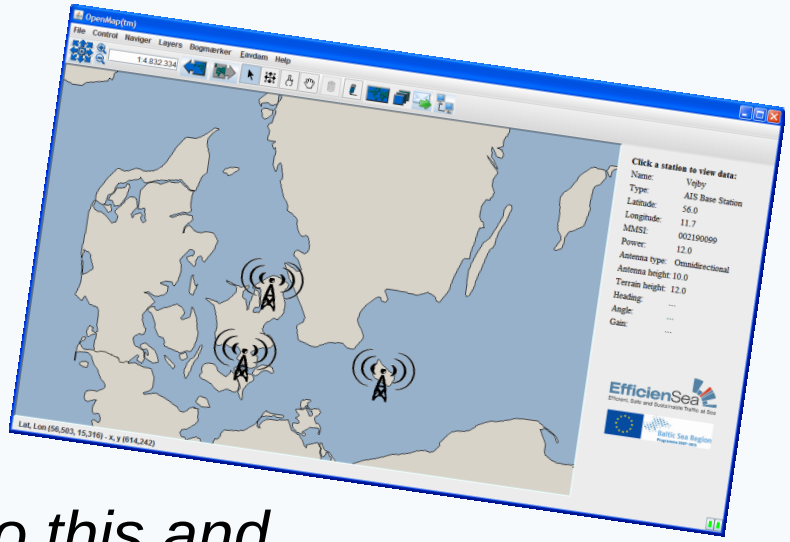
Truly specialized tool



… requested by authorities in EU, Black Sea Region, Australia, Canada…

Many stakeholders may add to this and similar products In the future

Maybe the strategy for a Sustainable OSS Community holds more value, than the product itself?

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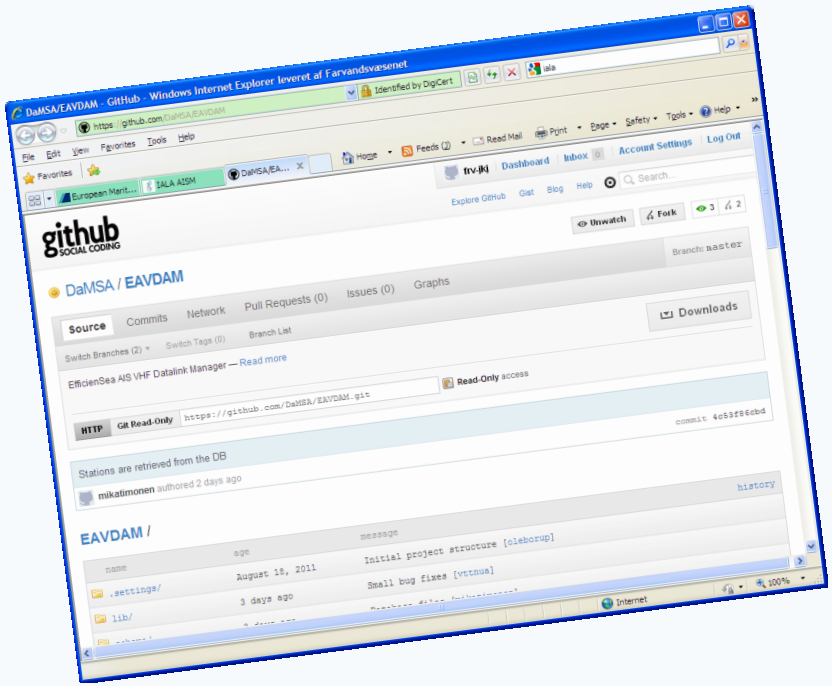
Question: Where to establish a Maritime Open Source Software Community?



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