10th Meeting on the Follow-up of the

*Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin*

*Draft Agenda*

**Date:** 11-12 September 2019  
**Venue:** The Danube Commission, Benczúr u. 25, H – 1068 Budapest, Hungary

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Inform about progress on the implementation of the *Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin*
- Discuss challenges and solutions in relation to the practical application of the integrated planning approach and lessons learnt
- Inform and discuss new facts and perspectives of European inland waterway transport, including the EU *Danube Strategy*
- Ensure regular information exchange and presentation of new initiatives
- Discuss adaptation of future Joint Statement related activities

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<td><strong>1. Welcome and introductory statements</strong></td>
<td>Moderator: Dejan Trifunovic, Danube Commission</td>
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<td>Danube Commission (DC)</td>
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<td>International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)</td>
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<td>International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)</td>
<td>Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</td>
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<td><strong>2. Inland waterways and the environment – Policy developments relevant for the Danube region</strong></td>
<td>Karla Peijs, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Corridor</td>
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<td>Outlook for Danube navigation in the context of the Rhine-Danube Corridor and new EU budgetary period 2021-2027</td>
<td>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG Move</td>
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<td>EU policies on inland navigation and financing opportunities – latest developments</td>
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<td>EU environmental policies relevant for inland navigation – latest developments</td>
<td>Jeanne Boughaba, European Commission DG ENV (by video link)</td>
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<td>Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the Danube region regarding the navigation sector and river works-Article 4(7) WFD checklist tool</td>
<td>Ismini Maria Kyriazopolou, Networking and Competence Centre, JASPERS/EIB</td>
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### 3. Overview of current state of IWT projects and environmental projects in the Danube basin countries: Experiences with integrated planning and implementation

*IWT projects are invited to present recent practical experiences in particular focus on environmental monitoring activities (also taking into account Article 4.7 WFD implementation) and sustainable technological solutions. Based on the feedback an updated agenda will be provided.*

**a) Presentations per countries**
- Austria, Gert-Jan Muilerman, viadonau
- Bulgaria, Georgina Pavlina, EAEMDR
- Croatia, Tomislav Strus, Inland Navigation Directorate
- Serbia, Jasna Muskatirovic, Directorate for Inland Waterways
- Slovakia, Roman Cabadaj, Ministry of Transport
- Romania, Catalina Dumbrava and Romeo Soare, AFDJ
  Monica Matei, Madalina Boboc and Deak Gyorgy INCDPM

**b) Activities of River Commissions**
- Sava Commission, Zeljko Milkovic, ISRBC
- Danube Commission, Dejan Trifunovic, DC

**c) Environmental projects**
- DanubeSediment project, Barbara Keri
- MEASURES, Paul Meulenbroek
- DANUBEParksCONNECTED, Georg Frank

### 4. Good Navigation Status – Improvement of the navigation conditions respecting environmental issues

*Correspondence group for the setting of appropriate objectives for rivers and canals*

Discussion

**Moderator:** Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR

**Peter Čaky, Danube Commission**

### 17:00 Conclusions day 1/ Audience questionnaire

### 19:00 Dinner (organized by DC)

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| 09:30 | 5. **METEET – Conclusions and results of first trainings in Croatia, Serbia and Slovakia including way forward** | **Moderator**: Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC  
**Desirée Oen**, European Commission DG MOVE  
**Experts view**: Jasna Muskatirovic and Georg Rast |
| 10:00 | Discussion                                                                |  
- Conclusions  
- Consideration for future of METEET |
| 10:30 | Coffee break                                                             |  
| 11:00 | 6. **Future plans and perspectives for enhancing navigation and environmental protection in the Danube and its navigable tributaries** | **Moderator**: Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC  
**Gert-Jan Muilerman**, EUSDR PA1a Technical Secretariat  
**Robert Rafael**, General Secretary Pro Danube International  
**Ana Leganel**, Joint Secretariat-Danube Transnational Program |
| 12:00 | 7. **Discussion on key lessons learned and future steps in support of the implementation of the Joint Statement (DG MOVE, DG ENV, ICPDR, ISRBC, DC, stakeholders) - update the document** | **Moderator**: Manfred Seitz, DC |
| 13:30 | **Closure of the workshop, Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission**             |  