

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 utca 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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12:30	Arrival and registration of participants	
13:00	1. Welcome and introductory statements	<i>Moderator: Dejan Trifunovic, Danube Commission</i>
	Danube Commission (DC)	<i>Manfred Seitz, DC</i>
	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)	<i>Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR</i>
	International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)	<i>Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i>
13:30	2. Inland waterways and the environment – Policy developments relevant for the Danube region	
	Outlook for Danube navigation in the context of the Rhine-Danube Corridor and new EU budgetary period 2021-2027	<i>Karla Peijs, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Corridor</i>
	EU policies on inland navigation and financing opportunities – latest developments	<i>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG Move</i>
	EU environmental policies relevant for inland navigation – latest developments	<i>Jeanne Boughaba, European Commission DG ENV (by video link)</i>
	Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the Danube region regarding the navigation sector and river works- Article 4(7) WFD checklist tool	<i>Ismeni Maria Kyriazopolou, Networking and Competence Centre, JASPERS/EIB</i>

	Discussion	
14:30	<p>3. Overview of current state of IWT projects and environmental projects in the Danube basin countries: Experiences with integrated planning and implementation</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>a) Presentations per countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Austria, Gert-Jan Muilerman, <i>viadonau</i> -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 <p>b) Activities of River Commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sava Commission, Zeljko Milkovic, ISRBC -Danube Commission, Dejan Trifunovic, DC <p>c) Environmental projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DanubeSediment project, Barbara Keri -MEASURES, Paul Meulenbroek -DANUBEParksCONNECTED, Georg Frank <p>Discussion</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Countries, River Commissions and projects representatives</i></p>
16:00	Coffee	
16:30	<p>4. Good Navigation Status – Improvement of the navigation conditions respecting environmental issues</p> <p>Correspondence group for the setting of appropriate objectives for rivers and canals</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Peter Čaky, Danube Commission</i></p>
17:00	Conclusions day 1/ Audience questionnaire	
19:00	<p><i>Dinner (organized by DC)</i></p> <p><i>Vén Hajó Étterem</i></p> <p><i>1051 Budapest, Vigadó tér 2-es kikötő</i></p>	

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09:30	5. METEET – Conclusions and results of first trainings in Croatia, Serbia and Slovakia including way forward	<i>Moderator: Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i> <i>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG MOVE</i> <i>Experts view:</i> <i>Jasna Muskatirovic and Georg Rast</i>
10:00	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions • Consideration for future of METEET 	
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00	6. Future plans and perspectives for enhancing navigation and environmental protection in the Danube and its navigable tributaries	<i>Moderator: Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i>
	EUSDR related developments – The Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries/Revision of the EUSDR Action Plan Sustainable and efficient transport on the Danube – viewpoints from an industry association Interreg-Danube Transnational Program in 2019 and 2020-DTP 3 Discussion	<i>Gert-Jan Muilerman, EUSDR PA1a Technical Secretariat</i> <i>Robert Rafael, General Secretary Pro Danube International</i> <i>Ana Leganel, Joint Secretariat-Danube Transnational Program</i>
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	<i>Moderator: Manfred Seitz, DC</i>
13:30	<i>Closure of the workshop, Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission</i>	