Results of 10th Joint Statement Meeting questionnaire

The Joint Statement (JS) was created 2007 as guiding document, summarizing principles and criteria for environmentally sustainable inland navigation on the Danube and its tributaries, including the maintenance of existing waterways and the development of future waterway infrastructure. Its overall goal was to ensure river engineering projects, which improve efficiency of navigation and in the same time also the environmental status of the addressed riverine section.

How do you rate the contribution of the JS to the overall goal?
21 responses

- 85.7% rated the contribution as Very high to high
- 14.3% rated it as Little to insignificant

Did the application of the JS principles improve the environmental performance of river engineering projects?
21 responses

- 76.2% rated it as Yes, significantly
- 23.8% rated it as Yes, but only marginally
- 0% rated it as No, development would have been the same without JS
Did the application of the JS lead to a better understanding of the needs of the inland navigation sector by the environmental stakeholders?
21 responses

- 38.1% Yes
- 57.1% Partially
- 4.8% No

Did the application of the JS lead to a better understanding of the environmental concerns by the IWT stakeholders?
21 responses

- 76.2% Yes
- 23.8% Partially

How do you assess the impact of current/innovative GNS and GES policies to the JS process?
21 responses

- 76.2% There is direct positive link between GNS/GES policies and JS principles
- 23.8% There is no sufficient link between GNS/GES policies and JS principles
- 0% JS principles are not adequately represented in GNS and GES policies
For the monitoring of the JS process, Annual Follow-up Meetings are organized. How do you assess these meetings?

20 responses

- 55%: Shall be continued as they are
- 45%: Must be changed to become more attractive & effective
- 0%: Shall be replaced by other instruments

How do you see the need to support the JS process in the framework of new EU period 2021-2027? [Multiple selection is allowed]

21 responses

- 17%: Strong support for the JS is needed through targeted EU policies as well as EU funding for projects that respect JS principles
- 11%: The three JS hosting commissions together with the European Commission shall improve and further develop the JS process
- 12%: Significant support to the competent national administrations (both environment and waterway) is needed in order to make JS principles more effective

How do you rate the level of application of JS principles in the river engineering projects that are being implemented in the Danube countries?

21 responses

- 47.6%: Very good
- 14.3%: Satisfactory
- 38.1%: Non-satisfactory
METEET was introduced 2016/2017 as new instrument to support the JS process with the execution of specialized expert workshops. How important do you assess Meteet activities for the JS process?

21 responses

What shall METEET deliver in the future? [Multiple selection is allowed]

21 responses

e) Further extension to stakeholder groups and regions
b) Focus to better include environmental agencies & authorities
c) More practical training based on pilot cases
d) Shall provide not only general know how but also additional human resources for project promoters
e) Keep it as it is
f) Terminate it as it has little value anyways

The Platina Manual on Good Practice created in 2010 is currently a key information resource for the JS and METEET. How shall the information demand in the future be satisfied? [Multiple selection is allowed]

21 responses

a) Update and republish (print & online) the Manual
b) Transform the Manual to a living online document with defined regular updates
c) No need for update, there are sufficient other know how sources available