

EUSDR PA1a: Status of work

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Status of revision of the EUSDR Action Plan

Schedule for the Action Plan Revision

Step	Description	Quarter of 2019	Deadline	Specified step
1	A feedback from the Steering Group consultation process presented by each PAC during the PAC meeting organised by RO Presidency	1 st Q 2019	9 January	deadline for proposal of PACs after consultation (ref. 5 questions)
			18 January	Summary of PACs proposals by DSP
			22/23 January	PAC Meeting (Bucharest) incl. discussion on the Summary of PACs proposals
			31 January	deadline for remarks of PACs to the Summary
			1 February	deadline for proposals from NCs for finalizing NC meeting agenda (to be sent to RO EUSDR Presidency)
2	Consultation Process at NCs level;		4 February	circulation of final summary of PACs proposals to NCs & PACs
+	A feedback from the PACs consultation process presented by the new DSP during the NCs meeting organised by RO Presidency		14/15 February	NC Meeting (Bucharest): mainly focusing on discussing NCs proposals and Summary of PACs proposals by DSP, incl. NC decision on specified roadmap 2019 and structure of the revised Action Plan
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4	Finalising the consultation phase with the support of the new DSP		26 April	National Contributions to DSP & Presidency Draft evaluation results to be fed in PAC inputs to DSP & Presidency
			8 May	Territorial Analysis to DSP & Presidency (not before 8. May)
			14 May	Circulation of consolidated input for the NC-PAC Meeting
			23/24 May	NC-PAC Meeting (Bucharest): final discussion and endorsement of the "consolidated input" incl. discussion of horizontal objectives (principal goals of EUSDR) on the number of Priority Areas, grouping of Pillars and number of coordinators per Priority Area (pursued by submission of the number of Priority Areas and the number of coordinators per Priority Area to DTP-JS (as mandatory information for their 2nd call for PACs)
5	Submitting the results of the consultation phase to the Commission		June	release of the endorsed "consolidated input" in preparation to the 8th EUSDR Annual Forum (corresponding to handing over to the Commission)
			June	2nd call for PACs (period 2020-2022) by DTP-JS
6	Drafting phase - a revised version of the EUSDR Action Plan should be drafted by the Commission in consultation with the NCs and PACs	2 nd Q 2019	27/28 June	"Public hearings on the proposals for a new Action Plan" within the dedicated thematic sessions of the 8th EUSDR Annual Forum
7	Collecting comments on the revised version of the EUSDR Action Plan	3 rd Q 2019	20 July	Draft version of revised EUSDR Action Plan circulated by the Commission to NCs for consultations
			20 August	deadline for provision of feedback from NCs to be sent to the Commission
			End September	Final draft version of the revised EUSDR Action Plan circulated to NCs for final feedback
8	Publication of Commission Staff Working Document	4 th Q 2019	October	Publication of Commission Staff Working Document
			September/October	Ministerial meeting of Ministers responsible for EUSDR as a kick-off for the new EUSDR Action Plan

PA1a targets and actions post-2020

1. Waterway and port infrastructure & management

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
<u>WG1</u> Waterway and port infrastructure & management	<u>Target 1</u> <i>To optimally manage and improve navigability conditions as well as landside infrastructure in a harmonized and environmentally sustainable way</i>	<u>Action 1.1</u> Facilitate management of inland waterways in order to provide "Good Navigation Status" and adequate fairway conditions on the Danube and its navigable tributaries
		<u>Action 1.2</u> Foster the application of an integrative approach in the set-up of navigation projects in order to contribute to the achievement of "Good Ecological Status" and "Favourable Conservation Status"
		<u>Action 1.3</u> Contribute to service-oriented constructional infrastructure, aimed at the optimisation of lock operation, as well as the availability and quality of mooring places and bridge clearances where necessary
		<u>Action 1.4</u> Contribute to better multimodal accessibility of inland ports and transshipment sites to other transport modes and their hinterland

2. Business development

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
<u>WG2</u> Business development	<u>Target 2</u> Support transnational initiatives to promote inland waterway transport and business development in order to raise the modal share of inland waterway transport in the Danube Region	<u>Action 2.1</u> Set up regular stakeholder meetings to identify waterway user needs on a continuous basis
		<u>Action 2.2</u> Conduct market analyses to identify promising market segments for Danube navigation
		<u>Action 2.3</u> Contribute to international business-to-business meetings aimed at raising modal share of inland waterway transport

