

DANUBE COMMISSION

- Budapest, February 20th 2019 -

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

**2. Organizational planning
(trainings/workshops/meetings)**

3. Strategic planning (priorities and progress)

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

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

Participants:

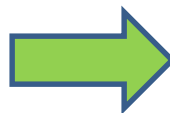
- Transport Police Directorate (GIRP)
- Directorate for Surveillance and Border Control (GIRBP)
- Romanian Naval Authority (RNA).

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

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

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

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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.**



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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...



1.4. M.A.C.O. Bulgaria

Date/Period: 06th – 10th of August 2018

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.

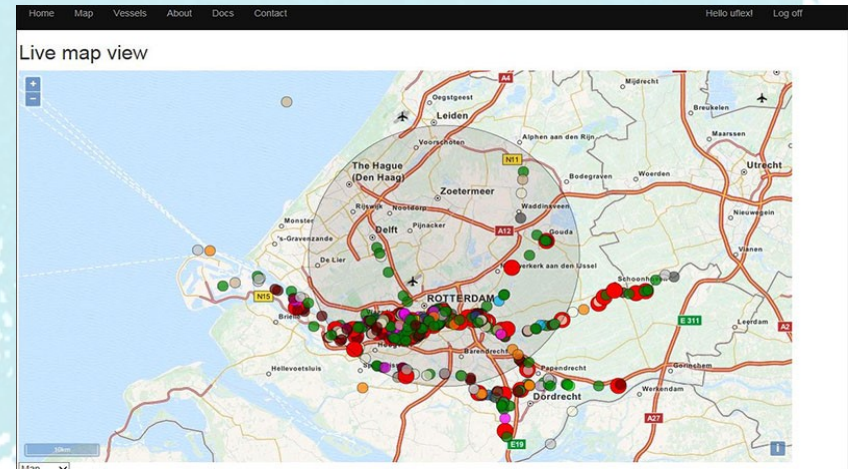


2. Organizational planning (seminars/meetings)



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.



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3. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Progress in relation to HUB 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**



- 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



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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**

WHEN... Date/Period: May 2019 (2 weeks).

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.



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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 & attachées).

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.

QUESTIONS ?

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Thank you for your attention!

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