PRESS RELEASE

The Danube Commission (DC), under the presidency of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Croatia in Germany, His Excellency Mr. Gordan Grlic RADMAN, (President of the Danube Commission), held its eighty-eight session on the 13th of December 2017 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

The delegations of all eleven-member states of the Danube Commission (the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, 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 the representatives of the observer states (Greece, the Republic of Cyprus, the Kingdom of Belgium, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Turkey) participated in the session. The session was also attended by the representatives of the international organizations: International Sava River Basin Commission, European Commission, Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine.

The session considered the issues included in the reports on the results by the experts group, technical group and legal and financial group meetings and adopted some important decisions proposed by these groups.

Respectively, during the 89th session, the representatives of the member states have approved the draft decisions in different fields of the DC competence. The session approved the decision № 89/6 regarding the invitation of the Republic of Serbia to held the works of the 90th session of the DC in Belgrade. Other important decision approved by the session is the decision № 89/10 regarding the budget for 2018 and the decision № 89/18 regarding the technical issues.

Specific technical issues have been discussed during the session. So, the 89th session of DC has approved the decision № 89/15 regarding the European standard, establishing the technical requirements for the inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN).

International cooperation has also been brought into the attention of the session. The 89th session has been attended by Mrs. Maja BAKRAN, Deputy Director General, Directorate for Mobility and Transport (European Commission), by Mr. Bruno GEORGES, General Secretary of the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine, both of them mentioning the importance and desire in future cooperation between our organisations.

The ordinary 90th session of the DC will be held on the 29th of June 2018 in Belgrade.