

PRESS RELEASE

Participation of the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission in the 77th session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and policy segment on rethinking sustainable urban transport and mobility to meet the challenges of a new era

(24-26 February 2015)



Petar MARGIĆ, Director-General of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission, took part in the 77th session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and its high-level policy segment "Rethinking sustainable urban transport and mobility to meet the challenges of a new era", held in Geneva from 24 to 26 February 2015.

Discussions were focused on the challenges facing the transport sector and how to overcome them. This year's policy segment is aimed at contributing to the global debate and helping build consensus on the important role of the transport sector in sustainable development.

The Danube Commission-related issues were discussed under agenda item "Inland water transport", which included the following matters:

- Information about amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), entered into force on 7 November 2014.
- Work of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG) within an informal group of experts.
- Notification about a high-level conference on inland navigation.
- Finalization of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI, revision 5). This revision constitutes the framework and the core set of standard regulations for rules of the road and signalization on European inland waterways.
- Harmonization of Pan-European River Information Services (RIS), such as Resolution No.48 on Electronic Chart Display and Information System (Inland ECDIS).
- Overview of the "old conventions that are still not in force" in the field of inland water transport.

The agenda and official documents can be found at:
http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc_age.html and
http://www.unece.org/trans/main/itc/itc_doc_2015.html.