

Inland Maritime **“*DANUBE – BLACK SEA*” HUB**



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SUMMARY



1. Operational planning (M.A.C.O.)

**2. Organizational planning
(trainings/workshops/meetings)**

3. Strategic planning (priorities and progress)

1. Operational planning

1.1 M.A.C.O. – **Criminality on waterways**

Date/Period : 15th of April – 21st of May 2019

Participants:

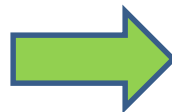
- Transport Police Directorate (GIRP)
- Directorate for Surveillance and Border Control (GIRBP)
- Romanian Naval Authority (RNA).

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Increasing safety and security of the navigation on the Danube river
- Preventing and fight against frauds committed on water transports of passengers & cargo;
- Preventing and fight against illegal migration, illegal work and illegal fishing.

VERIFIED:

- **539 persons;**
- **30 companies;**
- **157 vessels;**
- **232 cars.**



RESULTS:

- ✓ **66 crimes;**
- ✓ **72 fines (17.000 euro);**
- ✓ **Seized:** 5 boats, 9 outboard engines, 24 fishing tools, 15.000 euro in cash.

1. Operational planning



1.2 M.A.C.O. „**CLEAN WATERS 2019**“

Date/Period: 6th - 17th of May 2019 (2 weeks).

"**CLEAN WATERS 2019**" was a ***Multi Agency Control Operation*** organised by the Danube riparian Water Police forces and other related law enforcement agencies, ***during the same period of time***, in order to achieve its **main objectives** and **priorities** on the Danube River

Main objectives:

- following the environmental rules on the Danube river;
- preventing the deliberate *spill of hydrocarbs & diesel fuel* from the vessels in transit on the Danube river;
- other activities that can pollute the Danube river;
- illegal fishing;
- preventing and fight against the naval transport crimes;
- safety and security of public & goods transport on the Danube river.

1. Operational planning

1.2 M.A.C.O. „**CLEAN WATERS 2019**“

Authorities involved at European level:

