



PRESS RELEASE

Presentation meeting of the representatives of the Danube Commission with the delegation of the European Economic and Social Committee.

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On 29 June 2010 at the premises of the Danube Commission (DC) the meeting between the representatives of the Danube Commission Secretariat and Study Group (ECO/227), within European Economic and Social Committee Section (EESC) (advisory body of the European Union), was held. This Group is in charge of drafting certain documents for the Danube Strategy ("EU Strategy for the Danube Region"), currently being developed by the European Commission (EC).

This meeting was organized in line with the request of the European Economic and Social Committee to the Director General of the Danube Commission Secretariat for the presentation of the Danube Commission and exchange of views on its interaction with the European Commission and on the development of the Danube Strategy.

Representatives of the DC Secretariat headed by Mr. Suvorov, Deputy Director General, took part in the meeting.

Mrs. Gabriele Bischoff led the EESC delegation.

After reciprocal presentation and exchange of salutations the representative of the EESC informed that presently the Study Group was taking measures to make acquaintance with the Hungarian organizations, which could be involved into the development of the Danube Strategy with the aim to define perspectives of further contacts and to cooperate with them in this field. Thus, in Hungary meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Academy of Science, DC, Regional Environmental Center and other organizations are scheduled.

Mr. Suvorov, in his turn, informed participants of the meeting about the cooperation between the DC and the EC, including DC's package of proposals for "EU Strategy for the Danube Region", submitted to the EC in accordance with the Decision of the 74th Session of the DC (8-9 June, 2010) and performed a brief report on certain aspects of "Principle directions of the shipping policy on the Danube", being elaborated by the DC.

The DC's visitors got acquainted with a presentation dedicated to the historical background, structure and areas of expertise of the Danube Commission, as well as were provided with some statistical data concerning cargo fleet and traffic on the Danube.

Mr. Suvorov answered a set of questions related, in particular, to the revision of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube and perspectives of its adoption in updated wording.

Finally, the EESC representative on behalf of his delegation expressed gratitude for the meeting hosted by the DC as well as for the provided information.

