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Creation of METEET with a concrete proposal outlining the ideas and objectives
Based in the current **Grant Agreement** with DG MOVE one of the work pillars foresee

- the establishment of a pool of technical experts
- combining relevant expertise of various sectors of infrastructure development,
- e.g. river engineering, EIA,
- permitting procedures etc.
Environmental situation of many sections of the Danube is problematic

key objective of TEN-T corridor „Rhine Danube“ is to guarantee GNS,

but without negative impact on the environmental status of the river
This is why the main objective of METEET is to provide support in addressing the environmental issues that may arise during planning and implementation of IWT-projects in the Danube Region in a multi-disciplinary approach.
a Steering Committee (SC) of METEET has been established consisting of the following parties:

EU (DG MOVE, DG ENV, DG REGIO)
Danube Commission
ICPDR
ISRBC (observer)

Terms of references (ToR) have been agreed upon for the SC and the Experts to be involved in the training missions
• DC / ICPDR advertised for **transport** and **environmental** experts to serve later as experts for a pilot training mission in a volunteering country.

• In the course of the 2. SC meeting two experts were selected and the **volunteering country** has been accepted.
• A first pilot training mission will start in Vukovar, Croatia by end of September 2017.

• The audience will consist of officials and employees of the national ministries and authorities of transport and environment of the host country.
**Work Plan** for the expert team for a two-day-seminar contains:

- Presenting and analyzing the European legislation and guidance in its entirety for both sectors Transport and Environment and its application.
- Advice on good practices in the EIA of inland navigation projects mitigating negative impacts.
- Reporting on the feedback of the action.
Thank you for your attention!

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