3. Fleet modernisation

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
<u>WG3</u> Fleet modernization	<u>Target 3</u> <i>Develop the Danube fleet in order to become more fuel-efficient and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas and pollutants</i>	<u>Action 3.1</u> Monitor ongoing innovations in greening and fleet modernization technologies
		<u>Action 3.2</u> Contribute to the development of a roll out strategy to support the uptake and practical implementation of innovation and modernization measures in the Danube fleet

4. River Information Services

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
<u>WG4</u> River Information Services	<u>Target 4</u> Implement harmonised River Information Services on the Danube and its navigable tributaries according to European legal provisions and ensure international data exchange	<u>Action 4.1</u> Promote creation and use of service-oriented, timely and intuitive user information on site and online on current and future fairway conditions
		<u>Action 4.2</u> Pursue establishment of enhanced traffic management with the help of improved traffic information
		<u>Action 4.3</u> Support establishment of RIS-based solutions for logistics and transport management purposes

5. Education and jobs

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
<u>WG5</u> Education & Jobs	<u>Target 5</u> <i>Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards for professions in Danube navigation</i>	<u>Action 5.1</u> Support the Danube-wide application of EU Directive 2017/2397 on the recognition of professional qualifications
		<u>Action 5.2</u> Identify measures to increase the availability of nautical personnel
		<u>Action 5.3</u> Spread knowledge on Danube navigation to future decision makers and dispatchers of logistic supply chains

6. Administrative processes

Working Group	Targets post 2020	Actions post 2020
WG6 Administrative processes	<u>Target 6</u> <i>Establish time-efficient, service-oriented and transparent administrative procedures, especially border controls, in the framework of navigation on the Danube and its navigable tributaries</i>	<u>Action 6.1</u> Harmonize and simplify border controls by means of guidance documents and an extended set of standardized control forms
		<u>Action 6.2</u> Support the preparation of new digital tools to improve the efficiency of border controls

Adaptations with relevance for Joint Statement process

Target 1	<i>To optimally manage and improve navigability conditions as well as landside infrastructure in a harmonized and <i>environmentally sustainable</i> way</i>
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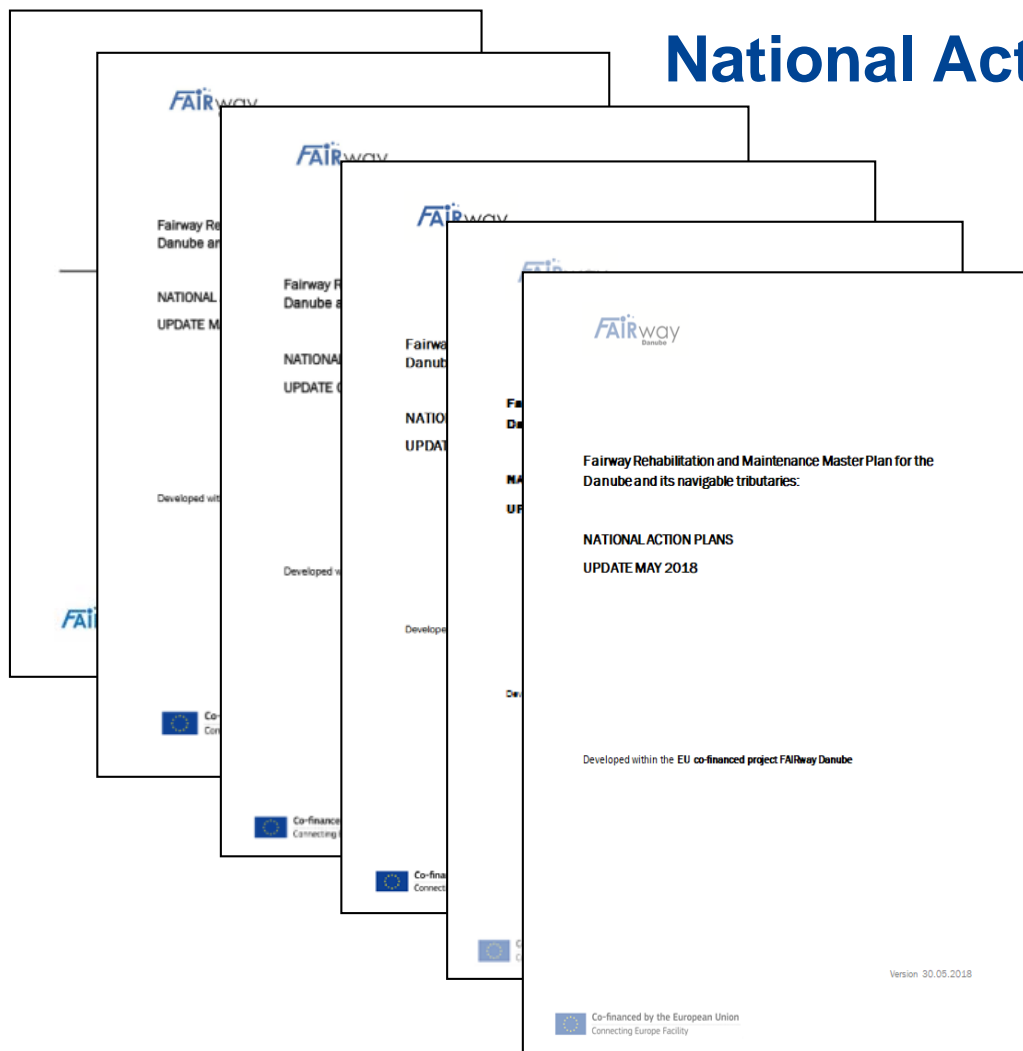
Status of Fairway Rehabilitation & Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries

Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan

- Main objective: establish stable fairway conditions along the entire Danube
- Initiated in April 2014 by Danube Region Strategy (Priority Area 1a)
- Prepared in close cooperation with PA1a, the European Commission and the Danube waterway administrations
- Endorsed in December 2014, June 2016 and December 2018 by the majority of Danube Transport Ministers
- Significant parts being implemented by the FAIRway Danube project (CEF)



National Action Plans



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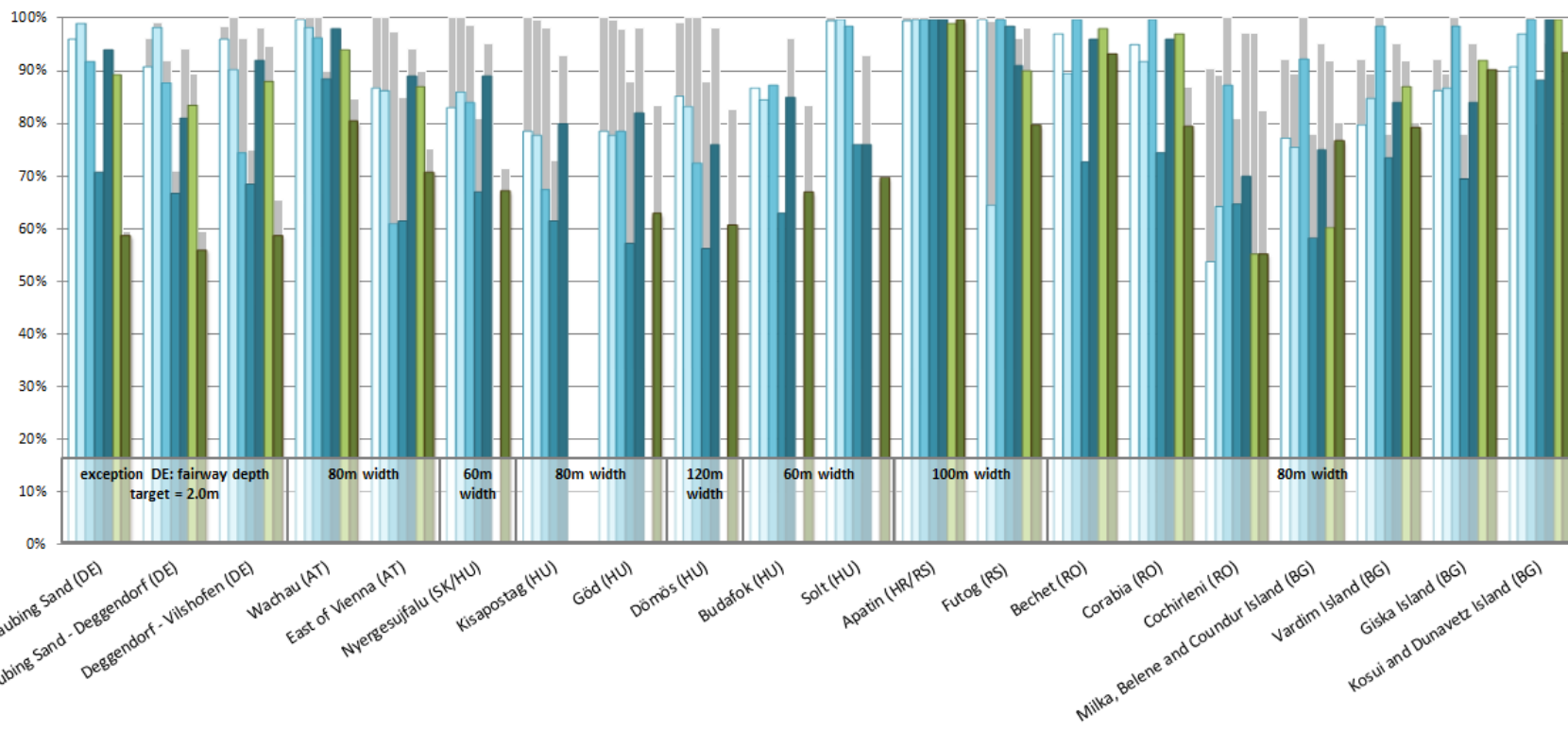
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National Action Plans – Focus on measures

