

PRESS RELEASE

DC Secretariat hosts a group of students from the Financial and Legal College of the University "Taras Shevchenko"

On April 15, 2019, a group of students from the Financial and Legal College of the University "Taras Shevchenko" from Kiev (Ukraine) visited the Secretariat of the Danube Commission (DC) under the "International institutions study visit - 2019" project, and was welcomed by Pjotr Suvorov, Deputy Director-General for Development of Danube Navigation and Oleksii Kondyk, First Secretary of the Embassy of Ukraine to Hungary, and the Secretariat staff members.



During the visit, a presentation on the Commission's history, legal basis, functions and tasks, as well as current and future activities was made. The students also gained insight into a broad spectrum of issues within the DC's mandate reflecting navigation, technical and environmental fields of expertise, *inter alia* contribution to the safety and security and market observation of Danube navigation. The guests were also briefed on the scope of activities of the Representative of Ukraine to the Danube Commission.

This was followed by a question - and - answer session, during which various questions on the international mission of the organization and cooperation with international bodies raised by

the students were thoroughly answered by the DC representatives, highlighting its role as a focal point within the European inland waterways network for the development of norms, standards and recommendations regarding inland navigation. An informal exchange of views on the challenges facing the sector also addressed problems of the Ukrainian shipping companies on the Danube and possible solutions to the constrains within the framework of the Danube Commission.



Summing up the meeting, Deputy Director-General Suvorov underlined the usefulness of such visits for both sides and reiterated the willingness of the Secretariat to continue hosting similar events for students in the future.

Photos of the visit can be found [here](#).