

**UNION OF ROMANIAN INLAND PORTS (UPIR)** is an NGO, established in 1995 in Galati, Romania, by port administrations and port operators from the Danube Romanian ports. The aim is to promote and support maritime and inland navigation and related activities. On 2005 UPIR joined the European Federation of Inland Ports (FEPI) and on 2014 the Association of Romanian Intermodal and Logistic companies. On 2013 UPIR joined the Romanian River Cluster and has been designed as cluster manager. Romanian River Cluster involve 3 universities, 2 research institutes, Municipality of Galati town, port administrations, private inland transport and port operators and NGO's acting in maritime business. On 2014 the Romanian River Cluster joined CLUSTERO, the Association of Romanian Clusters. UPIR has national representation for transport sector as consultancy body for the Romanian Ministry of Transport. The head office of UPIR is located in the Galati county, the South-East region of Romania but the activity has impact as national level covering all city-ports along the Romanian section of the Danube.