THE DANUBE COMMISSION -
Experts meeting on security in inland water transport (EM SEC)
February 17th, 2021
SUMMARY

1. Operational planning (M.A.C.O. - Multi-Agency Control Operation)

2. Organizational planning (trainings/workshops/meetings)

3. Strategic planning (priorities and progress)
1.1. M.A.C.O. „CLEAN WATERS 2020"

Date/Period: 12\textsuperscript{th} – 25\textsuperscript{th} of October 2020 (2 weeks).

"CLEAN WATERS 2020" was a \textit{Multi Agency Control Operation}, organised within the Danube riparian countries, \textit{during the same period of time}, in order to achieve its \textbf{main objectives} and \textbf{priorities} along the Danube River.

\textbf{Main objectives / priorities:}
- following the environmental rules on the Danube river;
- preventing the deliberate \textit{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.

This operation should be carried on during May 2020, but, because of the CoViD-19 evolution across Europe, we had to \textbf{postpone} it for October.
M.A.C.O. „CLEAN WATERS 2020“

Countries involved:

✓ **Bulgaria** - General Directorate of Border Police, Executive Agency Maritime Administration, Custom Agency

✓ **Croatia** - General Directorate of Border Police;

✓ **Hungary** - Danube River Patrol;

✓ **Austria** - Water Police Inspectorate;

✓ **Serbia** - Water Police of Public Order Directorate.

✓ **Romania** - Transport Police, Border Police, National Guard of Environment, Romanian Naval Authority
Authorities involved in Romania:

- Romanian National Police Transport Police Directorate
- Romanian Naval Authority
- Romanian Border Police
- National Environmental Guard
- Ports Administrations
- National Administration “Romanian Waters”
- National Agency for Fishing and Aquaculture
- Labour Inspectorate
M.A.C.O. „CLEAN WATERS 2020"

ACTS & FACTS

**ACTS** - have been verified:
- More than 8.000 people;
- 2239 vessels;
- 1401 cars;
- 58 companies

**FACTS:**
- 122 crimes;
- 229 fines amounting to 30.000 euro;
- *seized goods:*
  - 3 vessels, 12 crafts, 7 outboard engines, 2 cars;
  - 69 fishing gear
  - 2 containers with counterfited goods
  - 405 kg of fish
  - 3,889g metamfetamine
  - 2,338g marijuana
  - 3 migrants
  - 5 people arrested
OBJECTIVES:

1. Preventing events / naval 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.

PARTICIPANTS:
- Bulgaria: Border Police General Directorate;
- Hungary: Danube River Patrol;
- Croatia: Border Police Directorate;
- Romania: Transport Police Directorate, Border Police and Romanian Naval Authority.
M.A.C.O. “SAFE WATERS 2020”

**ACTS & FACTS**

**ACTS - have been verified:**
- 3,651 people;
- 1,080 vessels;
- 2,765 cars;
- 22 companies

**FACTS:**
- 31 crimes;
- 122 fines amounting to 20,000 euro;
- **seized goods:** (around 25,000 Euro)
  - 1 vessel, 3 crafts, 3 outboard engines;
  - 23 fishing gear
  - 4,000 cigarettes
  - 1 tone diesel fuel
1.3. National „SAFE WATERS 2020“
01st of July – 31st of August

ACTS & FACTS

**ACTS - have been verified:**
- 4976 people;
- 1,761 vessels;
- 180 companies;
- 114 nautical pleasure companies;
- 2,274 fishing licenses;

**FACTS:**
- 205 crime;
- 574 fines amounting to 80,000 euro;
- **seized goods:** (around 200,000 Euro)
  - 17 crafts, 14 outboard engines;
  - 119 fishing gear
  - 18,000 cigarettes
  - 3 tones diesel fuel
  - 100 mc wood a.s.o.
At the end of March we organized the 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting of the AQUAPOL „Danube – Black Sea” HUB (scheduled on the 02\textsuperscript{nd} of Aprilie), but, because of the COVID-19 evolution across Europe, all national authorities decided to limit the international professional travelling.

For this reason, we had to postpone this meeting for the 8\textsuperscript{th} of October and the second one for the 5\textsuperscript{th} of November, 2020 (both online - meetings).
3.1. HUB PRIORITIES for 2021:

- Safety and security of the navigation on the Danube River;
- Prevent and fight against tax evasion;
- Prevent and fight against smuggling of excise goods;
- Illegal migration;
- Illegal fishing;
- Prevent and fight against environmental crimes.
3.2. M.A.C.O.s planned for 2021

Within the AQUAPOL „Danube – Black – Sea HUB” we planned together with our partners, 3 M.A.C.O. activities:

1st M.A.C.O. „WaterSEC 2021“ in April will aim to: increase the safety and security of navigation and transport on the Danube;

2nd M.A.C.O. „Safe Waters 2021“ during July – August will aim to: increase the navigation safety, control of pleasure boats and water sports activities, tax evasion, smuggling a. s. o.;

3rd M.A.C.O. „CLEAN WATERS 2021“ - will be carried out on September.
Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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