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An update on the Secretariat's recent activities on the fields of Statistics and Economic Analysis

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1. An overview on the Secretariat's main activities on Statistics during the past year – I.

1. The preparation for the publication and printing of the **Annual Statistical Yearbook of 2024**
2. Data **collection for the Annual Statistical Yearbooks** (2024 and 2025)
3. The **preparation** of the 9 months and full year **Market Observation Reports** for 2025, and the 3 and 6 months reports for 2026 (Q1+Q2+Q3 – 2025, 2025- whole year, Q1-2026, Q1+Q2-2026)
4. Contribution to the Secretariat's Working Group on IWT Personnel with special **IWT labour statistics**
5. Actively looking for a resolution in the **Mohács Schengen issue** (following Croatia's accession to the Schengen Area, the minority of cargo, and the majority of passenger vessel statistics is missing from the Mohács data) by organizing **a meeting between Croatian harbour masters and Hungarian and Croatian border guards**. As a result, the Secretariat will soon also be **publishing Croatian border police statistics on cargo and passenger vessel passages as well**, which will supplement the figures of Mohács.

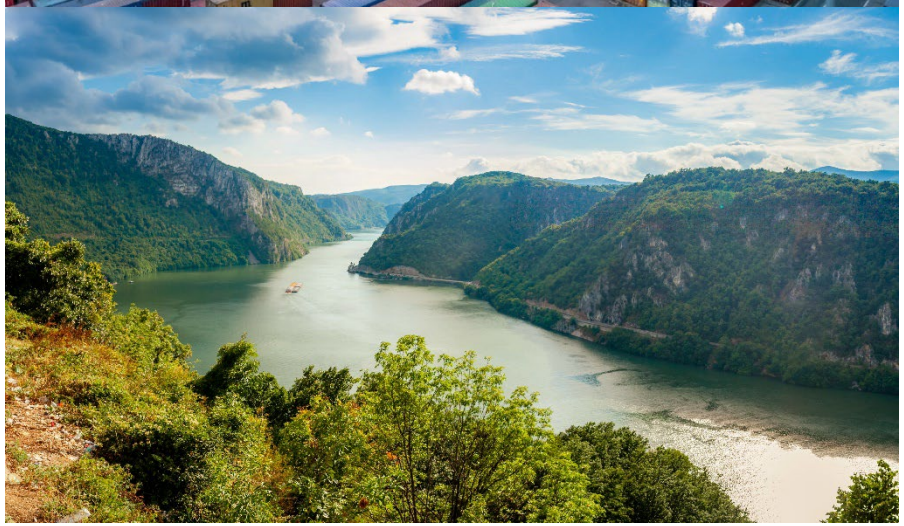
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1. An overview on the Secretariat's main activities on Statistics during the past year – II.

6. Cooperation **with CCNR, via donau** and other (inter)national organizations on statistics
7. Contribution **to Platina4 project** with special archive fleet statistics
8. Contribution **to DG MOVE** with special cargo capacity statistics
9. Contribution **to Eurostat's working group** on passenger statistics
10. Participation on the **4th Meeting of the Rhine-Danube European Transport Corridor Forum** and on **CCNR's and EC's workshop Market Opportunities for IWT in Europe's Energy and Circular Transition** in June

