



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DANUBE COMMISSION SECRETARIAT (Budapest)

The Danube Commission (DC), an international organisation based in Budapest, announces that the position of "Chief Engineer of the Danube Commission Secretariat" will become vacant on 1 July 2027. The selection process will take place between May and December 2026.

This call for applications is directed at a dynamic senior inland navigation expert with experience in leadership.

Core responsibilities:

- Works under the direction of the Director-General and acts on his or her behalf in matters within his or her area of responsibility when the Director-General is absent
- Directs the work of the Counsellors for Nautical Matters, for Hydrotechnical and Hydrometeorological Matters, for Technical Matters relating to Inland Navigation Vessels, for Transport, Exploitation, Port Development, and Environmental Matters, for Professional Qualifications, and for Vessel Crew Qualifications, and Measures to Counter the Qualified Personnel Shortage in Danube Navigation
- Directs the work of the (senior) technical experts for Information Technologies in Inland Navigation, for Effects of Climate Change on Danube Navigation, and for Economic Analysis & Statistics
- Organizes and coordinates their activity with the objective of timely and high-quality fulfilment of the tasks and the Work Plan of the Danube Commission, including those related to the preparation and conduct of working groups and expert meetings, as well as the preparation of their result reports
- Advises the Commission and supports its work
- Represents the Secretariat of the Commission and maintains continuous contact with authorities of the Member States, international organizations, and sector stakeholders
- Prepares proposals, information materials, reports, and publications

Core requirements:

- University degree (master's or doctorate) in a technical field relevant to inland navigation
- In-depth knowledge of Danube navigation, including its international aspects
- Extensive professional experience in the technical areas of activity of the Danube Commission and related to relevant international organizations
- High level of self-motivation, strong leadership skills to manage daily operations, supervise staff, and foster a positive, productive organizational culture
- Excellent verbal and written communication as well as computer skills
- Good command of written and spoken English and knowledge of one of the official languages of the Danube Commission is obligatory

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We offer:

- Work in an international environment with the diplomatic privileges of an international organisation
- **Financial conditions**
- The term of office runs from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2031 and may be extended for an additional four years

This call for applications is open exclusively to applicants who are citizens of Austria, Germany, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Slovakia, or Ukraine.

Please send your application documents, including a detailed CV (Europass format), a letter of motivation for the position of “Chief Engineer of the Danube Commission Secretariat”, and copies of your qualifications, **by 10 July 2026 at the latest**, via email to the following address: mandate2027@danubecommission.org .

DC will be managing your application in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Submission of the application will be considered as consent to the processing of personal data relating to the applicant by the DC's Secretariat and the member states representatives. If your application has been unsuccessful, DC's Secretariat will delete your application and all records of your data within 1 year.