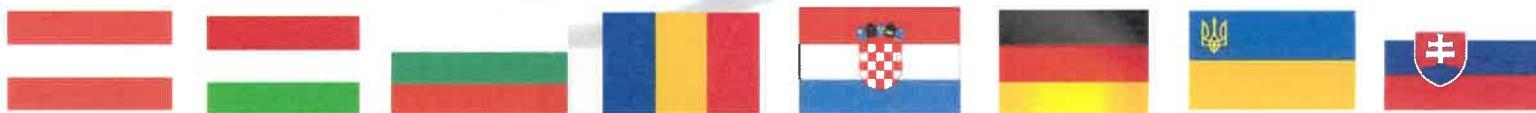


AQUAPOL COORDINATION & COUNCIL MEETING

Malaga, Spain

"Danube – Black Sea" HUB
03 – 04 of December 2025



1. OPERATIONAL PLANNING (M.A.C.O.)

During this year we organised 4 MACO:

- **Watersec 2025** – 1 week: 07-13.04.2025
- **Safe Waters 2025** – 1 week: 21– 27.07.2025
- **Clean Waters 2025** – 2 weeks: 06 – 19.10.2025
- **Port Control 2025** – – 1 week: 17-23.11.2025

M.A.C.O. WATERSEC 2025

07 - 13.04.2025

OBJECTIVES :

- 1. Increasing safety and security of the navigation on the Danube river**
- 2. Preventing and fighting against frauds committed within water transport of public & goods;**
- 3. Preventing and fighting against illegal migration and illegal fishing.**
- 4. Preventing and fighting against acts related to terrorism.**



M.A.C.O. WATERSEC 2025

- participants: Romania (TPD, BP), Bulgaria (BP), Hungary (RPB), Croatia (BP), Ukraine (AWP) and Slovakia (WT Division).
- **Results:**

ACTS - have been verified :

- **14.119 people;**
- **1.178 vessels;**
- **353 cars;**
- **51 companies**

FACTS:

- **32 crimes;**
- **121 fines amounting 25.000 euro;**
- **seized goods:** 3 vessels, 1 car, 31 fishing tools and 253 kg fish (arround 32.000 Euro)