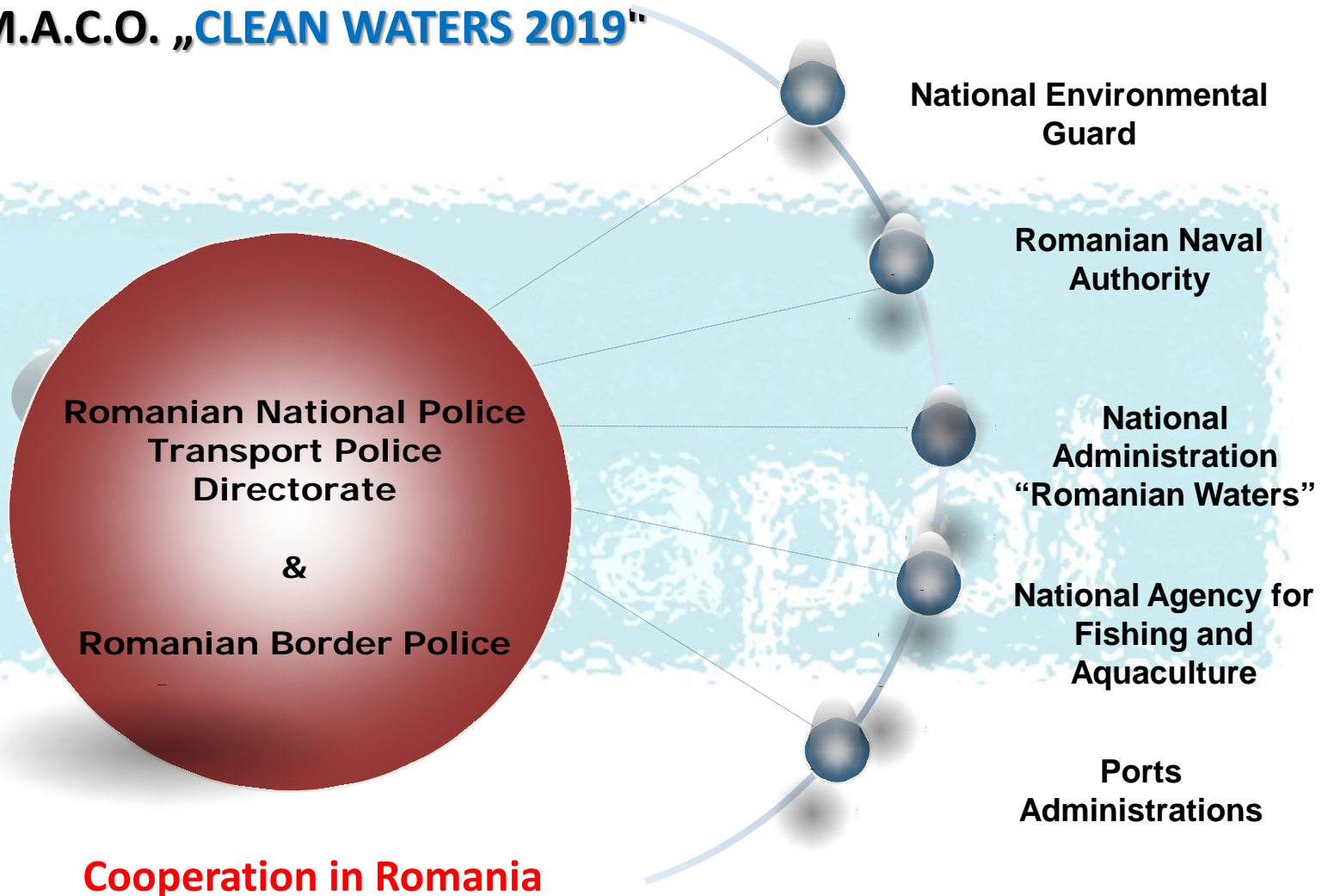
- ✓ General Directorate of Border Police from the Republic of **Bulgaria**
- ✓ General Directorate of Border Police from the Republic of **Croatia**;
- ✓ Danube River Patrol from the Republic of **Hungary**;
- ✓ Bavarian Water Police from **Germany**
- ✓ Water Police from the Republic of **Serbia**



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1. Operational planning

1.2 M.A.C.O. „CLEAN WATERS 2019“



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RESULTS :

ACTS - have been verified :

- 3.974 persons;
- 79 transport companies;
- 653 fishing licenses;
- 598 vessels;



FACTS:

- 138 crimes;
- 180 fines amounting to 25.000 euro;
- seized goods:
 - 11 crafts
 - 9 outboard engines
 - 1 car
 - 92 fishing gear
 - 200 kg. fish
 - 9 tones of diesel fuel
 - 125.000 lei (aprox 27.000 euro)



1. Operational planning

1.3 M.A.C.O. „**SAFE WATERS 2019**”

➤ Period: 15th of July – 15th of September 2019;

OBJECTIVES :

1. Preventing naval incidents/accidents;
2. Preventing and fight against the use of alcohol on board ships;
3. Preventing and fight against illegal fishing;
4. Preventing and fight against illegal migration;
5. Fighting against tax evasion;
6. Verifying the legality of using the workforce;
7. Checking the legality of recreational and waterborne activities;
8. Compliance with the legal regime of the state border.

1. Operational planning

1.3 M.A.C.O. „SAFE WATERS 2019”

RESULTS :

ACTS - have been verified :

- 3.974 persons;
- 219 transport/fishing companies;
- 2.193 fishing licenses;
- 93 nautic companies;
- 1.587 vessels;



FACTS:

- 178 crimes;
- 385 fines amounting to 50.000 euro;
- seized goods:
(around 222.000 Euro)
 - 21 crafts
 - 4 outboard engines
 - 290 fishing gear
 - 1.451 kg. fish
(incl.sturgeons)
 - 14540 cigarettes
 - 945 c.m. of woods
 - 4.061 countefieted goods



1. Operational planning

1.4 The common operation „**PEJOTO**”

The Romanian and Bulgarian police forces carried out a joint operation for the surveillance on the water of a cargo vessel named “PEJOTO”, used for smuggling of 500.000 cigarettes packs (the market value - 1.000.000 euro).

