



PRESS RELEASE

The Danube Commission (DC) held its Seventy-fourth session on 8th of June 2010 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

In the work of the session the representatives of all member states of the Danube Commission (the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic, Ukraine and the Republic of Croatia), as well as observer states (the French Republic, the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Belgium) participated. The representatives of the international organizations: the European Commission, the International Sava River Basin Commission and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation also presented at the session.

Among the key issues considered by the session was the participation of the Danube Commission in the development of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The session has approved the DC's proposal package as a contribution of the Danube Commission to the development of the before-mentioned Strategy. Additionally plan of interaction between the Danube Commission and the European Commission on the development of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region was approved.

The session considered questions, arising from the reports on the results of the meetings of the working group on technical issues and the working group on legal and financial issues and adopted a set of Decisions, proposed by these working groups. In particular, the session decided to confer on the President powers to sign on behalf of the DC "Memorandum of Understanding on sectoral dialogue partnership between the Danube Commission and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization". In the course of the session Memorandum was signed by the President of the Danube Commission, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Hungary, Mr. Alexander Tolkach and by the representative of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Mr. Ambassador Aliosha Nedelchev.

The session heard the Report of the Director General of the Secretariat on the execution of the budget of the Danube Commission for 2009 and the Report of the Director General of the Secretariat on the accomplishment of the Working plan of the Danube Commission within the period from 29 May 2009 to the Seventy-fourth session. The Working plan and the Schedule of accomplishment of the Working plan of the Danube Commission within the period from 10 June 2010 to the Seventy-sixth session were approved by the session.

The 74th session also approved the preliminary agenda and the date of the 75th session of the DC (14 – 15 December, 2010).