



Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team (METEET)

Conclusions and Results from Performed Trainings and the Way Forward

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The **Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team** (METEET) on Integrated Planning of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) Projects provides advice to competent authorities in developing sustainable strategies, plans and projects in the field of inland navigation in the Danube region taking into account European Environmental Legislation from the beginning of the drafting process in order to analyze impacts, constraints and possible mitigation and compensation measures at a very early stage



On METEET

The METEET's work is guided and supervised/managed by a Steering Committee composed of representatives from the DC, ICPDR and the European Commission services (DG MOVE, DG ENV and DG REGIO) as well as the ISRBC as observer.

The activity is financed by the European Commission.

METEET was designated to assist competent inland waterways transport authorities on a voluntary basis.



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Layout of the training is as such:

- Presentations

- Legal background of IWT planning – transport and environment
- Joint Statement and PLATINA Manual
- General approach for integrated planning process
- Examples of projects
- Introduction to stakeholder analysis

- Small group sessions

- Training on stakeholder analysis
- Virtual project – definition of steps, stakeholders,



Performed Trainings in Nutshell



Three trainings performed so far:

- **Vukovar**, Croatia (September 28-29, 2017)
- **Belgrade**, Serbia (June 7-8, 2018)
- **Bratislava**, Slovak Republic (April 16-17, 2019)



Training 1: Vukovar, Croatia

Host: Agency for Inland Waterways

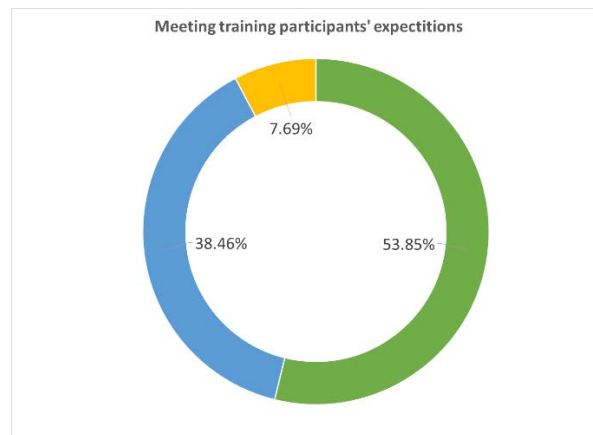
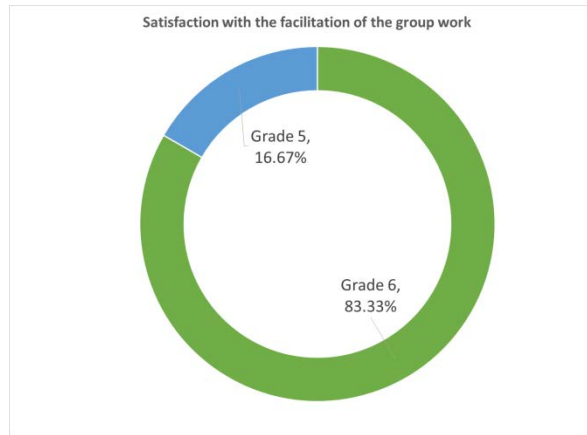
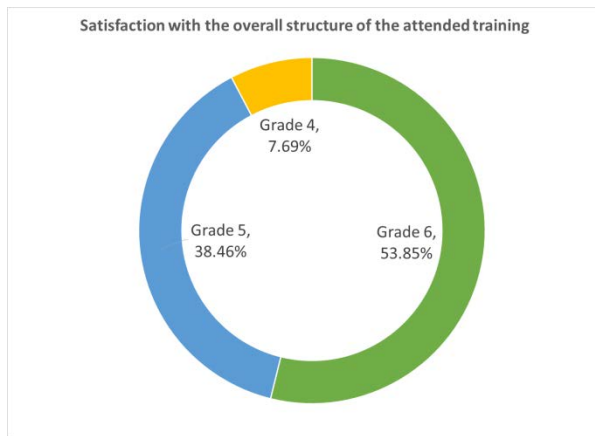
Date: September 28-29, 2017

Participants: 24

Trainers: Jasna Muskatirovic and Alexander Zinke



Evaluation of the Training



Conclusions from Participants

The following **conclusions** can be derived from the participants' evaluation of the first METEET training:

- The overall structure of the training is excellent;
- The content of delivered presentations is matching the needs of trainees;
- Delivered training met the expectations of trainees, but time was limited for the amount of information provided.



Recommendations from Trainers

A few **recommendations** after the first training in Vukovar:

- **timely provision of initial information**, invitations and agenda for the training in order to raise and sustain the interest of targeted institutions of the host country.
- For future trainings, **a good and balanced participation of key sectors** needs to be assured.
- the stipulated cross-sectoral EU policy and infrastructure planning should be matched by a **clear diversity of attending persons from different sectors**.
- ideally 25-30 participants should attend such a workshop.



