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## DC Secretariat hosts a group of students from the Institute of International Studies of the Corvinus University of Budapest

On April 1, 2019, a group of the first year Hungarian BA students from the faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations, Institute of International Studies of the Corvinus University of Budapest, visited the Secretariat of the Danube Commission (DC). The mentioned visit had an informative character, especially to gain an insight into the history of the organization and fields of its work. Students were received by Ambassador Iván Gyurcsík, Representative of Hungary to the Danube Commission, Felix Zaharia, Counsellor for Legal Affairs, Olga Rotaru, Counsellor for Publications and Public Relations, and the Secretariat staff members.



Ambassador Gyurcsík welcomed the students and gave them an overview of the Commission's historical background, current activities, and perspective areas of Danube navigation. Counsellor Zaharia elaborated further on legal framework and international cooperation with counterpart organizations, including environmental aspects. Counsellor Rotaru reflected on the organizational structure and functioning of the DC.

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Follow up discussion covered a wide range of topics related to the DC's activities: its role, mission, current challenges affecting the Danube navigation, and planned initiatives.

Dr. Éva Kőváriné Ignáth, group supervisor, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity given to the students to expand their knowledge about the DC and to become more informed of the career prospects in this field, whilst having the possibility to talk directly to professionals.



In conclusion, Ambassador Gyurcsík emphasized the importance of setting up networks with educational institutions with a view to share knowledge and experience in the area of international cooperation. In this context, he reiterated the Commission's interest in hosting student visits in the future.