The operation took place during the Danube-Black Sea HUB meeting in Bucharest (10.10.2019), so the information sharing was very fast.

Results:

- *the cargo-ship was seized .*
- *all the cigarettes (10 millions) were confiscated.*
- *4 crew members were retained by the Romanian Police.*
- *very good cooperation between the Romanian Police, the Bulgarian Border Police and the Ukrainian Customs.*

2. Organizational planning



2.1 European Strategy for the Danube River

Date: 27th of March 2019 – E.U.S.D.R. meeting in Tegernsee/DE

Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Hungary representatives attended the meeting organized in Tegernsee/Germany regarding **the EUSDR Priority Areas (PA1a)** and **the control regarding the transport of dangerous goods**.

During the meeting the representative of the Romanian Police launched to the Danube riparian countries *the official invitation* to join in the **"CLEAN WATERS 2019"** *Multi Agency Control Operation* and presented the **main objectives** and **priorities** of the operation.

2. Organizational planning

2.2 Danube Black-Sea HUB meetings:

- Giurgiu/Romania on the 11th of April 2019 (RO, BG, HU - new *member*)
- Bucharest/Romania on the 10th of October 2019 (RO, BG, HU, Croatia – new *observer*)



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2. Organizational planning



2.3 AQUAPOL ACADEMY

- ✓ Fight against environmental criminality in UE seaports and maritime borders (23/09-27/09.2019)
- ✓ Vessels targeting and intelligence (30/09-04/10.2019)



2. Organizational planning



2.4 Seminar “Investigation of vessel accidents”

Period: **25 – 26 of September 2019;**

Experts from the Belgium Maritime Police (also members of AQUAPOL).
The seminar was organized in Romania in order to training of **30 police officers** from the Transport Police forces.

