

# „A SECURE FUTURE — SECURITY WITH A FUTURE”



## Results of the Joint Operations and trainings working group

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## Objectives of the working group

- ✓ plan and organize 3 joint operations on the Danube during 2014
- ✓ elaborate operation plans – (FOP with annexes and national SOP's)
- ✓ work out and apply the uniform data exchange form for statistics
- ✓ synchronize the joint law enforcement operations in 10 countries
- ✓ run the Temporary Coordination Centre in Mohács, Hungary at the SEB
- ✓ contribute to the more exact analysis and evaluation of law enforcement risks in inland shipping with producing a joint Danube risk analysis material – the DARIF Risk Analyses Chart
- ✓ evaluate the operations completed and draw the conclusions, come to an arrangement with the partners about necessary changes
- ✓ summarize the results of joint operations, supply data to the law enforcement bodies of the participating countries
- ✓ make recommendations on the possibilities of similar joint operations and trainings in the future

## Thematic meetings of the working group

- Three thematic workshops were held during the project with 10-15 experts in the team of working group
- Experts delegated from Each DARIF state, EU Agencies such as Europol, FRONTEX, Aquapol and the EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) in Moldova and Ukraine
- They had experiences in the areas of organising and synchronizing joint law enforcement operations and actions.

### Summary of the technical workshops:

- Joint Operations (JO's) should be **multi-purpose operations**
- JO's should focus on documents of seamen, **illegal immigration**, searching of ships but also to tackle against environmental pollution.
- **Database of suspicious ships** on Danube should be elaborated jointly
- **Information transfer** by the Temporary Coordination Centre has a key importance regarding efficient controls

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- 1<sup>st</sup> JO would serve as a probe and **analysing the traffic**, and collected information could be the base of the future JO's.
- During the summer JO, **passenger cruise ships** and also ownership of yachts, pleasure boats should be checked thoroughly.
- During the autumn JO **destination ports** should be controlled too (during uploading the suspicious ships).
- Implementation should cover **Danube-Rhine-Main Channel** too
- During operations, all available **databases** should be used (national ones, SIS II, but also Interpol and Europol queries shall be sent, and TDW – Aquapol document database shall be used
- TCC in Mohács should be a **link with other FPO's** (for example in Moldavia, in Serbia).
- Working group should accept a so-called **Framework Operational Plan**, which should be filled up with details in the MS's. During the operation common **incident report form** should be used.

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- More increased controls on **illegal labour employment** (exploitation)
- More and more effective use of the **INTERPOL and EUROPOL databases** (cross check on the available preliminary crew and passenger lists)
- **Pre-operational phase** should be applied
- Carry on with **joint operations (1 JO/year)** in the future, to maintain the teamwork, „**Danube Task Force**” – a coordination team before the operation, pre-operational phase, organising countries in rotation, receive guest officers (observers - without executive powers).
- Develop a **special IT application or platform** (for real-time information exchange, for the collection of statistical data and the support of risk assessment, for exchange of information of destination ports of cargo vessels.
- Organize **joint training activities** (visits, study trips on new technology or to similar sea coordination and information centres). Trainings on the spot if available
- Maintain Danube shipping related **risk profiling**. Elaboration of **common indicators** are necessary

## Participation and duration of JOs

Participating Member States of Priority Area 11 of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and other contributory international organisations aiming to improve the safety and security of the Danube River, have agreed to organize and conduct 3 joint law enforcement operations:

- as synchronized actions with setting up NCPs and TCC
  - carried out in a complex-way
  - with involvement of their selected national authorities (border- water policing, disaster management bodies and port authorities)
  - as multi-purpose operations
  - 3 times for 1 week period including 3 operational days:
- **1<sup>st</sup> DARIF Joint Operation: 7-11 April 2014.**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> DARIF Joint Operation: 21-25 July 2014.**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> DARIF Joint Operation: 10-14 November 2014.**

## Principles of the controls and territorial scope

### **MSs have organized their controls**

- according to their demands and responsibilities
- their own risk assessment – but taking into consideration the DARIF RA Chart and Risk Profiles
- current situation on the national Danube sections
- reinforcement sources - choosing purposes and tasks from the list, and setting priorities. (It was not necessary to concentrate to all tasks.)
- MS's may differ from the tasks depending on the operational situation.