M.A.C.O. SAFE WATERS 2025

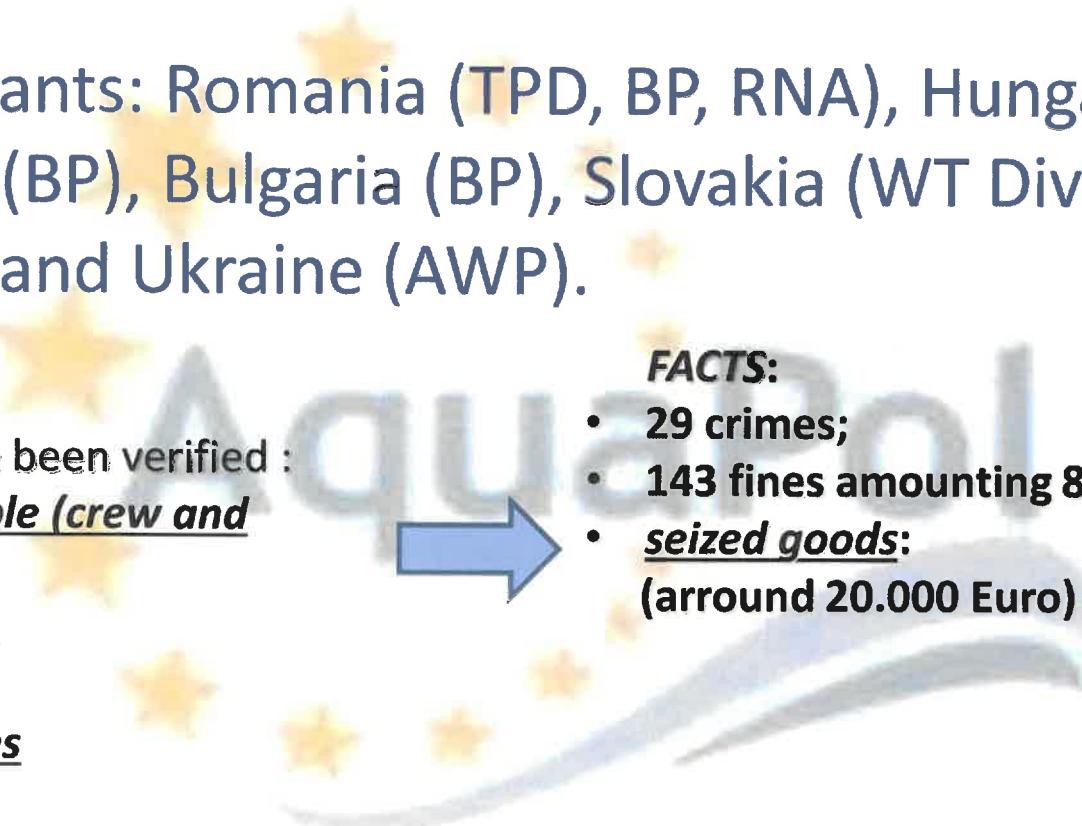
21– 27.07.2025

OBJECTIVES :

- 1. Preventing events / naval accidents;**
- 2. Preventing and fight against the use of alcohol on board ships;**
- 3. Preventing and fighting against acts related to terrorism;**
- 4. Preventing and fight against illegal migration;**
- 5. Fighting against tax evasion;**
- 6. Verifying the legality of using the workforce;**
- 7. Checking the legality of recreational and waterborne activities;**
- 8. Compliance with the legal regime of the state border.**

M.A.C.O. SAFE WATERS 2025

- participants: Romania (TPD, BP, RNA), Hungary (RPB), Croatia (BP), Bulgaria (BP), Slovakia (WT Division), Austria and Ukraine (AWP).
- Results:
 - ACTS - have been verified :
 - 18.371 people (crew and passengers);
 - 874 vessels;
 - 400 cars;
 - 87 companies



FACTS:

- 29 crimes;
- 143 fines amounting 80.000 euro;
- seized goods:
(arround 20.000 Euro)

Control on recreational activities 11 – 13.08.2025

- Within the context of the measures taken during the summer season in order to increase the safety and security of the navigation regarding ski jets and recreational crafts along Black Sea coast, Romanian Transport Police in cooperation with Coast Guard and Romanian Naval Authority act together during **11 – 13.08.2025**.
- Areas of action: **the Black Sea coast**;
- All Companies that carry out recreational activities in Mamaia, Navodari, a.s.o.. were checked.



M.A.C.O. CLEAN WATERS 2025

06 – 19.10.2025

OBJECTIVES :

- 1. Following the environmental rules on the Danube river;**
- 2. Preventing the deliberate *spill of hydrocarbs/diesel fuel* from the vessels in transit on the Danube river;**
- 3. Other activities that can pollute the Danube river;**
- 4. Illegal fishing;**
- 5. Preventing and fight against the naval transport crimes.**

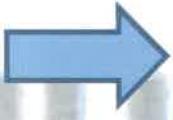
M.A.C.O. CLEAN WATERS 2025

Participants: 7/10 riparian Danube countries (SK, HU, HR, SRB, RO, BG, UA).

Results:

ACTS - have been verified :

- **26.315 people** (10.039 crew members and 16.276 passengers);
- **1.905 vessels;**
- **436 cars;**
- **38 companies**



FACTS:

- **64 crimes;**
- **281 fines amounting *176.000 euro*;**
- ***seized goods:* around *100.000 Euro* (6 boats, 6 outboard engines, 11.567 diesel fuel, 113 fishing gears, 30 m³ wood, 5 kg cut tabacco)**



M.A.C.O. PORT CONTROL 2024

17 - 23.11.2025

OBJECTIVES :

- 1. Preventing and fight against tax evasion and trafficking in counterfeited products;**
- 2. Legality of storage, transport and sale of wooden materials;**
- 3. Preventing and fight against smuggling of excise goods;**
- 4. Checking fuel management on board of the vessels;**
- 5. Checking the way of ensuring security measures of the economical objectives**

M.A.C.O. PORT CONTROL 2025

This M.A.C.O. took place only in the port of Constanta on maritime level.

Results:

ACTS - have been verified :

- 500 people;
- 14 vessels;
- 198 cars;
- 5 companies;
- 356 containers;
- 342 trucks.

