



PRESS RELEASE

**Visit of the Vice-President of Danube Commission,
Mr. Iván Gyurcsík to the Permanent Secretariat of the International Commission
for the Protection of the Danube River**

On 29 May 2017, Mr. Iván Gyurcsík, Vice-President of the Danube Commission (DC) paid a visit to the Permanent Secretariat of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Basin (ICPDR). In the framework of this visit, Vice-President of DC, Ambassador Iván Gyurcsík met Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary of ICPDR.

The parties had in a friendly and open atmosphere an exchange of information on the current and future activities, working plans of the Danube Commission and ICPDR. The core of the talks was based on the potential for cooperation between DC and ICPDR. One pillar for the cooperation is the Joint Statement on guiding principles for infrastructural development and environmental protection. The Joint Statement was a starting point of bringing together various disciplines necessary for a river infrastructural projects and enabled the DC to get in contact with environmental NGOs.

The Vice-President of Danube Commission stressed the improvement of the efficiency of the co-operation between the Danube Commission and International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.

For the first time Danube Commission and International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River are establishing a common work in the field of environment of Danube river and in order to improve the navigation on the Danube.