### **Territorial scope:**

- River Danube and its riverbanks
- important ports and their vicinities (DARIF Member States independently make a decision on the exact locations of the operational activities)
- 1st JO was not include the Danube-Rhine-Main Canal



**„10 countries, more than 2,800 kms along the waterway,  
from the Black Forest to the Black Sea”**



During 2nd and 3rd JOs: along Rhine–Main–Danube Canal controls were organized in Port of Bamberg, Nürnberg and area of Kelheim by the German Federal Police and Water Police, Customs of Bavaria



## Main objectives were... to detect:

- **Illegal immigration** (THB, SHB, illegal stay etc...)
- **Smuggling of tobacco, drugs**, other dangerous products on board (weapon, armament and ammunition, radioactive materials, external engines)
- **Document forgery**
- **Wanted persons**
- **Illegal waste transport, environmental crime**
- **Transport of dangerous goods**
- **General waterway law enforcement** controls
- **Controls of destination ports** (during unloading suspicious ships)
- **Controls on labour** employment on members of crew



## Implementation of the operation

- Flexible, clear and simple Framework Operational Plan (FOP) has been elaborated and was reconciled with the experts
- It regulated the key execution issues only
- National operational plans specified tasks of the authorities, in different time periods and places
- National sub-plans became the main annex of FOP

### BAVARIA - GERMANY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Tasks, method</i>	<i>Organisations involved</i>
08/04/2014	08.00-13.00	River Passau	1-6, 8-11 and 14 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ water police</li> <li>▪ customs</li> <li>▪ federal police</li> </ul>
	07.00-16.00	Riverbank <u>Hartkirchen - Straubing</u>	1, 3, 7, 9 and 13 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ police (patrolling by car)</li> </ul>
	13.00-24.00	Riverbank <u>Jochenstein - Hartkirchen</u>	1, 3, 7, 9 and 13 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ police (patrolling by car)</li> </ul>
09/04/2014	00.00-06.00	Riverbank <u>Jochenstein - Hartkirchen</u>	1, 3, 7, 9 and 13 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ police (patrolling by car)</li> </ul>
	06.00-24.00	River Passau	1-6, 8-11 and 14 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ water police</li> <li>▪ customs</li> <li>▪ federal police</li> </ul>
	04.00-24.00	River <u>Deggendorf</u>	1-6, 8-11 and 14 on the spot check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ water police</li> <li>▪ customs</li> </ul>



- An annex contained short description of the vessel traffic and the criminal features of the river sections (provided a background for the preparation...)
- Activities were supported by Risk Indicators and RA Chart updated since July for profiling (could serve as a „Database of Suspicious Ships” and supports situation-awareness and profile creation)

1	Significant offences detected on board of the ships								
2	LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY!								
3	Authority	Type of detection	Name or number of the ship	Flag of the ship	Type of ship	Place of detection	Date of detection	Description of detection (amount or other features)	Hiding place or any remark
4	HU Customs	tobacco smuggling	SOUND OF MUSIC	CH	passenger ship	BCP Mohács	05.04.2013	1540 pieces of cigarettes	cabin
5	HU Customs	tobacco smuggling	MS AMEDEUS BRILLIANT	DE	passenger ship	BCP Mohács	04.09.2013	1140 pieces of cigarettes	laundry room
6	HU Customs	smuggling	NEPTUNUS	NL	freight ship	BCP Mohács	12.03.2013	ship not presented to customs	not declared goods
7	HU Customs	damaging the Natural Environment	NESTROY	CH	passenger ship	BCP Mohács	27.10.2012	CITES (caviar)	kitchen
8	HU Customs	tobacco smuggling	COLMAR	RO	passenger ship	BCP Mohács	26.01.2012	1480 pieces of cigarettes	from the bottom of a fridge
9	HU Customs	tobacco smuggling	MERCUR 206	RO	freight ship	BCP Mohács	30.03.2011	12600 pieces of cigarettes	cabin cover behind

