



## PRESS RELEASE

### Exhibition

#### *DANUBE COMMISSION 70*

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary in collaboration with Danube Commission opened the exhibition dedicated to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube, done in Belgrade in 1948.

This event was organized under the patronage of the Permanent Representative of Hungary in the Danube Commission, Mr. Ambassador Mr. Iván Gyurcsík in order to emphasize the importance of Danube navigation, the high contribution of the Member States in the development of Danube navigation and the importance of the Danube Commission and Danube basin region.

Seventy years ago, in Belgrade, the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube was signed to ensure the free and open navigation for the nationals, vessels of commerce and goods of all Member States on the footing of equality. Article 5 of the Convention set up the Danube Commission, an international intergovernmental organization, in order to execute the works established by the Danube States and to provide all necessary assistance. Article 8 of the Convention regulates the general tasks of the Danube Commission in the field of the Danube navigation.

The opening of the exhibition was a comprehensive event that included the exposition of documents, books, maps, pictures since 1856, when through the Paris Treaty the European Danube Commission and River Commission were established. The exhibition - *Danube Commission 70* reflected the periods of time before and after the I and II World Wars, the period of the signing of the Belgrade Convention (1948) till nowadays.

The exhibition - *Danube Commission 70* was opened by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Mr. Istvan MIKOLA and by the President of the Danube Commission, Mr. Gordan Grlic RADMAN, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Germany. The audience, composed of diplomats accredited in Budapest, experts from the Danube countries appreciated the exhibition as an interesting and cognitive event.

The exhibition - *Danube Commission 70* will be open at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary until 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.