

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Danube transport promotion event

### “Linking Türkiye by Danube”

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	10 July 2025, 09:30 – 16:30
<b>Meeting venue:</b>	DP World Terminal, Constanța Port, Constanța – South (Administrative Building, Pier II-S, Constanța South Port, Constanța. Google Map: <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/wtMYYnh19QZjDesB7">https://maps.app.goo.gl/wtMYYnh19QZjDesB7</a> )

09:00 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 09:50	<b>Welcome and introduction by the host and the promoters of the event</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Alexandru CRĂCIUN</i>, Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs-East Europe, DP World Constanța</li> <li>• <i>H E Özgür Kıvanç ALTAN</i>, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye in Romania</li> <li>• <i>Mr Manfred SEITZ</i>, General Director, Secretariat of the Danube Commission</li> </ul>
09:50- 10:10	<b>Keynote speech</b> <b>Ms Gesine MEISSNER, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space:</b> “The European Maritime Space policy of the European Union – New opportunities for the Black Sea region”
10:10 – 11:15	<b>Improving transport relations between Danube region - Türkiye and making better use of the Danube waterway</b> (Speeches and statements) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Ionut-Christian SAVOIU</i>, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Romania</li> <li>• <i>Mr Yusuf KARAKAŞ</i>, Deputy General Manager, Directorate General of International Service Trade, Ministry of Trade of Türkiye</li> <li>• <i>Mr Hıdır İlyas KARABIYIK</i>, Maritime Affairs Specialist, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Türkiye</li> <li>• <i>Mr Mihai TEODORESCU</i>, General Manager of Constanța Port Administration</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>

11:45 – 12:00	<p><b>Constanța as logistics gateway for Danube – Türkiye cargo flows</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPW Constanța RORO-pilot project, experience and potential for a sustainable and higher volume future service - <i>Ms Violeta FRANGU</i>, Sales Manager Special Cargo &amp; Intermodal.</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>Business perspective - panel discussion:</b></p> <p><b>“How Türkiye and the Danube region can be better connected in a sustainable way”</b></p> <p><i>(Moderated by Mr Antonio STOEAN, Danube Commission external consultant)</i></p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Mr Kadir CIRKIN</i>, Deputy Chairman, Executive Board of UND – International Transport Association of Türkiye</li> <li><i>Mr. Murat BAYKARA</i>, Board Member &amp; Chairman of Freight Forwarding and Logistics Services Committee of Exporters’ Association</li> <li><i>Mr Daniel GIRLEANU</i>, CEO of Sea Container Services Constanța</li> <li><i>Mr Alexandru CRĂCIUN</i>, Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs-East Europe, DP World Constanța.</li> <li><i>Mr Herfried LEITNER</i>, President Pro Danube International</li> <li><i>Ms Gesine MEISSNER</i>, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space</li> </ul> <p><i>Statements from the audience</i></p>
13:30	<p><b>Announcement &amp; Invitation:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Türkiye – Danube transport promotion event 8-9 July 2026</p>
13:35 – 14:30	<p><b>Buffet lunch &amp; Business-to-Business Networking</b></p>
14:45-15:30	<p><b>Technical visit to the DPW Constanta Terminal</b></p>
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Port tour</b></p>

**Objectives 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 of facilitating Danube cargo transportation.
- To facilitate successful Danube transport & logistics operations and consequently to create good practices within the community of riparian companies having cargo flows to and from Türkiye.
- To promote existing and emerging services connecting Danube seaports with seaports in Türkiye.
- To promote new maritime transport services between the EU and Türkiye

**Rationale:**

- The Danube waterway can significantly contribute to improving 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 predominantly uses truck transportation.
- There are insufficient logistics services that 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 that are preparing to set up logistics services from Danube seaports to destinations in 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
- DP World Romania
- Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Bucharest / Turkish Consulate General in Constanta