## Temporary Coordination Centre (TCC)

Temporary Coordination Centre was set up in Mohács, during the operational days between 08:00 and 16:00 hours

Staff: Hungarian coordinator (s) + liaison officers of MS's + Frontex, Interpol, Europol and EUBAM guest officers

Tasks performed:

- ✓ keeping daily contact with the national contact points (NCP)
- ✓ liaison officers provide mutual assistance to each other in connection with data requests
- ✓ collecting and forwarding information on the actual state of the sub-operations in Member States
- ✓ operational support given by Interpol and Europol officer (ability to launch mass requests from their data files)
- ✓ exchange of operational experience
- ✓ keeping the contacts with other focal point offices by Frontex guest officer
- ✓ collecting statistical data for the final report of the operation

# Collecting data and reporting

- Statistical data was sent on daily bases electronically to the Centre with Data exchange form usage. It also has been evolved by MSs proposals to make it more accurate
- Member States sent details of their significant offences detected
- Daily results were summarized and sent out till 1 PM at the latest by the Centre

Annex 4 of the FOP

**3. DARIF JOINT OPERATION - DATA EXCHANGE FORM**

1	Date			
2	Country (ISO Code)			
3	<b>SUMMARY OF INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND VEHICLES</b>			
4	Number of authorities involved			
5	Total number of officials involved			
6	Duty boats involved			
7	Duty cars involved			
8	<b>SUMMARY OF CHECKS CARRIED OUT</b>			
9	Number of searches carried out	in port	on route	total
10	passenger cruise ships			0
11	tugboats, freight ships			0
12	barges			0
13	Ships			0
14	fishing boats			0
15	pleasure boats (yachts)			0
16	Total ships checked			0
17	Containers			0
18	Cars			0
19	Total searches	0	0	0
20	Number of persons and documents checked	crew members	other	total
21	Nr. of persons checked			0
22	Nr. of documents checked			0
23	<b>ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES DETECTED</b>			
24	Offences			0
25	Nr. of persons apprehended			0
26	Fines values (EUR)			0
27	Goods seized (type, quantity)			0
28	<b>INFORMATION EXCHANGE</b>			
29	Nr. of information sent to the Temp. Coordination Centre			
30	Nr. of information received from the Temp. Coordination Centre			
31	Total criminal information			0

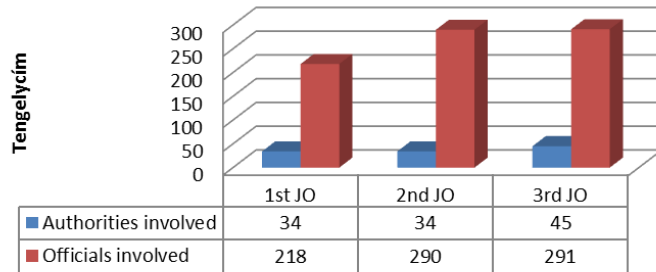
Annex 3/A of the FOP DAILY RESULTS (in details see on 2nd and 3rd sheets attached)

Significant offences detected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> DARIF Joint Operation

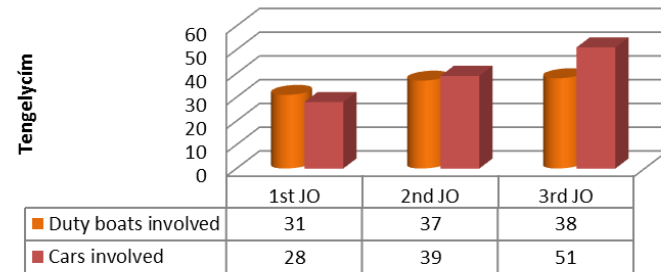
No.	Country/ Authority	Type of detected offence	Name and flag of the ship	Type of ship (passenger or freight ship)	Place of detection (city)	Date of detection	Description of detection (amount of smuggled goods or number and nationality of apprehended people)	Hiding place or any remark
1.	Hungarian Customs	tobacco smuggling	MERCUR 206 (RO)	freight ship	BCP Mohács	22.07.2014	12600 pieces of cigarettes	cabin cover behind
2.	Hungarian Police	illegal immigration, illegal stay	NIALA (NL)	passenger ship	BCP Mohács	23.07.2014	1 IND crew member with valid travel document, but without valid visa and work permit	expulsion to Serbia

