

PRESS RELEASE

On 12th of September, the President of the Republic of Croatia, H. E. Mrs. Kolinda GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ visited Danube Commission (DC).

This visit at Danube Commission headquarters has been attended by the President of DC, H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia in Hungary, Mr. Gordan Grlić RADMAN, Vice-President of DC, H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova in Hungary, Mr. Oleg ȚULEA, Secretary of DC, H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of Austria in Hungary, Elisabeth ELLISON – KRAMER, and the Permanent Representatives of the Member States as well as by the Danube Commission Secretariat. The Secretariat of DC was represented by the General - Director, Mr. Petar MARGIĆ and counsellors.



In his introductory speech, President of DC emphasised the importance of the Danube, as the international river and of the Danube Commission as one of the oldest international organization in Europe. In his opinion, the Danube Commission has to adapt to the new circumstances and challenges it might face in the near future, but also has to strengthen its

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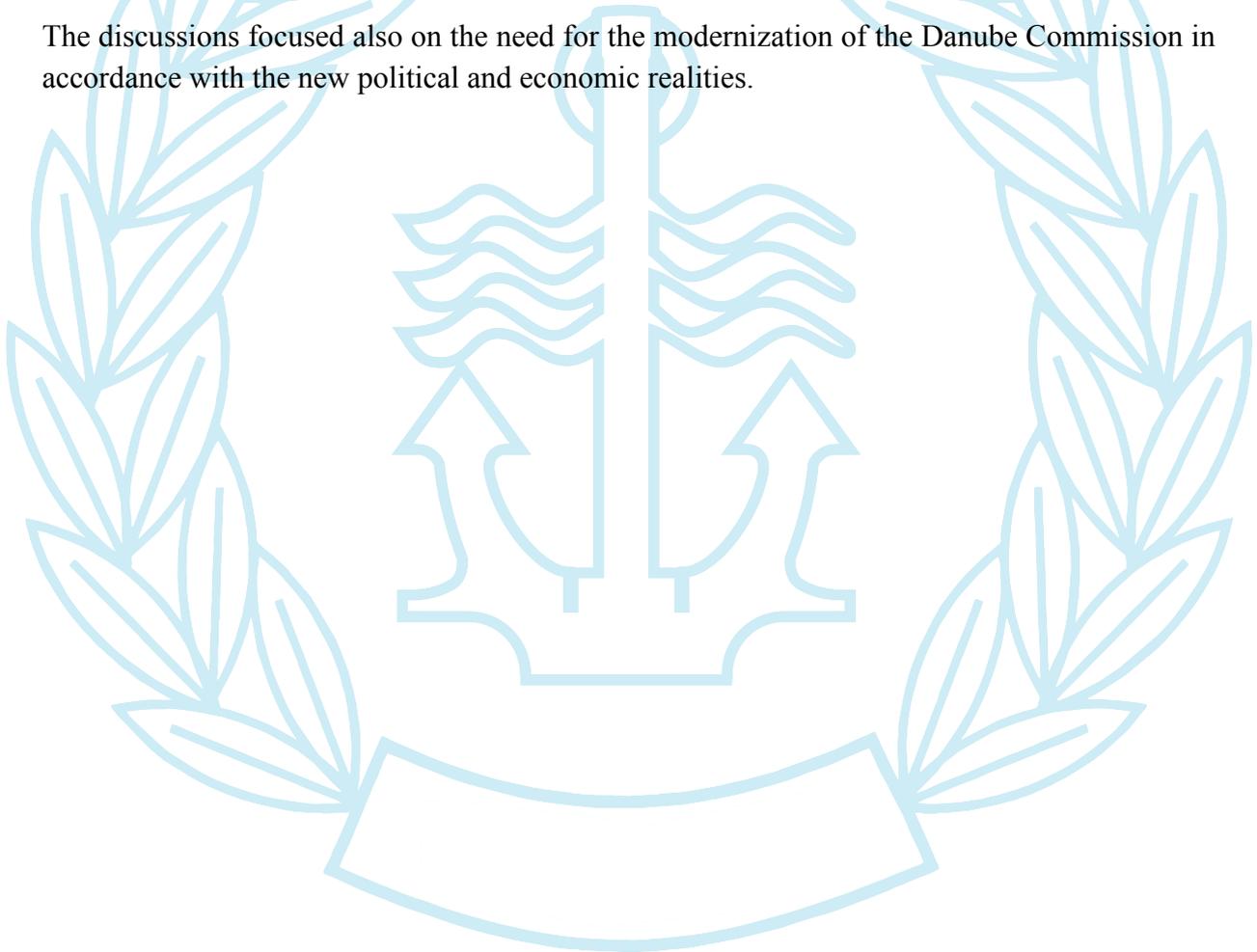
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relations and cooperation with other international river organizations, such as the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine and the International Sava River Basin Commission. The importance of the Danube traffic is expected to grow much more as Danube is a part of the Pan-European corridor network, and the increasing significance will definitely demand greater awareness.

Mrs. Kolinda GRABAR - KITAROVIĆ expressed the importance of the cooperation between the DC member states. According Mrs GRABAR - KITAROVIĆ, Europe should be built on common interest of the member states, expressing the full support for the work done by the Danube Commission, which is extremely important for the regulation on the navigation of the Danube.

The discussions focused also on the need for the modernization of the Danube Commission in accordance with the new political and economic realities.



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