

PRESS RELEASE

Common meeting between the representatives of the Danube Commission,

the International Committee for the Protection of the Danube River, International Sava River Basin and European Commission

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A common meeting between the Danube Commission representatives and the representatives of the International Committee for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), International Sava River Basin (ISRBC) and European Commission (DG-ENV, DG-MOVE) was held at the Danube Commission Headquarters on the 15th of September, 2016. The participants of this meeting opened the work of so – called Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team (METEET).

The meeting was chaired by the Director General of the Danube Commission Secretariat, Mr. Petar Margic.

The participants discussed the important aspects referring the field of activities of METEET (mandate). They focused on the harmonization of environmental and transport legislations of the Danube riparian countries, on the selection of the relevant experts for the mentioned team, on the possible costs (which could or not be supported by the national authorities of the riverine countries etc).

A phone conference will be held on the 3rd of October as a result of METEET's decision. During this conference the parties will discuss a draft of the Terms of Reference (ToR) and the mandate of the METEET.

According to the prognosis the project – description of this «pilot project» will be ready in the middle of October 2016.