FACTS:

- 3 crimes;
- 14 fines;
- seized goods:
(arround 89.000 Euro)
 - Counterfeited toys and other goods that were not mentioned in the documents or for using unreal import documents.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING

- **Trainings/workshops/meetings/seminars:**
 - **1st DBS HUB meeting – online – 16.04.2025;**
 - **2nd DBS HUB meeting – online – 30.10.2025.**
- **AQUAPOL – HUBS coordination meeting:** 20.05.2025 in Budapest, Hungary, 2nd of December 2025 Malaga, Spain;
- **AQUAPOL – COUNCIL meeting** – 3rd of December 2025 Malaga, Spain;
- **Danube Commission - Expert Meeting on Security in Inland Water Transport (EM SEC)** – 12 of March 2025, Budapest, Hungary

ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING

FACEBOOK page for AQUAPOL IMDBSH and AQUAPOL European Waterways & Maritime Policing Network for visibility improvement within one of the most popular social media platform.



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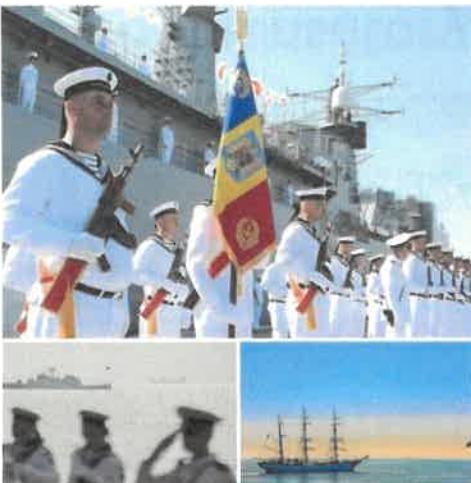
Happy Anniversary to the Romanian Navy and sailors !



Navigation Safety & Security

Laurentiu Mihai · 15 aug ·

Astăzi, de **#Ziua #Marinel #Române și** celebrând numele **#Sfintei #Maria**, le urăm La mulți ani tuturor marinilor români... Vezi mai mult



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AQUAPOL DBS HUB is fully dedicated to enhancement of safety and security on Danube and Black Sea

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PRESS RELEASE - Mulți Agency Control Operation M.A.C.O. **#WATERSEC 2024** - Acts and Facts... Vezi mai mult



Promovează această

Commission

Romanian – Bulgarian joint naval patrol

- After Romania and Bulgaria joined the SCHENGEN area on the 31.03.2024, the Romanian (Transport Police) – Bulgarian (Border Police) joint naval patrol started again as a compensatory measure.
- Every month are organized 14 common naval patrol along Danube, on 7 sectors.



3. STRATEGIC PLANNING (2026 priorities / tackling)

- DBS HUBs priorities for 2026:

- *Safety and security of the navigation* on the Danube River;
- Prevent and fight against *tax evasion*;
- Prevent and fight against *smuggling of excise goods*;
- *Illegal migration*;
- Prevent and fight against *environmental crimes*;
- Prevent and fight against acts related to terrorism.

Multi Agency Control Operations for 2026:

- two M.A.C.O.s of one week focused on safety of inland shipping on the Danube:
„WATERSEC 2026” in April 2026
„SAFE WATERS 2026” in July or August 2026
- one M.A.C.O. of two weeks, focusing on smuggling of petroleum products and preventing and fight against environmental crimes
„CLEAN WATERS 2026” in October or November 2026
- one M.A.C.O. of one week **„PORT CONTROL 2026”** in November 2026

Actions for the Inland and Maritime „Danube – Black Sea” HUB for 2026

Type of action	Who	When											
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2 control operations on safety and security of navigation *	Chair DBSH												
1 control operation on smuggling of petroleum products **	Chair DBSH												
1 Control operation on tax evasion ***	Chair DBSH												
HUB meetings	Chair DBSH												

* - „WATERSEC 2026” and „SAFE WATERS 2026”

