1. Operational planning (M.A.C.O.)

2. Organizational planning (trainings/workshops/meetings)

3. Strategic planning (priorities and progress)
Participants:
- Transport Police Directorate (GIRP)
- Directorate for Surveillance and Border Control (GIRBP)
- Romanian Naval Authority (RNA).

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Increasing safety and security of the navigation on the Danube river
- Preventing and fight against frauds commited within water transport of public & goods;
- Preventing and fight against illegal migration and illegal fishing.

1.1. M.A.C.O. – Criminality on waterways

Date/Period: 23rd of April – 01st of May 2018

Participants:
- Transport Police Directorate (GIRP)
- Directorate for Surveillance and Border Control (GIRBP)
- Romanian Naval Authority (RNA).

VERIFIED:
- 530 persons;
- 32 companies;
- 178 vessels;
- 148 cars.

RESULTS:
✓ 23 crimes;
✓ 59 fines;
✓ Seized: 3 boats, 1 outboard engine, 3 tones diesel fuel.
1.2. M.A.C.O. - Romanian water transports

Date/Period: 04th – 30th of May 2018

MAIN OBJECTIVE:
Preventing and fight against tax evasion, counterfeited goods and customs frauds

RESULTS:
❖ 19 crimes:
  - 5 tax evasion;
  - 14 customs frauds.
❖ 15 fines;
❖ 98,220 cigarettes seized.
1.3. M.A.C.O. "SAFE WATERS 2018"

**Date/Period:** 16th of July – 31st of August 2018;

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Preventing events / naval accidents;
2. Preventing and combatting the use of alcohol on board ships;
3. Preventing and fighting against illegal fishing;
4. Preventing and fighting against illegal migration;
5. Fighting against tax evasion;
6. Verifying the legality of using the workforce;
7. Checking the legality of recreational and waterborne activities;
8. Compliance with the legal regime of the state border.
M.A.C.O. "SAFE WATERS 2018“ - ACTS & FACTS

**ACTS - have been verified:**
- 2,020 persons;
- 147 transport/fishing companies;
- 1,271 fishing licenses;
- 154 nautic companies;
- 1,056 vessels;

**FACTS:**
- 143 transport crimes;
- 351 fines amounting to 57,000 euro;
- **seized goods:**
  - 21 crafts
  - 16 outboard engines
  - 31 cars
  - 231 fishing gear
  - 1,462 kg. fish (incl. sturgeons)
  - 13,900 cigarettes
  - 17 tones of diesel fuel,
  - >700 tones of woods
  - ... aso...
OBJECTIVES:

- Increasing safety and security of navigation;
- Preventing marine incidents;
- Check on water transport companies;
- Preventing and fight against illegal work, illegal migration and illegal fishing;

Checks carried out:

- 289 vessels, 170 vehicles, 5,435 persons and 4,540 documents;
- 9 fines and 1 crime.

Date/Period: 06th – 10th of August 2018
2. Organizational planning (seminars/meetings)

Date/Period: 19th of March 2018

- meeting in Romania between AQUAPOL management and the Romanian Transport Police Directorate director.

The purpose of the meeting was the presentation of the new AQUATRACK device, which was successfully installed in Constanta Harbour (RO).
2.1. Danube Black Sea HUB meetings

Date/Period: 10th of May and 18th of October 2018

- 2 Meetings of the Danube-Black Sea HUB, in Giurgiu/Romania

MAIN TASKS:

- The illegal migration phenomenon in the Danube area;
- IBIS-web;
- HUB’s priorities.
We increased the number of actions with the Romanian and Bulgarian Border Police in the field of **navigation**, criminality in **forestry domain** (especially the transport of wood mass on Danube), **tax frauds** committed by companies that buy **diesel fuel** (excise free), **illegal fishing**, nautical sports and **tax evasion**.
DBS HUB’s PRIORITIES FOR 2019

- Safety and security of the navigation on the Danube River;
- Preventing and fight against tax evasion;
- Preventing and fight against smuggling of excise goods;
- Illegal migration;
- Illegal fishing;
- Preventing and fight against environmental crimes
From 1st of January 2019, Hungarian Water Police joined AQUAPOL within DBS HUB.

- **3 M.A.C.O. Activities**
  
- **1 European M.A.C.O. – “CLEAN WATERS 2019”;**
  
- **2 HUB meetings (April and October);**
  
- **1 workshop:** „Maritime and port security” (related to tax evasion, counterfeited goods, smuggling people and illegal migration);
  
- join the second AQUAPOL Academy training course
WHY... Within the *European Union Strategy for the Danube Region - EUSDR*, were identified **11 priority areas (PA)**. We established 4 of these priorities that we consider **relevant** for our Water Police tasks:

- Waterways Mobility *(PA1a)*,
- Water Quality *(PA4)*,
- Environmental Risks *(PA5)*
- Security *(PA11)*.

WHERE... So, we will deploy at European level a **multi-taskforce operation** - „*CLEAN WATERS 2019*”, in which there will be invited to join all the Danube riparian countries (EU /non EU states).
**WHO... Authorities involved:**

- Police authorities with competences in naval field within the EU and non-EU (Serbia) Danube riparian countries;
- Romanian National Police, Romanian Border Police, Romanian Naval Authority, National Environmental Guard;
- related authorities from the other riparian states with tasks regarding environmental crimes.
**WHAT...** Main objectives:
- detecting breaks of the environmental rules on the Danube river;
- preventing the deliberate *spill of hydrocarbs/diesel fuel* from the vessels in transit on the Danube river;
- other activities that can pollute the Danube river;
- illegal fishing;
- preventing and fight against the naval transport crimes;
- safety and security of public & goods transport on the Danube river.

**HOW...** Police cooperation will be realized through our organization – AQUAPOL or through other police official channels of cooperation (such as EUROPOL, INTERPOL, police liaison officers & attachees).

During the operation, the participant authorities will establish only one national *single point of contact* (SPOC), in order to collect and to facilitate the information exchange between the riparian states.
Thank you for your attention!

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