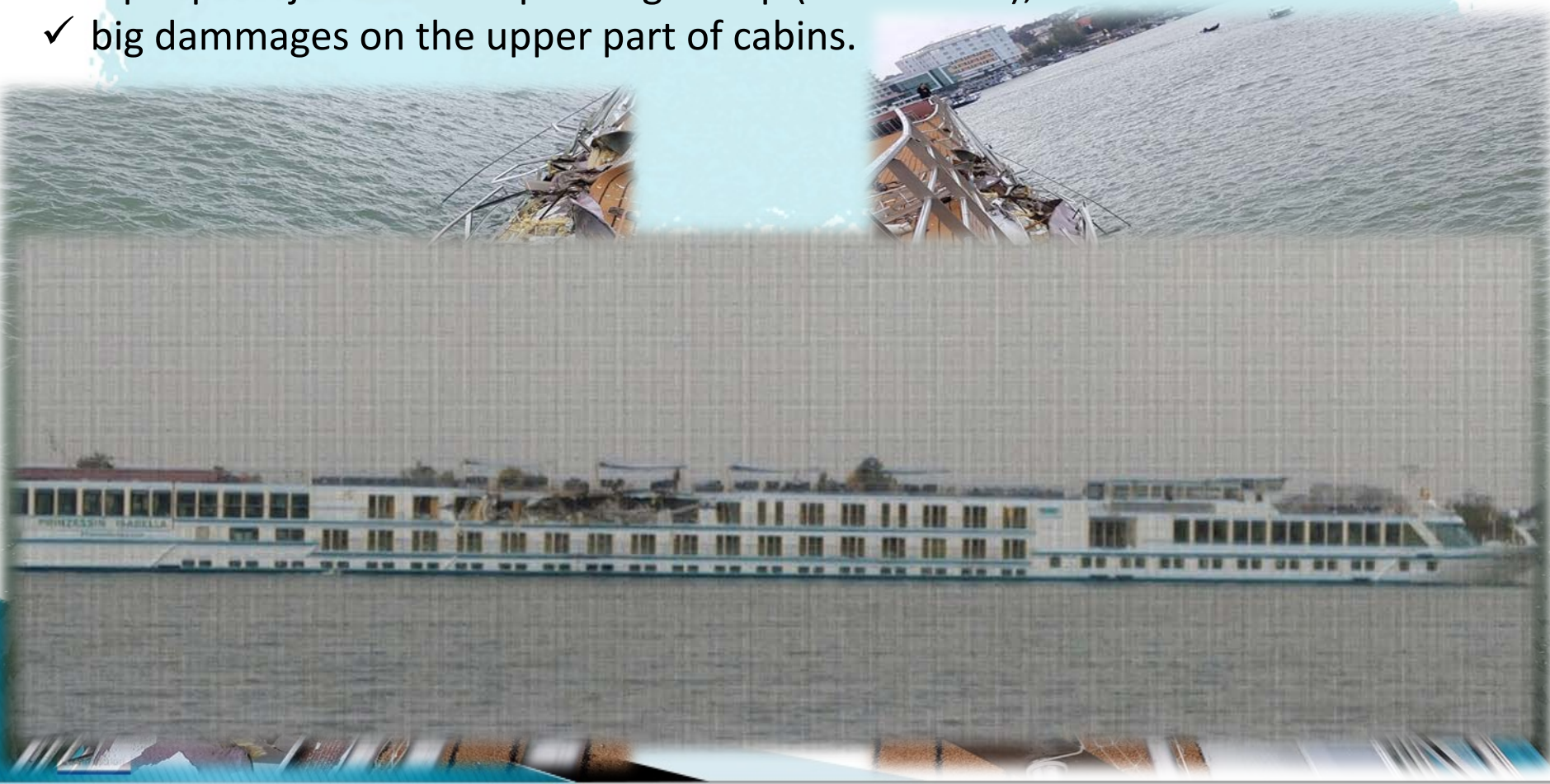


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... only **one week after**, on 05.10.2019, a **naval accident with victims** took place on the Danube (near Tulcea/RO) – a passenger cruise ship was hit by a cargo ship .

- ✓ 4 people injured on the passenger ship (1 died later);
- ✓ big damages on the upper part of cabins.



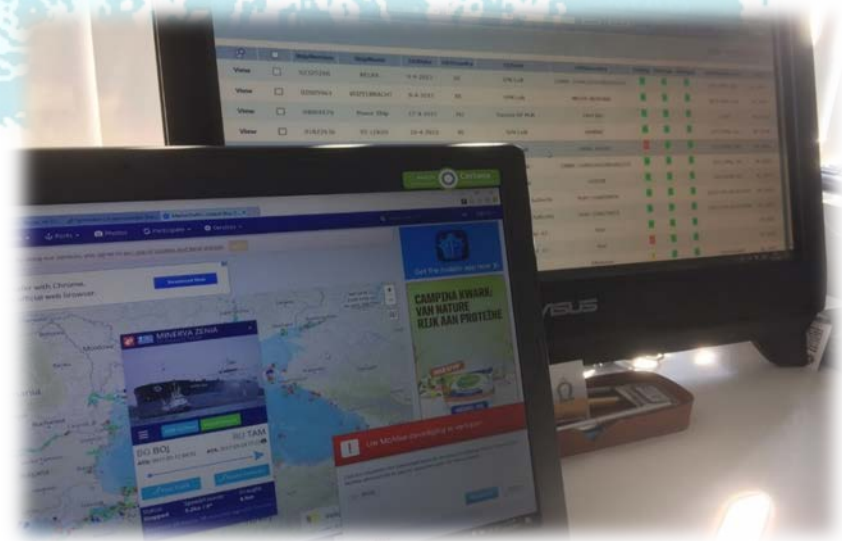
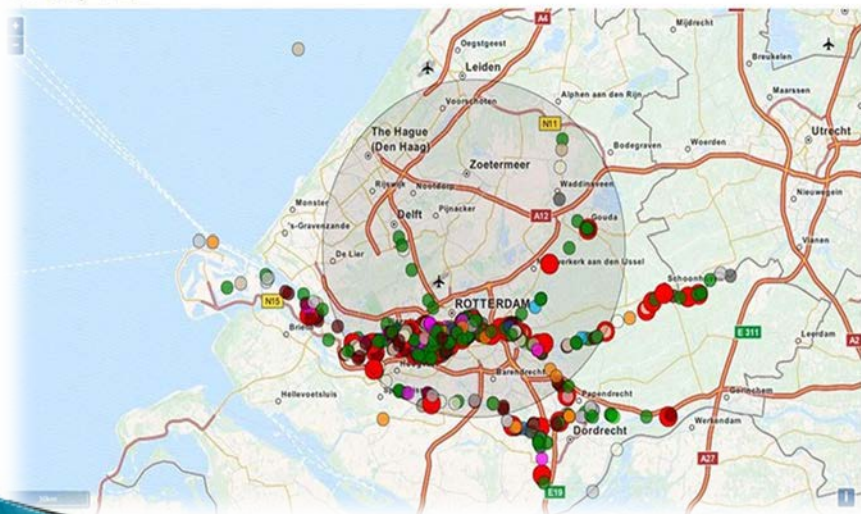
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2.5 AQUATRACK in Romania