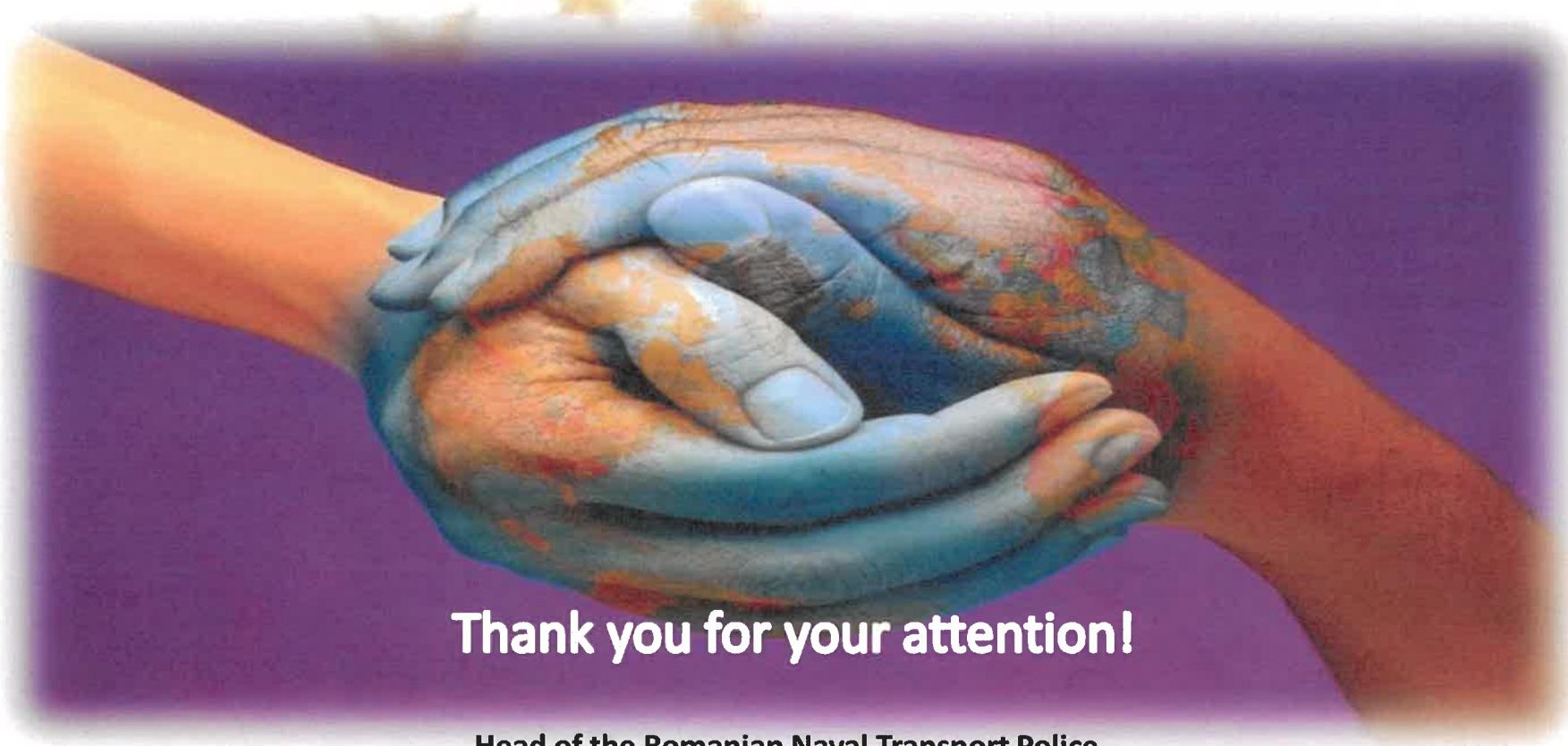
** - „CLEAN WATERS 2026”

*** - „PORTCONTROL 2026”

QUESTIONS FOR AQUAPOL MANAGEMENT TEAM raised after first DBS Hub meeting

- *Joint exercises proposal of Slovakia for the next year within the "Danube-Black Sea" HUB (prevent and combat the pollution on the Danube River by vessels);*
- *Mandate for the German Landeskriminalamt Bayern representative (Membership of the LKA Bayern has never been formalized in writing by AQUAPOL. A mandate from the European association is needed for future tasks, involvement in joint actions and representation of AQUAPOL in the Expert Group on Trafficking in Human Beings and Labor Exploitation);*
- *Status of Croatia's affiliation to the "Mediterranean" HUB, taking into account the previous discussions.*

QUESTION?????



Thank you for your attention!

Head of the Romanian Naval Transport Police
Chief superintendent

Alexandru PETRACHE