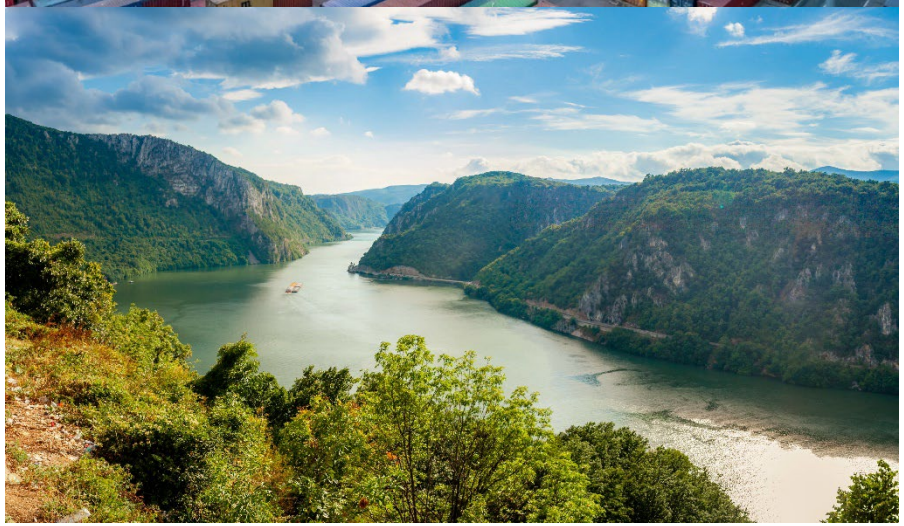




2. We need all our member states' help

- The DC SEC has always relied on data provided by DC Member States through **special statistical forms** to prepare the Statistical Yearbooks of DC → **not all member states are filling out these official forms**
- Nevertheless, the Expert on Statistics by now has **almost completely eliminated the issue of missing data** by establishing new direct contacts or (re)strengthening the old ones with the national statistical offices and other relevant authorities
- During the past years, the Expert established **personal contacts with colleagues from more than 15 institutions** across the 10 member states, as well as regularly **extracting statistics in 8 foreign languages from the websites of over 30 institutions** across the 10 member states





2. We need all our member states' help

- The minority (cc. 5%) of the data is still missing because of the lack of some contact persons
- If even one country's data is missing, it could lead to **false or inaccurate aggregated results**
- In the event of Member States retrospectively updating or sending DC missing data for recent years**, the Secretariat will immediately update the files of existing Statistical Yearbooks** published on their website.
- For the Member States and stakeholders, our yearbook offers an opportunity to contribute to and be featured in a collection of IWT data that is a **unique collection across Europe**
- The maintenance of working contacts with the Statistical Offices of the DC Member States is also needed. Accordingly, the Secretariat requests the DC Member States to **regularly update the contact details of these experts.**



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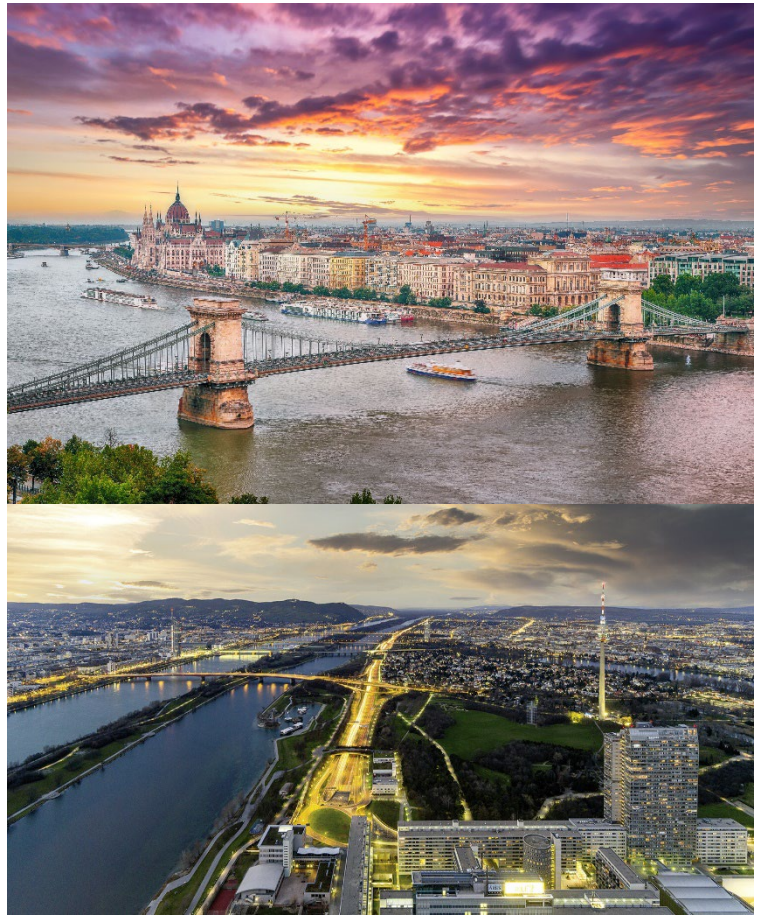
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2.2 Some recent results and changes in the Yearbook of 2024