- ✓ During 04-08.11.2019 a team of Aquapol Management representatives and IT&C specialists from the DGGN visited Romania (Bucharest and Constanta) in order to establish the technical improvement of the **AQUATRACK system** over the Port of Constanta.
- ✓ The **IBISweb** application was improved by the new French IT management.

Live map view



3. Strategic planning

3.1 HUB priorities in 2020:

- Safety and security of the navigation on the Danube River;
- Preventing and fight against tax evasion;
- Preventing and fight against smuggling of excise goods;
- Preventing and fight against illegal migration;
- Preventing and fight against illegal fishing (incl. sturgeons)
- Cooperation with all riparian Danube countries improvement.



3. Strategic planning



3.2 HUB M.A.C.O.s in 2020

1st M.A.C.O. (April 2020) will aim to: *increase the safety and security of navigation and transport on the Danube, prevent the nautical incidents and accidents, check the legitimacy of companies operating passenger transport on water, fight against illegal employment.*

2nd M.A.C.O. (July – August 2020) will aim to: *increase the navigation safety, control of pleasure boats and water sports activities, prevent and fight against boats and boat engines thefts, tax evasion (excise-free fuels and goods), tobacco and cigarettes smuggling a.s.o.*

3rd M.A.C.O. (November 2020) will aim to: *prevent and fight against tax fraud committed during imports via sea ports, as well as the tax evasion occurring during the course of these commercial activities.*

3. Strategic planning



3.3 “**CLEAN WATERS 2020**” M.A.C.O.

This operation is a „reload” of the one from 2019 (same objectives and priorities).

Period of time: 2 weeks - during May 2020

Authorities who will be invited to re-join (participants in 2019):

- ✓ General Directorate of Border Police from the Republic of **Bulgaria**
- ✓ General Directorate of Border Police from the Republic of **Croatia**;
- ✓ Danube River Patrol from the Republic of **Hungary**;
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We expect new participants from Slovakia, Austria and Ukraine.

3. Strategic planning



3.4 AQUAPOL – Associated Strategic Partner within “*Ready Danube*” Project

The project is developed by the CERONAV (ROU) and it is regarding the *improving preparedness for Inland Waterway Transport accidents and pollution through capacity building and cooperation in the Danube Region.*

The role of **AQUAPOL**:

- reporting at national/international level
- guidelines for development of an environmental emergency centre
- transnational cooperation to improve preparedness for accidents with environmental impact
- validation of transnational strategy
- guidelines for public authorities and civil protection organisations
- transnational validation of cooperation patterns.

Thank you for your attention!

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Questions ?

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