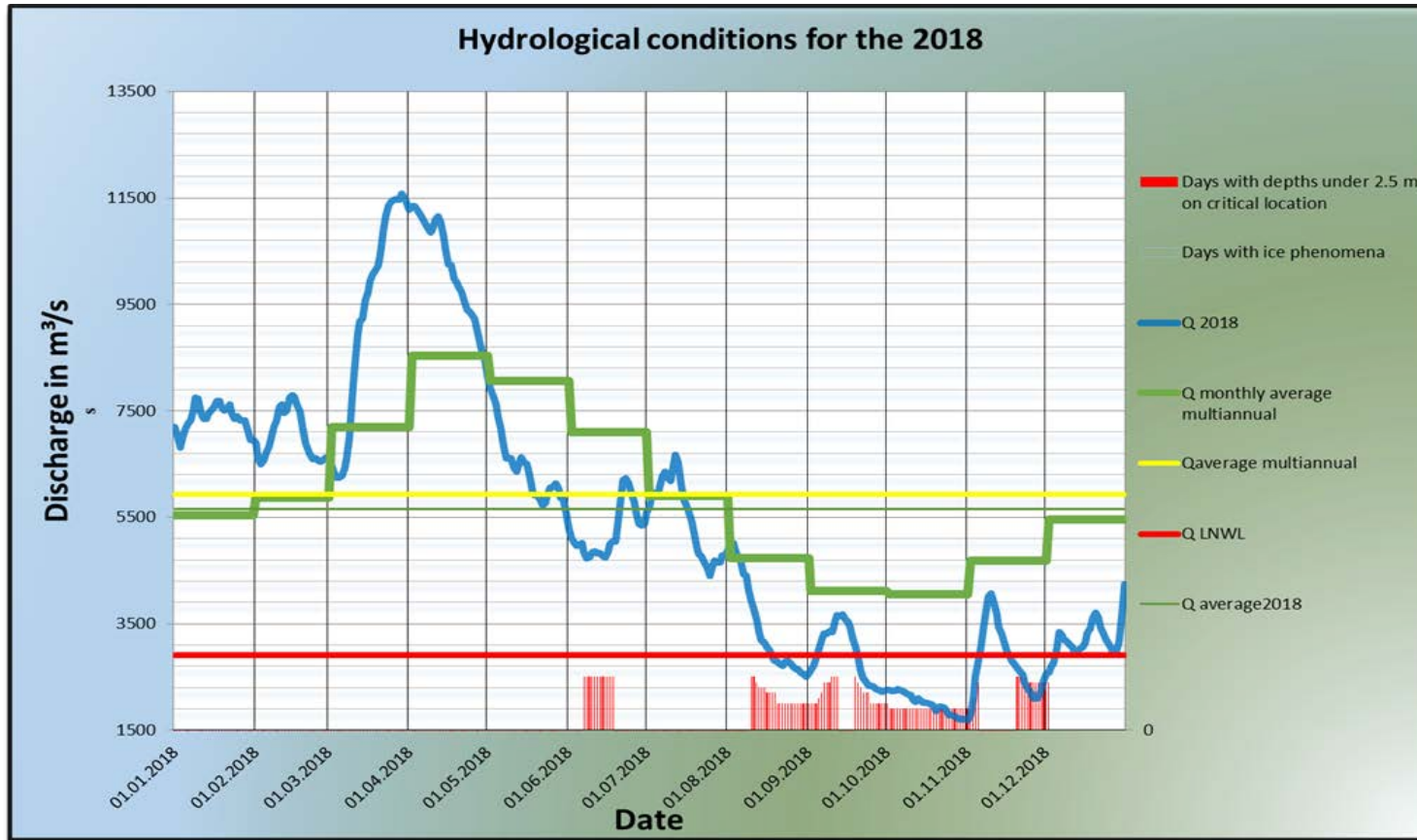
- Fairway realignment and signalisation
- Intensified surveying
- Targeted dredging