# Statistics, trends in total

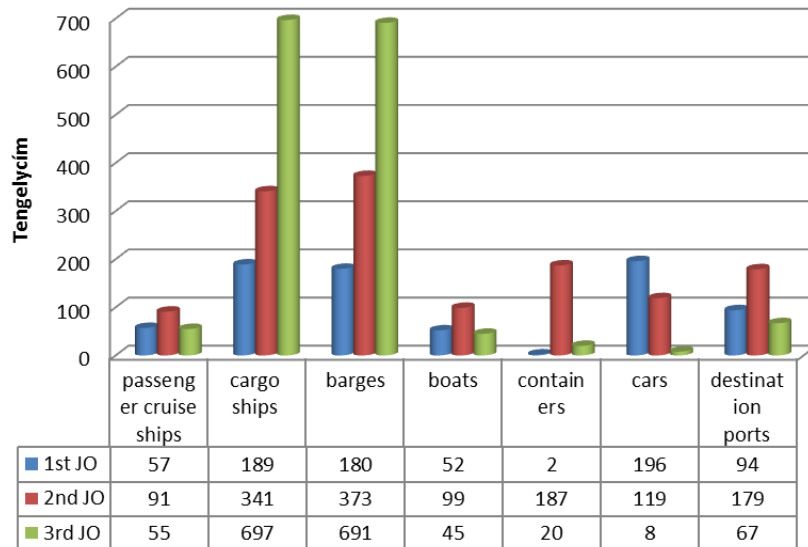
### Authorities and officials involved (daily average)



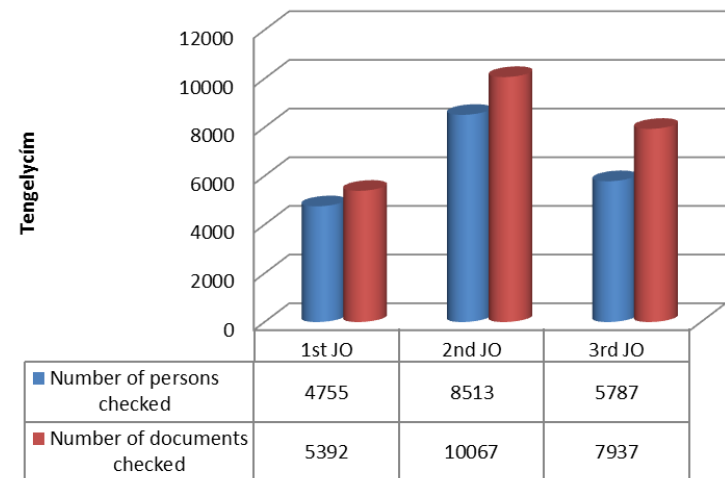
### Duty boats and cars involved (daily average)



