



*Annex 1 to DC 206 /IX-2021*

**DANUBE COMMISSION**  
**Meeting of Experts for development**  
**of ports and port operations**  
**30 September 2021**

**EG PORTS/SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PRELIMINARY DETAILED AGENDA**

<b>08:30</b>	<i>(Virtual) Check-in &amp; Connectivity tests</i>	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Welcome and opening of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of chairpersons</li> <li>• Approval of agenda &amp; timeline</li> </ul>	<i>Manfred Seitz, DC Secretariat</i>
<b>09:20</b>	<b>1. Organisational matters of the expert group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives, working methods, delimitations, networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Chairperson Manfred Seitz &amp; Déjan Trifunovic, DC Secretariat</i>
<b>09:45</b>	<b>2. Strategic issues of the development of the Danube ports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European and national port policy</li> <li>• Infrastructure development and impact of climate change</li> <li>• Issues of infrastructure quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of discussion paper for topic 2 by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Keynote speeches and presentations</li> <li>- Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Chairperson Manfred Seitz &amp; Déjan Trifunovic, DC Secretariat</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Inland Waterway Transport Action Plan NAIADES III – What does this mean for Danube Ports?</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Port infrastructure development in the RD Core network corridor – Update based on RD Corridor Development Plan</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Connecting Europe Facility 2 - Opening of First Call for proposals - What's in for Ports?</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Platina3 and its relevance for ports</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Expected outcome from the Interreg/DTP project DIONYSUS</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Activities of the Danube Ports Network (DPN)</a></li> </ul>	<i>Daniela Rosca/EC/DG MOVE/Head of Unit D3</i>  <i>Sasa Jovanovic, Senior Expert/iC-Consulenten, RD Corridor Study Team</i>  <i>Barbara Bernardi/EC/CINEA, Senior Program Officer</i>  <i>Martin Quispel, Project Coordinator, EICB</i>  <i>Silviu Meterna, Pro Danube Romania, Project Coordinator;</i>  <i>Robert Rafael, Managing Director Pro Danube Management</i>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

<b>12:45</b>	<b>3. Implementation of climate goals and contribution to the energy transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emission reduction and zero emission perspective</li> <li>• Danube ports as centres for production &amp; distribution of green energy and alternative fuels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of discussion paper for topic 3 by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Invited speakers with presentations</li> <li>- Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Chairperson</i> <i>Manfred Seitz &amp; Déjan Trifunovic, DC Secretariat</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Fit for 55: What does this mean for European Inland Ports and how can it be achieved?</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Green Ports - Good Practices from European seaports</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Ports as centres for green energy production and distribution</a></li> </ul>	<i>Turi Fiorito, General Secretary, European Federation of Inland Ports</i> <i>Caroline Price, Green Ports Director, Royal HaskoningDHV</i> <i>Armin Fürderer, Director Hydrogen Solutions, Rolls-Royce Solutions GmbH</i>
<b>14:15</b>	<b>4. Digitalisation and integration of transport modes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port management systems</li> <li>• Integration in RIS Corridor Management and modal integration</li> <li>• Cybersecurity issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of discussion paper for topic 4 by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Invited speakers with presentations</li> <li>- Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Chairperson</i> <i>Manfred Seitz &amp; Déjan Trifunovic, DC Secretariat</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Status of RIS Corridor Management and potential integration of ports</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Follow-up project to RIS COMEX and potential parallel project for a chain of port community systems in CEF 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Call - Discussion</a></li> </ul>	<i>Mario Kaufmann, Project Coordinator RIS COMEX, via donau</i> <i>Mario Kaufmann and Manfred Seitz</i>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	

<b>15:45</b>	<b>5. Legal and organisational issues of transnational interest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port legal framework and port management governance model</li> <li>• Reduction of administrative barriers</li> <li>• Human resources, education and training</li> <li>• Collection of port fees and charges</li> <li>• Statistical issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the scope of topic 5 by the Secretariat</li> <li>- Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Chairperson Manfred Seitz &amp; Déjan Trifunovic, DC Secretariat</i>
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Other issues</b>	<i>Chairperson</i>
<b>16:45</b>	<b>Next Steps &amp; Closure of the meeting</b>	<i>Manfred Seitz, Chairperson</i>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>End of the meeting</b>	

**Short guidelines for the online meeting (for details see invitation letter)**

***Preparation of the meeting***

- 1) Please register to the meeting **no later than 20 September 2021** following: <https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/events/experts-meeting-on-development-of-ports-and-port-operations-em-ports-30-september-2021/>
- 2) After your registration we will send you the link for the meeting as well as for the planned test session in due time.
- 3) PowerPoint presentations should reach DC Secretariat **by 23 September 2021 at latest**.

***Conduct of the meeting***

- 1) The meeting will be organised using Interactio.
- 2) The meeting will be held in English with translation services for German, French and Russian
- 3) The meeting will be audio recorded. The sole purpose of this recording is to facilitate the drafting of the minutes of the meeting.
- 4) Participants are invited to log in as soon as 08:30 in order to effectively start the meeting at 09:00.
- 5) A test session scheduled a few days before the meeting will allow to familiarize with the Interactio platform. The link for the test session will be provided together with the event link. It is strongly recommended that the speakers and presenters use this opportunity. All other participants are cordially invited to test their audio and video settings as well in order to ensure a smoothly running meeting.

*Any inquiry related to the meeting should be addressed to DC Secretariat, Déjan Trifunovic [dejan.trifunovic@danubecommission.org](mailto:dejan.trifunovic@danubecommission.org)*