Availability of fairway depth at critical sections 2018

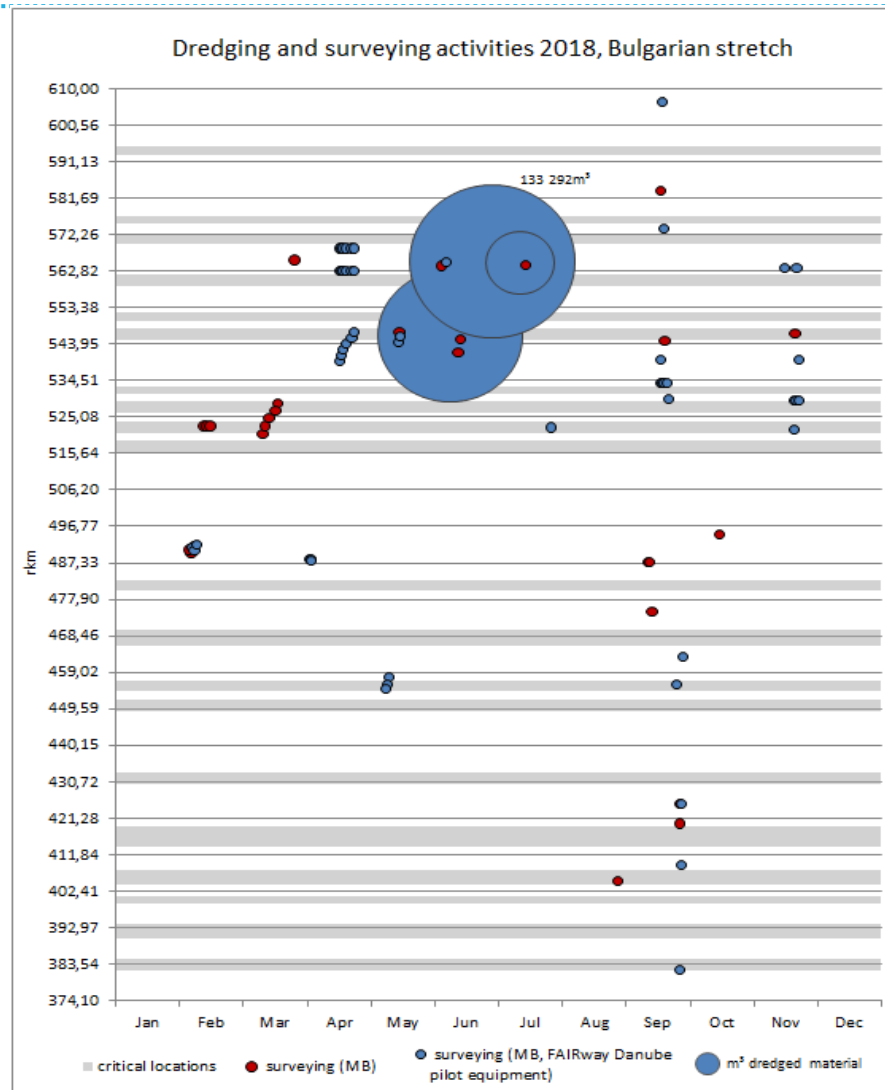
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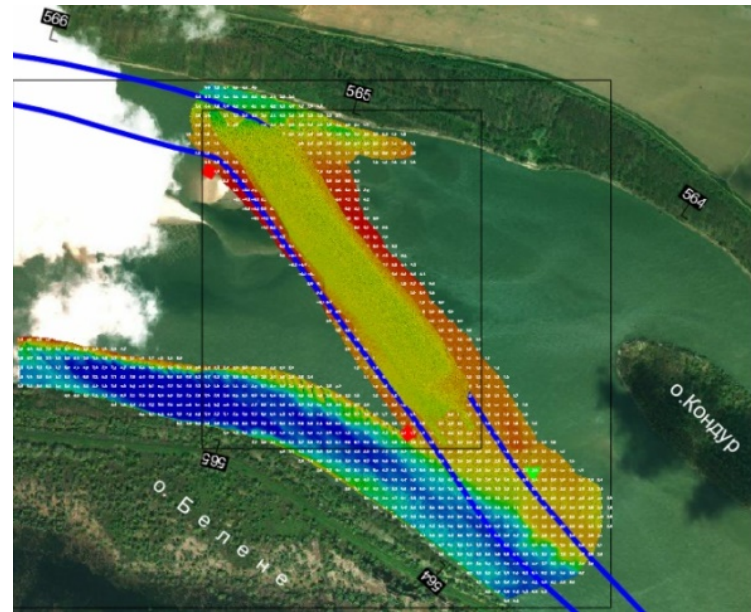
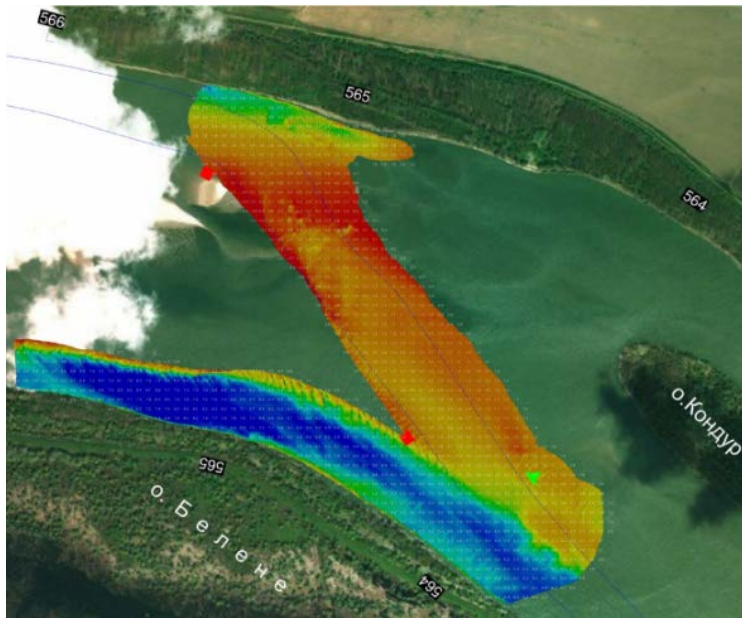
Example: Lower Danube at Svishtov (Bulgaria)



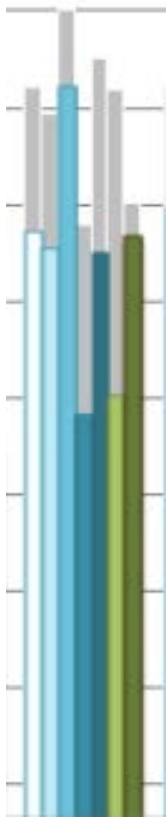
Example: Surveying/dredging Belene area (Bulgaria, km 567)



Example: Surveying Belene area (Bulgaria)



Example: Impacts of surveying/dredging in Belene area (Bulgaria)



Investments and increased activity level show effect:


- Pro-active waterway management
- Timely surveying
- active realignment of fairway
- Targeted dredging

> Maintenance target could almost be reached despite the bad hydrological circumstances

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