Training 2: Belgrade, Serbia

Host: MCTI - Directorate for Inland Waterways

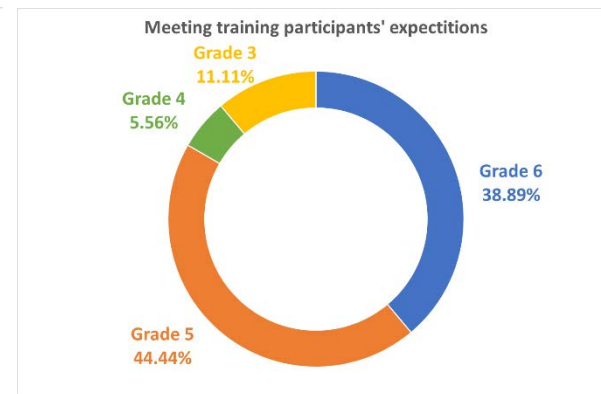
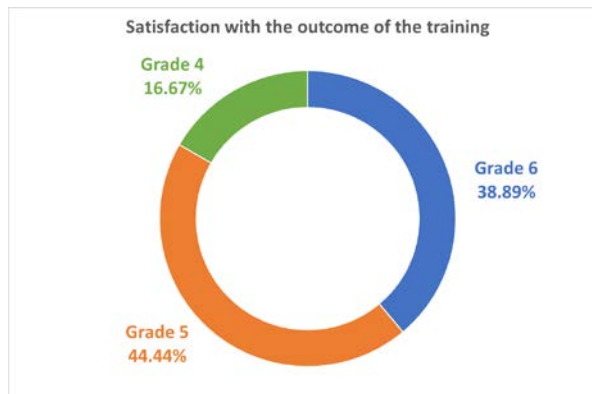
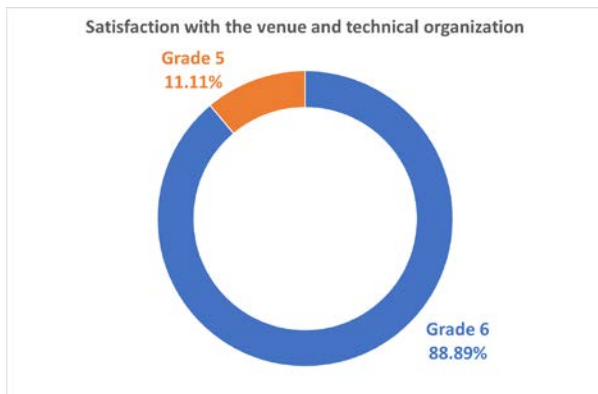
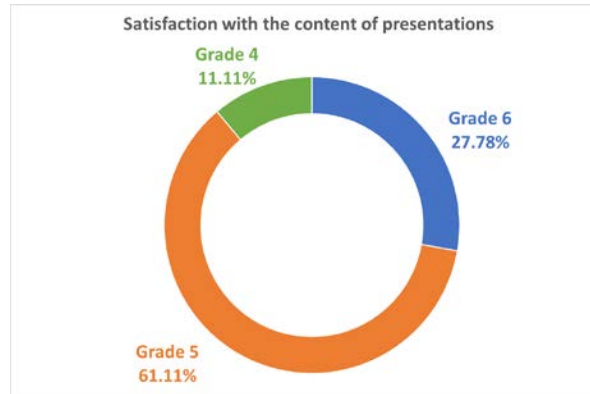
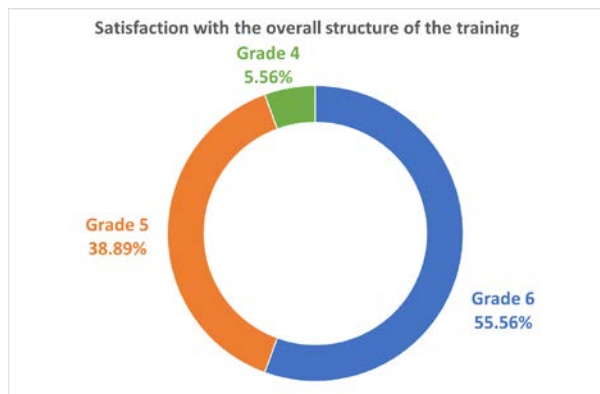
Date: June 7-8, 2018

Participants: 20

Trainers: Jasna Muskatirovic and
Alexander Zinke



Evaluation of the Training



Conclusions from Participants

The following **conclusions** can be derived from the participants' evaluation of the second METEET training:

