

The Danube Commission participated at the TEN-T Days 2018 in Ljubljana, Slovenia

The secretariat of the DC participated at the TEN-T Days 2018 in Ljubljana from 25- 27 April 2018 and attended the following sessions of the event program:

The 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee METEET

The members of the sixth steering group adopted the final agenda of the intended II training seminar of METEET that is going to take place upon invitation of Serbia in Belgrade. Two selected experts for the transport and the environmental sector will address the group of national participants, coming from the project management level, on important legal and procedural dispositions to be considered when planning an infrastructural project of inland waterway transport. The next session and analysis of the outcome of the training program will be made in the frame of the next session of the Steering Committee on 13 September 2018.



Linking up ports and cities by inland waterways

Moderated by Mrs. Maja Bakran, DDG of DG MOVE, the session intended to discuss what type of measures will be needed to ensure an increased use of IWT in Europe and the strategic use of the EU Funds to achieve this goal.

Several speakers from various river management authorities presented results of project activities in respect to an improving navigability status of the respective river systems (Odra, Douro, Po, and Danube). As for the Danube, the speaker mentioned that the current multi/national FAIRWAY project, having in view its importance, is more and more recognized as a political framework.

The moderator addressed the audience with four lead questions to be voted about in a modern pure electronic way. The majority of those present were of the opinion that the grant based funding system of the EU shall be further on used for the future project work in this transport mode.

Session on the Rhine-Danube Corridor

Moderated by Mrs. Maja Bakran, DDG of DG MOVE, the session looked at the integrated approach, ensuring at the same time Good navigation status and Good ecological status as well as the importance of the multi/level governance for ensuring them.

The panel speakers presented an overview of the CEF investments done on the Danube in the last four years investment period. Amongst the speakers, the representatives of the projects FAST, SWIM, GNS study and EUSDR PA 1a informed the audience about the positive results of the respective projects and expressed their hope for the ongoing support in the future. In this session two lead questions to be voted about were given to the audience. The outcome of this poll showed a general satisfaction about the past investment period, and the effects it had on the development of the river system. The multi/ level governance approach has been confirmed in this way.

