

PRESS RELEASE

Visit of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Mr. István Mikola to the Danube Commission

(16th February 2016)

On 16th February 2016, His Excellency Mr. István Mikola, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, paid a visit to the Danube Commission (DC).

On the part of the Danube Commission the meeting was attended by His Excellency Ambassador Rade Drobac, President of the DC, His Excellency Ambassador Miklós Lengyel, Vice-President of the DC, leadership and employees of the DC Secretariat, as well as the representatives of the International Sava River Basin Commission and the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Hungary.



Mr. Rade Drobac, President of the DC, and Mr. Petar Margic, Director-General of the Secretariat, in their brief statements reflected the main areas of activity and priorities of the Danube Commission, emphasizing the importance of the perspective adoption of the revised version of the Convention on the regime of navigation on the Danube.

Mr. Alexander F. Stemmer, Deputy Director-General for Administrative and Financial Issues of the DC Secretariat, made a presentation on the historical background, structure and activities of the DC. He also outlined the perspectives of the organization and presented the DC's initiatives, its involvement in the joint projects within the European Commission, including participation in the implementation of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region. He further informed of the signature of the Administrative Arrangement concerning a framework for cooperation between the Secretariat of the Danube Commission and the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission – DG MOVE.

Mr. Mikola expressed his keen interest in the DC's activities and thanked the presidency of the DC and the leadership of its Secretariat for the excellent organization of the meeting and for the useful and comprehensive information provided.

Summarizing the outcomes of the meeting, both sides valued the good spirit of cooperation and agreed to continue their mutual efforts to develop the Danube region.