



PRESS RELEASE

The Danube Commission (DC), under the Presidency of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Serbia in Hungary, His Excellency Mr. Rade DROBAC, (President of the Danube Commission), held its eighty-eight session on 9th June 2017 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

The delegations of all eleven member states of the Danube Commission (the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic, Ukraine and the Republic of Croatia) as well as representatives of the observer states (Greece, the Republic of Cyprus, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Czech Republic) participated in the session. The session was also attended by the representatives of the international organizations: International Sava River Basin Commission, European Commission, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

The session considered the issues arising from the reports on the results of the expert groups, technical group and legal and financial group meetings and adopted a number of important decisions proposed by these groups.

Respectively, during the 88th session the representatives of the member states have approved draft decisions in different fields of the DC competence. The session approved Decision No. 88/11 regarding the adoption of the DC Report for the period from 9th June 2016 to the 88th session of the DC and of the Work Plan for the period from 10th June 2017 to the 90th session of the DC.

Specific technical issues have been discussed during the session. So, the 88th session has approved Decision No. 88/17 regarding the updated version of the *Manual on radiotelephone service on navigable inland waterways - General part* (the 2017 edition), Decision No. 88/21 regarding the technical issues.

International cooperation has also been brought to the attention of the session. By its Decision No. 88/14, the 88th session mandated the Secretariat of the Danube Commission to invite the European Federation of Inland Ports (as an international organization) to participate in the work of the Danube Commission. The adoption of the Decision results directly of the need for cooperation between our organisations.

Additionally, the 88th session has approved Decision No. 88/26 on awarding Mr. Rade DROBAC, citizen of the Republic of Serbia, President of the DC in June 2014-2017, and Decision No. 88/27 on awarding Mr. Josef FURY, citizen of the Slovak Republic, with commemorative medals for contribution to the development of the Danube navigation.

One of the most important events of the 88th session of the DC was the election of a new Presidency of the organization.



As a result of the vote, the Presidency of the DC was elected as follows: President – Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia in Hungary, His Excellency Mr. Gordan GRILIC RADMAN, Vice-President – Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in Hungary, His Excellency Mr. Oleg TULEA, and Secretary – Ambassador of Austria in Hungary, Her Excellency Mrs. Elisabeth ELLISON – KRAMER.

The ordinary 89th session of the DC will be held on 13th December 2017.