- The overall structure of the training is excellent
- The content of delivered presentations is matching the needs of trainees
- Interactive character of the training and facilitation function of trainers is excellent, and represents the strong point on which the future METEET activities should build on



Recommendations from Trainers

Few **statements/recommendations** after the Belgrade training, among others are:

- Participation at the training in Belgrade had less than expected participation from environmental sector
- Training/workshop served as an **exchange platform for opinions, feedback and contacts**, with intangible benefits beyond the – equally important – technical capacity building
- A **larger and better balanced participation** needs to be assured in the future



Training 3: Bratislava, Slovakia

Host: Ministry of Transport and Construction of
Slovak Republic

Date: April 16-17, 2019

Participants: 41

Trainers: Jasna Muskatirovic and
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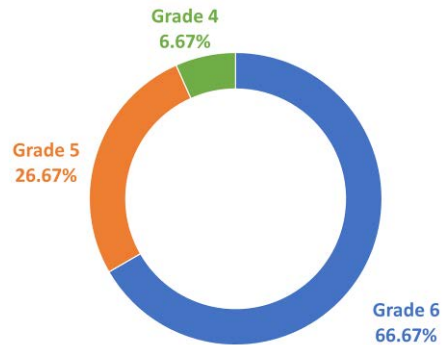
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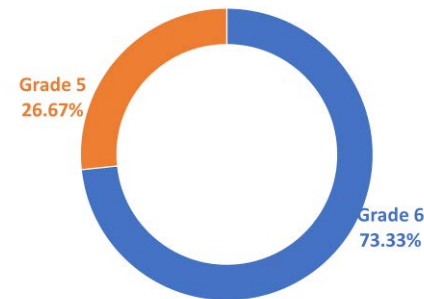


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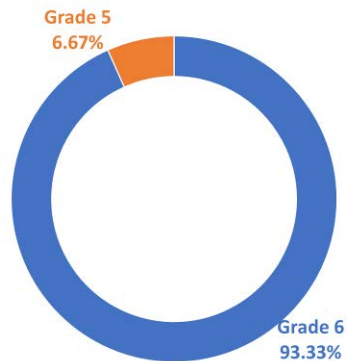
Satisfaction with the overall structure of the training



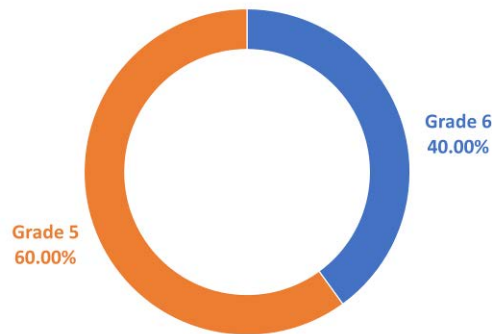
Satisfaction with the content of presentations



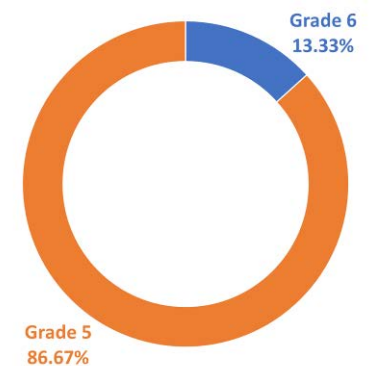
Satisfaction with the venue and technical organization



Satisfaction with the outcome of the training



Meeting training participants' expectations



Conclusions from Participants

The following **statements/conclusions** can be derived from the participants' evaluation of the third METEET training:

- The overall structure of the training is excellent
- The content of delivered presentations is matching the needs of trainees
- Interactive character of the training and facilitation function of trainers is excellent, and represents the strong point on which the future METEET activities could be built on



Recommendations from Trainers

A few **observations/recommendations** after the Bratislava training, among others:

- Participants represented different sectors which gave the opportunity for very truthful and in-depth discussion
- During this training, for the very first time consecutive translations have been used. That gave the opportunity to all participants to take part in the discussion, without language barrier.



Way Forward

- For future trainings, as proven during the Bratislava training, audience of minimum 25-30 participants should continuously attend such a workshop, by a clear diversity of attending persons
- Instead of a virtual project it might be more useful to work on a real case study of the region where the training is performed (and this to be provided in advance to trainers)
- A comprehensive training on stakeholder analysis and management can deliver additional benefit for the participants (assumed diversity of sectors represented)



Way Forward

- Extent of presentations upfront might be reduced to key aspects (not overloading participants with theory) but provided in full extent before or afterwards
- More emphasis should be put on complexity and timing of environmental issues (including content and timing of studies)



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Thank you for your kind attention

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