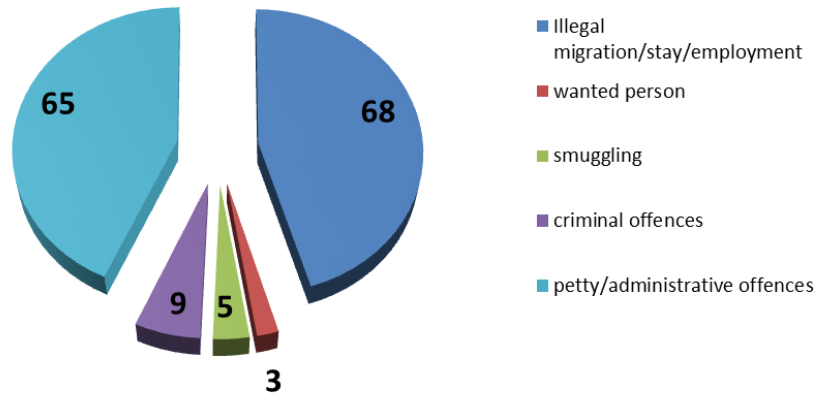
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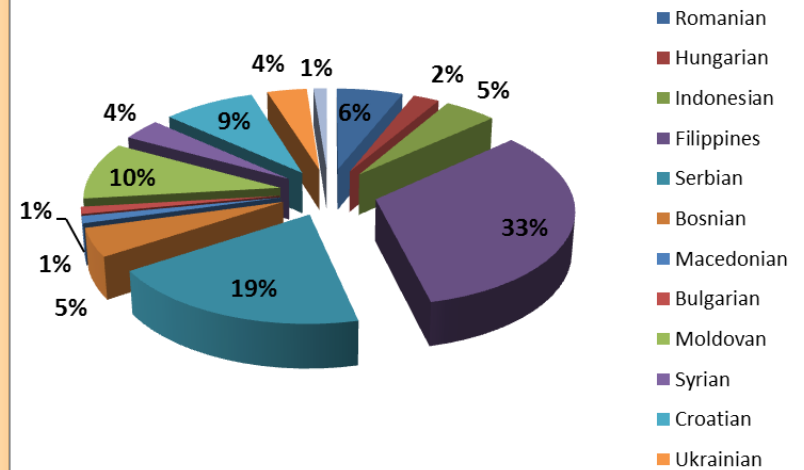
### Persons and documents checked



## Offences detected during JOs



## Distribution of citizenship of apprehended persons





SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT RESULTS (altogether in 10 countries)						
Member State	Location of detection	Type of detection	Name and nationality of the ship	Type of the ship	Perpetrator	Quantity seized
Bulgaria	Somovit	<b>cigarette smuggling</b>	Rasnov (ROU)	fright	1 ROU	940 pieces
Hungary	Mohács	<b>cigarette smuggling</b>	Mercur 305 (ROU)	fright	1 ROU	180 pieces
Hungary	Baja	<b>wanted person</b>			1 HUN	
Austria	Vienna	<b>illegal stay and employment</b>	Flamenco (MLT)	passenger	4 IDN 3 PHL	
Austria	Vienna	<b>illegal stay and employment</b>	Der Kleine Prinz (DEU)	passenger	7 SRB	
Austria	Vienna	<b>illegal stay and employment</b>	Viking Legend (CHE)	passenger	4 SRB 11 PHL	
Austria	Vienna	<b>illegal stay and employment</b>	Niala (NLD)	passenger	1 PHL	
Austria	Vienna	<b>illegal stay and employment</b>	Viking Idun (CHE)	passenger	1 SRB 12 PHL 3 BIH 1 MKD	

Most apprehensions (47 persons) in crew aboard passenger cruise ships in Vienna without valid visa, no work-permission at all. Each of the apprehended persons bailed with € 200 and conditioned to immediate leave the Austrian territory.

## SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT RESULTS (altogether in 10 countries)

Member State	Description of illegal activity detected
Bavaria	<p>In <b>2 cases criminal offenses</b> were detected (fish poaching), 12 cases were launched because of administrative offenses (wrong/missing records in logbook, missing patent, violation of safety rules of the water traffic etc...).</p> <p>Customs investigated <b>3 cases of suspicion of illegal employment of RO crew members</b> in freight ship "SEJF".</p> <p><b>7 cases of suspicion of illegal employment</b> of HR crew members were launched.</p>
Austria	<p><b>Detection of 2.160,62 g Cannabis in Port Vienna</b> / Freudeneu next loading / unloading area in a Serbian lorry and in its trailer.</p> <p>3 SRB and 1 BIH crew members were apprehended on "RIVER DUCHESS" cruiser at Vienna Port because of <b>illegal migration and illegal stay</b>.</p> <p>Police in Vienna at the Danube arrested 5 Moldovan people because of <b>burglary into a fisher boat</b>. 2 complaints for lack of technical equipment and safety on board on "FGS VIKING DELLING"</p>
Romania	<p>At BCP Sulina <b>3 SYR illegal migrants</b> were apprehended on a livestock carrier ship "RABUNION XX" (Cambodia) - without legal travel documents.</p> <p>1 Case of <b>cigarette smuggling</b> was detected at the riverbank km flv 883, where 14.400 pieces of cigarettes were dropped on the Danube riverbank. Additionally 7 offences of <b>illegal fishing</b> were detected.</p> <p><b>Illegal migration case</b> was detected in BCP Sulina on a cargo ship "GUNDEM 1" (TUR). 1 Turkish citizen was apprehended without legal travel document. Fine was imposed to the transport company.</p>
Serbia	<p>Detection of <b>3.057 kg oil (diesel) hidden in reservoir</b> of the freight ship "TRIAS" (NL).</p>
Moldova	<p>Moldovan Customs detained 1 BG citizen in the border zone of the Giurgiulesti Port and found <b>2.200 pieces of cigarette hidden</b> in his vehicle with excise stamps of Moldova.</p>
Ukraine	<p>During patrol activity at riverbank an unregistered vessel "Brig" was found without proper registration documents (fine imposed). In the vicinity of Reni Port at MD-UA green border 3 persons were detained with GAZ-53 vehicle (no number plate) attempted to <b>smuggle 3.400 litres of alcohol</b> (=96%) from MD.</p>

## Significant offences detected – 3rd JO

SUMMARY OF DETECTED ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES (altogether in 10 countries)				
	1 <sup>st</sup> day	2 <sup>nd</sup> day	3 <sup>rd</sup> day	In total
Number of Illegal Activities	24	6	16	46
Detection / Apprehension	1	0	1	2
Imposed Fine (EUR)	500	300	83	883
Confiscated Goods or Documents	-	-	1 driving licence	1 driving licence

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT RESULTS (altogether in 10 countries)	
Member State	Description of illegal activity detected
Bavaria	Bavarian authorities launched administrative proceedings in 10 cases because of the infringement of the rules of the waterway transport and in 2 more cases because of the breach of the security provisions and in <b>1 case there was suspicion of illegal employment of a Ukrainian crewmember.</b>
Austria	Austrian authorities took action on a ship named MGS Energy because <b>2 Ukrainian crewmembers were presumably employed illegally</b> and after that they detected that on the FGS Amabella the number of crewmembers was below the minimum and the captain did not have the navigation licence for the Danube. On the MGS Zlatoust <b>1 wanted person was found</b> who was apprehended. Authorities confiscated <b>1 false Slovenian driving licence</b> while controlling a vehicle and proceeding was launched against the driver
Romania	Romanian authorities took action in 3 cases because of the infringement of the rules of the waterway transport.
Slovakia	Slovakian authorities imposed 100 EUR fine on Viking Clean because of the non-compliance with law enforcement rules. They banned the work of the BD GEMER floating equipment, because the crew handed in wrong documents during the control. On the Gisela freight ship and on the Viking passenger cruise ships 50-50 EUR fine was imposed because of the infringement of the rules of the waterway transport.
Hungary	Hungarian authorities took action because of the infringement of the rules of the waterway transport in 22 cases on different ships, and then they detected and <b>apprehended 1 wanted person (disappearance)</b> near the port of Mohács.

## Final results of the working group

- ✓ 3 successfully completed Joint Operations
- ✓ Evolved ability to organize joint actions
- ✓ Active participation from the side of all MSs and international law enforcement organisations
- ✓ Operational documentations elaborated (FOP, data Exchange Form, RA Chart...)
- ✓ Enhanced operational cooperation among the law enforcement authorities of the Danube member states
- ✓ Joint operational experiences
- ✓ Professional contacts, new information channels
- ✓ Increased standards of analysis and evaluation work and situation-awareness
- ✓ Improved precision of profile creation
- ✓ More clear situational picture on Danube related crime and other offences

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!