- DC SEC has **detailed data on Moldova and Bulgaria again**, as the Expert managed to get in touch with the competent authorities and they filled out the statistical templates for recent years
- **DC SEC's fleet statistics have become almost completely comprehensive** – DC SEC only needs a few missing Hungarian data and an update to the Romanian fleet statistics → in the latter case, the Secretariat sent a letter to Romania just last week
- The update of the **maps and the visual elements** of the Yearbook with the help of the IT Management Specialist of the DC SEC
- The 2024 Yearbook will be published in a month, while the publication of the 2025 Yearbook is scheduled for Spring 2027 which will permanently reduce the backlog of the yearbooks to less than a year

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Fleet Composition of Member States of DC by motor power

Year 2024

Type of vessel	Variable	By engine power in kW (DE, AT, SK, HR, RS, BG, MD, UA)						TOTAL (HU, RO)**	TOTAL (all member states)*
		under 190	191-300	301-750	751-1125	1126-1500	over 1500		
Pushers	number of vessels	7	6	47	34	50	43	163	**350**
	engine power in kW	879	1,588	24,803	32,985	68,048	85,449	161,901	**375,653**
Tug-pushers	number of vessels	3	2	6	0	28	1	291	**331**
	engine power in kW	386	548	2,666	0	41,188	1,567	193,541	**239,896**
Tugs	number of vessels	23	12	6	4	0	0	181	**226**
	engine power in kW	2,687	2,802	3,288	3,284	0	0	31,640	**43,701**
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**33**	**20**	**59**	**38**	**78**	**44**	**635**	**907**
	engine power in kW	**3,952**	**4,938**	**30,757**	**36,269**	**109,236**	**87,016**	**387,082**	**659,250**
Motorized vessels for dry cargo	number of vessels	23	21	77	48	10	31	231	**441**
	engine power in kW	2,883	5,656	43,600	45,918	12,807	51,727	145,714	**308,305**
Motorized vessels for liquid cargo	number of vessels	1	3	19	19	7	6	26	**81**
	engine power in kW	110	750	9,301	17,318	9,155	11,030	0	**47,664**
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**24**	**24**	**96**	**67**	**17**	**37**	**257**	**522**
	engine power in kW	**2,993**	**6,406**	**52,901**	**63,236**	**21,962**	**62,757**	**145,714**	**355,969**

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***For HU and RO, DC only has aggregated fleet data not detailed by engine power. Therefore, the fleet data of these countries are excluded from the orange totals and included in the blue and green totals.*

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Fleet Composition of Member States of DC by cargo capacity

Year 2024

Type of vessel	Variable	By cargo capacity in tonnes (SK, HU, HR, RS, BG, MD, UA)							TOTAL (RO)**	TOTAL (all member states)*
		under 400	401-649	650-999	1000-1499	1500-1999	2000-2999	over 3000		
Motorized vessels for dry cargo	number of vessels	37	22	50	76	63	21	7	165	441
	cargo capacity in tonnes	5,237	4,329	22,441	79,972	99,812	49,070	24,832	229,625	515,318
Motorized vessels for liquid cargo	number of vessels	12	2	4	11	12	15	1	24	81
	cargo capacity in tonnes	2,028	1,062	3,316	13,839	20,509	37,721	3,130	49,319	130,924
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**49**	**24**	**54**	**87**	**75**	**36**	**8**	**189**	**522**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	**7,265**	**5,391**	**25,757**	**93,811**	**120,321**	**86,791**	**27,962**	**278,944**	**646,242**
Pushed barges for dry cargo	number of vessels	86	59	73	259	532	115	1	915	2,040
	cargo capacity in tonnes	14,002	18,759	19,620	246,948	799,519	244,494	3,299	1,430,069	2,745,177
Pushed barges for liquid cargo	number of vessels	1	1	1	11	24	0	4	44	86
	cargo capacity in tonnes	274	462	933	13,407	40,891	0	2,063	58,459	116,489
Combined (pushed+towed) barges for dry cargo	number of vessels	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	30	45
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	954	0	3,436	0	0	0	4,390
Pushed barges (ro-ro)	number of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Towed barges for dry cargo	number of vessels	41	16	10	21	15	7	0	82	192
	cargo capacity in tonnes	7,137	8,085	6,818	24,363	25,600	16,200	0	8,120	96,323
Towed barges for liquid cargo	number of vessels	0	0	3	15	9	0	0	0	27
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	2,947	16,372	16,570	0	0	0	35,889
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**128**	**77**	**89**	**306**	**582**	**122**	**5**	**1,071**	**2,390**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	**21,413**	**27,306**	**31,272**	**301,090**	**886,016**	**260,694**	**5,362**	**1,488,528**	**2,998,268**

