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VIII. Work Plan of the Danube Commission on Technical Matters for the Period from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027

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I. Navigation

1. Basic Provision for Navigation on the Danube (DFND)
2. River Information Services (RIS)
3. Professional requirements for crew and personnel of inland waterway vessels, as well as professional education and training in Danube navigation
4. Participation in expert groups of other international organizations as a cooperation partner

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II. Technical Matters, Including Radio Communications

1. Technical Matters
2. Security and Safety in inland waterway transport
3. Fleet modernization and measures to reduce air pollution from inland waterway transport
4. Radio communications issues

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III. Hydrotechnical Engineering and Hydrometeorology

1. Plan of major works to achieve the recommended dimensions of the navigation channel, hydrotechnical and other facilities on the Danube
2. Navigation conditions on the critical sectors
3. Impact of climate change on inland navigation
4. Publications

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IV. Operations and Environment

1. Transportation of dangerous goods by inland waterways (ADN)
2. Prevention of pollution of the waters of the Danube caused by shipping
3. DC Port Database
4. Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin
5. Cross-border activities
6. Development of freight and passenger transport, ports and logistics services

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V. Statistics and Economics

1. Preparation of working documents for the Danube Commission
2. Updating the Danube Commission's documents on statistical and economic matters
3. International cooperation of the Danube Commission in the field of statistics and economics
4. Publications on statistical and economic issues
5. Market observation for Danube navigation

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VI. Grant Agreement with EU/DG MOVE and projects

1. Grant 3 Agreement
   - WP1 – Project Management
   - WP2 – Facilitate IWT and Modal Shift
   - WP3 – Support Implementation of EU Acquis
   - WP4 – Support Rhine-Danube Corridor Infrastructure development
   - WP5 – Foster sustainable and safe Danube waterway transport
   - WP6 – Technical assistance to the European Commission
2. DC as a Project Partner - CEF II TA DiVINE Project
   - Task 2 . Elaboration of the objectives from the IWT Digitalization Vision
   - Task 3. Stakeholder consultation process
   - Task 5. Unforeseen tasks
3. Support for projects funded by the European Union (EU)
   - EU projects on the decarbonization and digitalization of the inland waterway fleet
   - EU projects on the decarbonization and digitalization of port operations
4. DC as a Project Observer
   - FAIRway Danube II
   - Other projects and project proposals

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Meetings and Events (January-June)

C. MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
27 January 2027	Joint Workshop of the Danube Commission and EDINNA on Education and professional training in inland navigation
28 January 2027	Expert Meeting on Personnel Issues in Danube Navigation (EM PERS)
16–18 February 2027	CESNI/QP Meeting in Budapest (hosted by the DC)
25 February 2027	Expert Meeting on Ship-generated Waste (EM WASTE)
4 March 2027	Joint Workshop on Waterway Management of EUSDR/PA1a and the Danube Commission: Fairway Conditions on the Danube River in 2026
5 March 2027	Expert Meeting on Hydrotechnical Matters (EM HYDRO)
31 March 2027	Joint workshop on the transport of high and heavy cargo for the restoration of Ukraine's transport and energy infrastructure organized by UKRPORT and the Danube Commission
1 April 2027	Expert Meeting on the Development of Ports and Port Operations (EM PORTS)
13–15 April 2027	Working Group on Legal and Financial Matters (WG JUR-FIN)
12 May 2027	Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Navigation and Operation
13 May 2027	Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Technology (including Radio Communications) and Transport of Dangerous Goods
[14 May 2027 – to be decided in relation to extreme draught 2026]	Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Infrastructure, Ports, and Economy
9 June 2027	107th Session of the Danube Commission

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Meetings and Events (July-December+Continuous Meetings)

22-23 September 2027		**18th Joint Statement Meeting (DC, ICPDR, ISRBC), Vienna, Austria**
12-14 October 2027		**Working Group on Legal and Financial Matters (WG JUR-FIN)**
9 November 2027		**Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Navigation and Operation**
10 November 2027		**Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Technology (including Radio Communications), Security in Inland Navigation, and Transport of Dangerous Goods**
11 November 2027		**Working Group on Technical Matters (WG TECH) – Subgroup on Infrastructure, Ports, and Economy**
8 December 2027		**108th Session of the Danube Commission**
Quarters I–IV 2027		**CESNI Working Group Meetings**
Quarters I–IV 2027		**GRANT 3 Project Meetings**
Quarters I–IV 2027		**DiVINE Project Meetings**
Quarter II-IV 2027		**Coordination meeting of the national waterway administrations on the joint CEF3 application for climate change adaptation infrastructure**
Quarters II–IV 2027		**Negotiation meetings with the EC/DG MOVE on Grant Agreement IV**
Quarters I–IV 2027		**Meetings with the Danube States, the national waterway administrations and representatives of the navigation sector (GA3 WP4/T.4.1); stakeholder workshop on administrative barriers (GA3 WP2/T.2.1); workshop on the logistics potential of the Danube (GA3 WP2/T.2.3.2); workshop on alternative fuels and best-practice transfer for fleet greening (GA3 WP5/T.5.1)**

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Thank you for your attention!

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