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14th Meeting on the Follow-up of the Joint Statement of Guiding Principles of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin -Activity report of METEET-

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Activity report METEET 2021

Verbal summary of the METEET- Workshop on the Climate Resilience of Inland
Waterways and Ports-online-6 June 2023

<https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/2023/06/08/meteet-workshop-on-the-climate-resilience-of-inland-waterways-and-ports-was-held-on-6-june-2023/>



Status of METEET and its future

- The ninth METEET workshops/webinars held so far in seven countries during the period 2017-2023;
- The aim of the workshops was to raise awareness of the EU environmental legislation that applies to navigation projects and to identify the key factors for creating win-win solutions for rivers ecosystems and inland navigation;
- Financial support provided by EC/DG MOVE via Grant Agreement I-III with Danube Commission;
- The METEET project is managed by a Steering Committee (SC) composed of representatives from the Danube Commission, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), and the European Commission representatives (DG MOVE, DG ENVIRONMENT and DG REGIO), as well as the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) as the observer.
- So far, as a result, we have over 300 experts who have passed through this program.
- On 16 March 2021, the European Commission (DG MOVE, DG ENV and INEA/now CINEA) and the Danube Commission in cooperation with other stakeholders, organized the online METEET workshop on environmental legislation requirements and inland waterway navigation projects. The workshop was attended by 138 experts from 18 European countries and a large number of institutions;



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- On 6 June 2023, the European Commission (DG MOVE) and the Danube Commission (DC) in cooperation with other stakeholders, organized the online METEET workshop on the climate resilience of inland waterways and ports. The topic for discussion was “A new instrument: Technical guidance on climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027, Commission Notice C(2021) 5430”;
- The workshop was attended by about 125 participants from different Danube River Basin countries, representing a large number of institutions (mostly river waterways and canal administrations, as well as port administrations);
- Steering Committee started discussion on options for continuation of METEET in its 2021 SC meetings and in February 2022 as well as in April 2023 – main issues discussed:
 - Modification of training (content and pedagogic concept) and continuation of workshops in Danube region
 - Extension of modified concept to other European waterway regions
 - Stronger involvement of environmental authorities
 - Alignment with technical assistance instruments for waterway administrations
- This is followed by a discussion on the next steps of the METEET process in the period 2023-2027 as a capacity building tool, in particular for the future improvement of staff capacities in the river administrations along the Danube. However, no decisions have been taken yet (the next SC METEET meeting is scheduled for the end of September 2023).



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Feedback & Discussion

- Feedback and questions of the JS stakeholders
- Discussion regarding future activities under JS and METEET

Thank you for your
attention!

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