

“Danube – Black Sea” HUB

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

- 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: 12th – 25th of October 2020 (2 weeks).

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

Main objectives / priorities:

- 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.

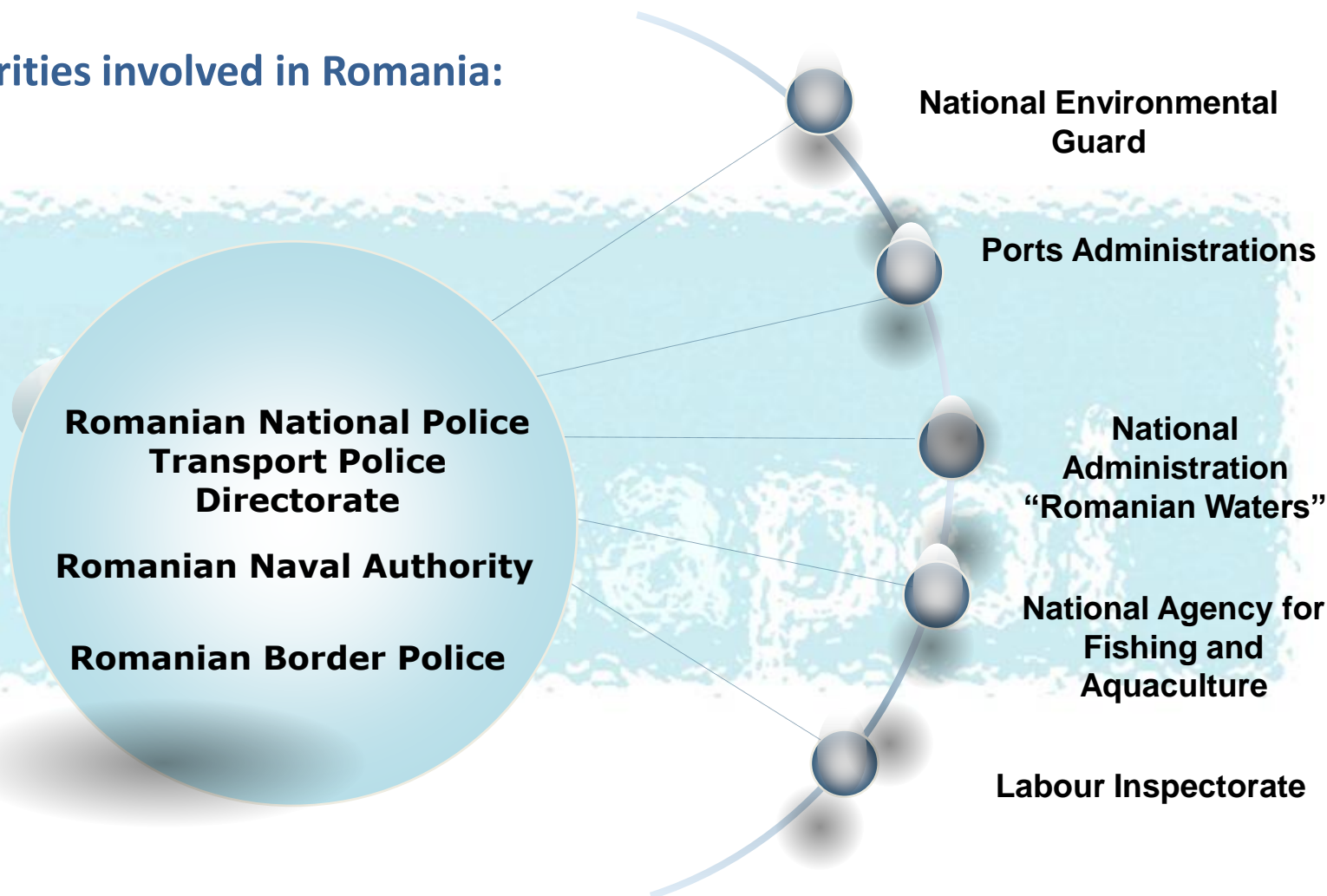
This operation should be carried on during May 2020, but, because of the CoViD-19 evolution across Europe, we had to postpone it for October.

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:



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 arested

1.2. M.A.C.O. „SAFE WATERS 2020"



Date/Period : **03rd – 09th of August, 2020**

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.

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.

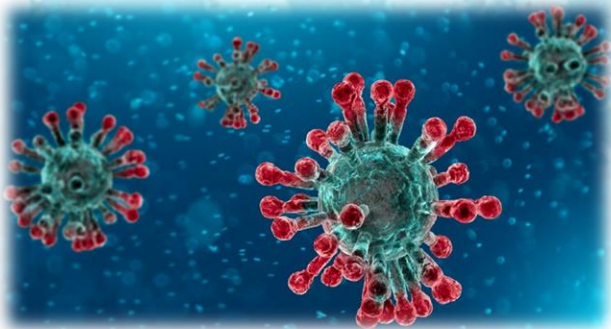


2. DBS HUB meetings



At the end of March we organized the 1st meeting of the AQUAPOL „Danube – Black Sea” HUB (scheduled on the **02nd of Aprilie**), but, because of the COVID-19 evolution accross Europe, all national authorities decided to **limit the international professional travelling**.

For this reason, we had to **postpone** this meeting for **the 8th of October** and the second one for **the 5th of November, 2020** (both online - meetings).



3. STRATEGIC PLANNING

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.**



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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 on September.

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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