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Updates on DC's activities in the field of the security of navigation on the Danube

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RECOMMENDATIONS
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➔ First European-scale **security** paper for inland navigation

➔ **Annex 1** (List of competent authorities)

➔ Available on the DC website in German, French, Russian,
and English: <https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/extranet/e-library/>

- An updated version of the Recommendations for ensuring the security of navigation on the Danube (doc. DK/TAG 97/8) was adopted by the Decision of the 97th session (doc. DK/TAG 97/9) of 15 June 2022 - recommended for implementation by the Danube Commission Member States as from 15 June 2022.

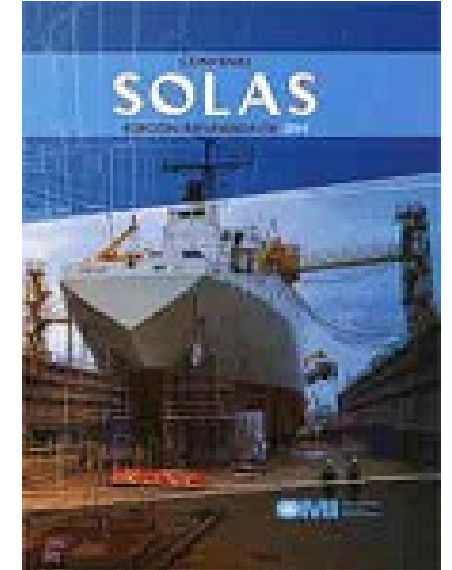


BACKGROUND

- DC Recommendations DK/TAG 83/15 (the first edition)
- Proposals by the competent authorities of the DC Member States and other stakeholders identified in the Preamble to DC Rec.
- International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974: International Code for the security of ships and of port facilities (ISPS-Code)

OBJECTIVE

- to establish **Guidelines** taking measures preventing consequences of:
 - **breach of security of vessels and of port facilities**
 - **illegal actions** against vessel crews navigating on the Danube





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TASKS

- ON BOARD A VESSEL
- SHIPPING COMPANIES
- PORTS

assessment of **potential threats**

cooperation of the DC Member States

officials responsible for security

security plans for vessels and port facilities

operating procedure for crew in case of security incident

special education and training for crews

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WORKING PLATFORM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR IWT (SIWT SYSTEM)

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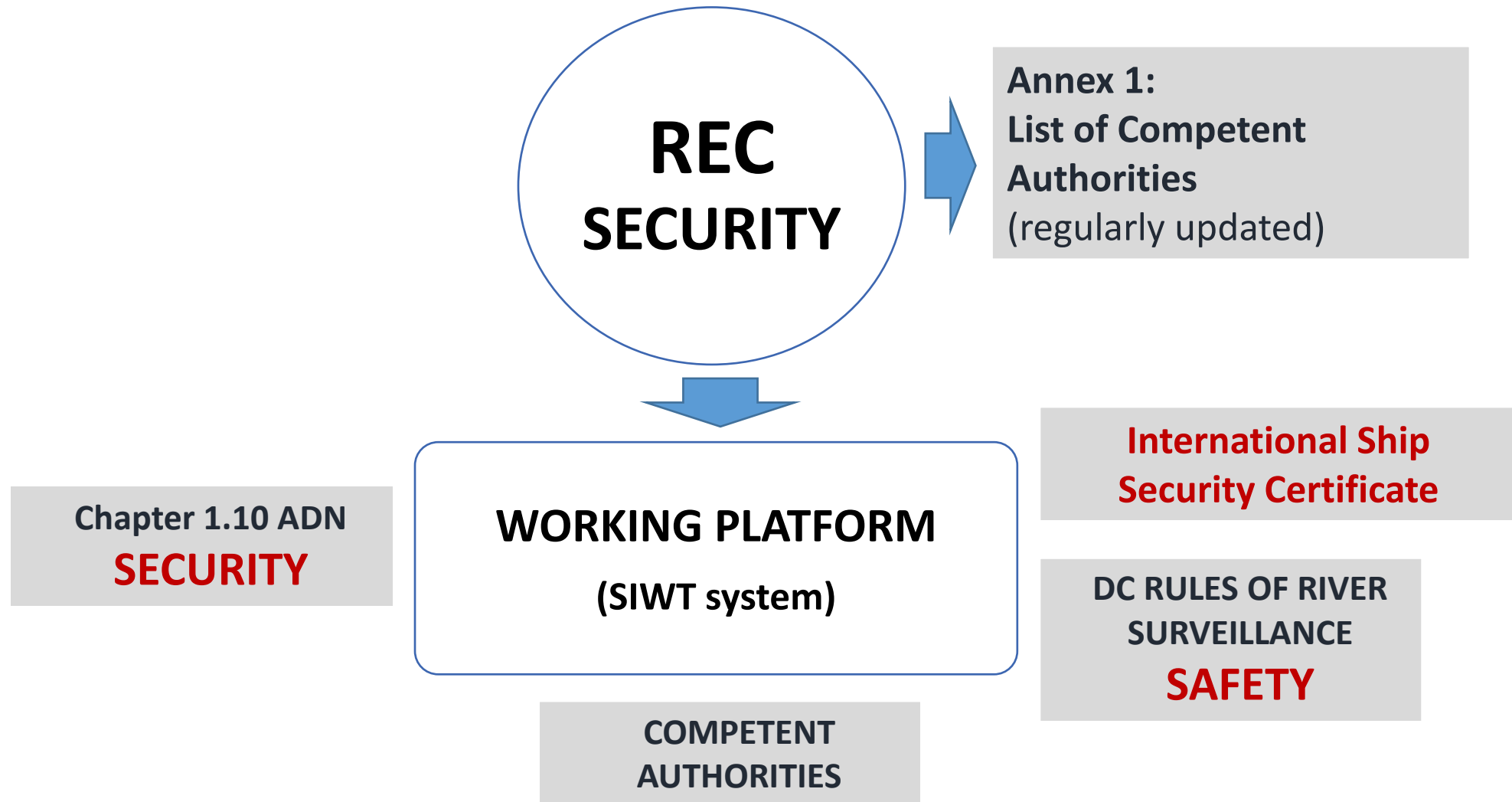
- to ensure **coordinated and effective protection of IWT**, involving:
 - DG MOVE
 - PA 11 EUSDR
 - AQUAPOL and other relevant stakeholders
- to create a **harmonized system** for common security

