

“Linking Türkiye by Danube” – Danube transport promotion event

Date & Time:	6 June, 2024, 09:30 – 14:30
Meeting venue	Yunus Emre Institute - Budapest Turkish Cultural Centre Andrássy út 62, 1062 Budapest

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and introduction by the host and the promoters of the event <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E Ms Ambassador Gülşen Karanis Ekşioğlu, Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Hungary• Manfred Seitz, General Director Secretariat of the Danube Commission
09:45 – 11:00	Improving transport relations of Danube region - Türkiye and making better use of the Danube waterway (Keynote speeches and statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Akın Ak, Head of Department of the Logistics and Transportation Services, Ministry of Trade of Türkiye• Mr. Hıdır İlyas Karabıyık, Maritime Affairs Specialist, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Türkiye• Mr. Herald Ruijters, Deputy Director-General EC/DG MOVE - tbc• Mr. Mihai Teodorescu, General Manager, Constanta Port Administration• Mr. Dirk Pergoot, General Director, Bulgarian Port Infrastructure Company• Mr. Herfried Leitner, Chairman Pro Danube International
11:00- 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Business perspective (Presentations, panel discussion, business pitches) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constanta as logistics gateway for Danube – Türkiye cargo flows /<ul style="list-style-type: none">- DP World Constanta – Mr. Cosmin Carstea (CEO) & Mr. Alexandru Craciun (Head of Governmental Affairs)- SEALINES RORO Services Constanta – Karasu – Mr. Joe Lindblom (CEO) - tbc• “How Türkiye and the Danube region can become better connected in a sustainable way” - International Transporters Association of Türkiye (UND), Mr. Alper Özel, Chairman of the Executive Committee”-tbc

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of UTIKAD – International Transport and Logistics Service Producer Association- tbc • Hungary as origin and destination of cargo flows (Key service providers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EKOL Logistics Hungary – Mr. Ákos Kovács (CEO) - GYSEV Cargo – Mr. Péter Kontor (Sales Manager) - Representatives of Hungarian / Turkish business community • Business pitches of transport and logistics companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport Trade Services – Mr. Razvan Banica (Sales Manager) - Grampet Group – Mr. Sorin Chinde (Vice-President) - Shipping Container Services Constanta – Mr. Daniel Girleanu (CEO) - DDSG-Mahart - Mr. Balász Hlavacska (Managing Director & Sales Manager) - Rhenus Donauhafen Krems - Mr. Gerhard Gussmagg (Managing Director)
13:00	Buffet lunch
13:00 – 14:30	Business-to-Business Networking

Objective of the event:

- To promote the use of the Danube waterway and the Danube ports for cargo flows between the Danube region and Türkiye;
- To provide a platform for future targeted cooperation of Danube-IWT stakeholders with Turkish companies with the purpose to facilitate Danube cargo transportation;
- To facilitate successful Danube transport & logistics operations and consequently to create good practices within the community of companies in Hungary and neighbouring countries having cargo flows to and from Türkiye;
- To promote existing and emerging services connecting Danube seaports with seaports in Türkiye;
- To promote new maritime services (Motorways of the Sea) between EU and Türkiye

Rationale:

- The Danube waterway can significantly contribute to improve the environmental performance of the transport system of the Danube region and can offer cost-effective solutions for many industries located in the region;
- There is a significant flow of cargo between the Danube region and Türkiye which predominately uses truck transportation;
- There are insufficient logistics services which connect the Danube region with Türkiye using Danube waterway transportation as well as services of Danube river and seaports;
- There are currently a few projects in the pipeline which are preparing to set up logistics services from Danube seaports to destinations with Türkiye;
- Forthcoming services and business opportunities shall be promoted in the business community of Turkish and Central European entrepreneurs;

Promoters of the event:

- Secretariat of the Danube Commission
- Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Budapest