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Fleet Composition of Member States of DC by year of construction (1)

Year 2024

Type of vessel	Variable	By year of construction (partly for HR and RO; completely for DE, AT, SK, HU, RS, BG, MD and UA)								Total (partly for HR and RO (undetailed values of these countries))**	TOTAL (all member states)*
		until 1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010	after 2010		
Pushers	number of vessels	0	3	21	106	54	13	1	2	150	**350**
	engine power in kW	0	3,173	19,937	123,159	55,520	10,421	226	1,316	161,901	**375,653**
Tug-pushers	number of vessels	0	3	31	2	3	1	0	0	291	**331**
	engine power in kW	0	916	43,369	550	1,162	358	0	0	193,541	**239,896**
Tugs	number of vessels	0	15	44	19	7	0	0	0	141	**226**
	engine power in kW	0	2,993	4,868	2,802	1,398	0	0	0	31,640	**43,701**
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**0**	**21**	**96**	**127**	**64**	**14**	**1**	**2**	**582**	**907**
	engine power in kW	**0**	**7,082**	**68,174**	**126,511**	**58,080**	**10,779**	**226**	**1,316**	**387,082**	**659,250**
Motorized vessels for dry cargo	number of vessels	22	45	44	64	87	8	3	2	166	**441**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	24,300	45,077	28,721	60,298	92,024	24,052	7,331	3,525	229,991	**515,319**
	engine power in kW	12,410	23,008	15,330	29,696	63,228	13,325	3,905	1,558	145,843	**308,303**
Motorized vessels for liquid cargo	number of vessels	0	8	19	16	8	4	2	0	24	**81**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	9,613	16,986	28,432	13,338	8,104	5,132	0	49,319	**130,924**
	engine power in kW	0	5,520	12,327	16,558	6,379	4,459	2,696	0	0	**47,940**
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**22**	**53**	**63**	**80**	**95**	**12**	**5**	**2**	**190**	**522**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	**24,300**	**54,690**	**45,707**	**88,730**	**105,362**	**32,156**	**12,463**	**3,525**	**279,310**	**646,243**
	engine power in kW	**12,410**	**28,528**	**27,657**	**46,254**	**69,607**	**17,784**	**6,601**	**1,558**	**145,843**	**356,242**

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Fleet composition of Member States of DC by year of construction (2)

Year 2024

Type of vessel	Variable	By year of construction (partly for HR and RO; completely for DE, AT, SK, HU, RS, BG, MD and UA)								Total (partly for HR and RO (undetailed values of these countries))**	TOTAL (all member states)*
		until 1940	1941-1960	1961-1970	1971-1980	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2010	after 2010		
Pushed barges for dry cargo	number of vessels	9	98	136	254	449	133	39	7	915	**2,040**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	8,239	1,286	73,822	250,485	695,752	233,802	68,846	14,409	1,430,069	**2,745,177**
Pushed barges for liquid cargo*	number of vessels	0	0	11	4	11	12	0	0	44	**82**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	13,827	6,825	17,294	18,021	0	0	58,459	**114,426**
Combined (pushed+towed) barges for dry cargo*	number of vessels	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	**5**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	1,610	954	1,826	0	0	0	0	**4,390**
Pushed barges (ro-ro)	number of vessels	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	**4**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	0	0	0	0	2,063	0	0	0	**2,063**
Towed barges for dry cargo	number of vessels	4	17	42	22	20	4	0	1	82	**192**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	5,819	7,166	24,398	13,692	29,845	6,368	0	915	8,120	**96,323**
Towed barges for liquid cargo	number of vessels	0	14	4	2	0	5	1	1	0	**27**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	0	14,730	4,752	3,473	0	9,581	1,879	1,474	0	**35,889**
TOTAL (all member states)*	**number of vessels**	**13**	**130**	**195**	**283**	**481**	**158**	**40**	**9**	**1,041**	**2,390**
	cargo capacity in tonnes	**14,058**	**23,182**	**118,409**	**275,429**	**744,717**	**269,835**	**70,725**	**16,798**	**1,496,648**	**2,998,268**

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