

GRENDEL 2nd Public Consultation on State Aid for the Modernization of the Danube Inland Fleet

FINAL AGENDA

- Date & Time:** 22 January 2010, 10:00 – 15:00
- Venue:** At the premises of Danube Commission,
Benczúr utca 25, 1068 Budapest, Hungary
- Meeting purpose:** To discuss the draft model State Aid Scheme elaborated in the course of the GRENDEL project with stakeholder groups of the project and relevant EC Services in order to gain feedback and guidance for its further implementation.
- Participants:** Vessel operators, representatives from ministries and administrations responsible for inland waterborne transport and the public funding (incl. State Aid Schemes) from Danube countries, GRENDEL project partners & other invited IWT stakeholders, representatives of EC services (DG MOVE, DG COMP, DG REGIO),

09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:15	Welcome & official opening (<i>Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission</i>)
10:15-10:30	Greening the Danube Fleet with regard to EU IWT policy (<i>Hugues Van-Honacker/EC/DG MOVE/Unit D3- Ports and Inland Navigation – via videoconferencing</i>)
10:30-10:45	State of play of the GRENDEL project (<i>Ms Charlotte Siot, PDI</i>)
10:45-11:00	State Aid for Modernizing the Danube Fleet – The legal framework (<i>Daiwa Zukowska/EC/DG COMPETITION/Unit F2- State Aid Transport</i>)
11:00-11:30	Draft Model State Aid Scheme – Proposed measures & conditions (<i>Ms Lucia Karpatyova, PDM</i>)
11:30-11:45	State Aid for Danube fleet as part of National Operational Programs –Example Czech Republic (<i>Vojtech Dabrowski/Ministry of Transport Czech Republic/Deputy Director Inland & Maritime Transport</i>)

11:45-12:30	Lunch Break (<i>buffet lunch at premises</i>)
12:30-13:15	Stakeholder feedback & questions regarding the Draft Model State Aid Scheme <i>Discussion with participants about the investment needs, measures proposed, funding conditions, etc.</i> <i>(Moderation Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission)</i>
13:15–14:00	Exchange of opinions between delegations from Danube States, IWT industry and EC services regarding the implementation of State Aid schemes <i>Experience with State Aid in inland waterborne transport in Danube countries, experience with setting up public support measures, current & future intentions, national mechanisms, integration in operational programs, etc.</i> <i>(Moderation Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission)</i>
14:00-14:30	Coffee Break
14:30-14:45	Next steps to the finalization of the draft model State Aid Scheme <i>(Ms Charlotte Siot & Ms Lucia Karpatyova, PDI)</i>
14:45-15:00	Conclusions and closing of the workshop <i>(Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission)</i>

The participants are required to register to the meeting through the following [registration link](#).