BASIS

- scheme of **coordinated actions** of competent authorities
- principle of **personal responsibility**

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- DC Recommendations for ensuring the security of navigation on the Danube (**security**)
- Chapter 1.10 ADN (**security**)
- DC Rules of river surveillance (RS) on the Danube: Information notices issued by RS bodies (**safety**)





Country	Competent authority (name, address, telephone, email, website)
Germany	<p>Polizeipräsidium Niederbayern Einsatzzentrale (Lower Bavaria police headquarters operations centre) Wittelsbacher Höhe 9-11 94315 Straubing tel.: 0049 9421/868-0 From river-km 2201.750 (national border) left bank and from river-km 2223.210 left and right bank to river-km 2345.480</p> <p>Polizeipräsidium Oberpfalz Einsatzzentrale (Upper Palatinate police headquarters operations centre) Bajuwarenstraße 2c 93053 Regensburg Tel.: 0049 941/506-0 From river-km 2345.480 to river-km 2414.72</p>
Austria	<p>Bundesministerium für Inneres Generaldirektion für die öffentliche Sicherheit Bundespolizeidirektion Referat II/BPD/7/c – Wasserpolizei Wien, Herrngasse 7 E-Mail: BMI-II-BPD-7-c@bmi.gv.at (Anmerkung zu „...“: Da im November 2024 eine Übersiedelung und personelle Erweiterung des/im Referat/s II/BPD/7/c geplant ist, wird die neue Adresse/Telefonnummer im November 2023 nachgereicht)</p> <p>Landespolizeidirektion Wien Landesverkehrsabteilung Polizeiinspektion Handelskai - Wasserpolizei Handelskai 267, 1220 Wien, Österreich Tel.: [1] +43 31310 32387 E-Mail: [2] LPD-W-LVA-Wasserpolizeiinspektion-Wien@polizei.gv.at (Anmerkung zur Fußnote „1 und 2“: 24 Stunden am Tag und 7 Tage die Woche)</p>
Slovakia	<p>Polícia Slovenskej republiky tel.: 112, https://www.minv.sk/?policia Národná kriminálna agentúra Prezídia Policajného zboru Národná jednotka boja proti terorizmu a extrémizmu Račianska č. 45 , 812 72 Bratislava; tel.: +421 961 052 102 Prezídium Policajného zboru Obor poriadkovej polície; Poriečne oddelenie Račianska 45 , 812 72 Bratislava; tel.: +421 961 050 351</p>

Annex
to the Recommendations for Ensuring the
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(doc. DK/TAG 97/8)

**General information on the DC member
states’ competent authorities for security on
the respective sections of the Danube**
With updates as of September 2024



- According to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code (the SOLAS Convention) and DC SEC Recommendations (Chapter 7, para 7.1), SL3: exceptional threat level was set on Ukraine's Danube stretch for the duration of martial law in Ukraine

DC Rec "Security level 3: the level for which further specific protective security measures shall be maintained for a limited period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent, although it may not be possible to identify the specific target".





Questionnaire

(circulated by DC 248/XII-2023)

- **implementation status** of the Recommendations in DC MS
 - ✓ **document** regulating application of Rec SEC, **State bodies** enabling its implementation);
- practical implementation of the **Ship Security Plans** (Chapter 6) and the **Port Security Plan** (Chapter 13);
- **lessons learned** by competent authorities of DC MS during 2022/2023 in cases of security incidents, *e.g.*, onboard vessels/in ports;
- **challenges in** implementing Rec SEC during 2022/2023 to be taken into account when revising the structure of the current revision, including additional Chapters;
- DC MS' specific proposals **for amending / supplementing** the provisions of Chapters 1-13.



Further steps

The DC Secretariat will:

- **systematize** proposals by DC Member States to **modify/amend** the Recommendations based on practice of its application in 2022/2023 and 2023/2024;
- prepare **proposals for amendments** for EM SEC (March 2025) to reflect the current security situation on the Danube and upcoming sector trends; the new revision shall
 - address specific cases of security incidents on the Lower Danube as a result of Russian attacks on the infrastructure of Ukraine's Danube ports;
 - clarify Chapters 4, 7, 8, 12;
 - take into account new developments of the CESNI Committees (CESNI/PT, CESNI/QP, CESNI/TI (cybersecurity));
 - include DC MS feedback on *the introduction of international ship security certificate* (para 7.2.1);
 - consider outcomes of WG TECH (*May 2025*).
- DC Member States are invited, if necessary, to **update the data** contained in the Annex "General information on the DC member states' competent authorities for the security of navigation on the respective sections of the Danube" and **send the updates to the DC Secretariat.**

Thank you for
your attention!

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