



**Press release of the Danube Commission: 95th session of the Danube Commission
(15th, 23rd June 2021)**

The 95th session of the Danube Commission (DC) was held under the presidency of the Representative of Ukraine to the Danube Commission, H.E. Mrs. Ambassador Liubov Nepop on 15th and 23rd June 2021 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

Due to technical reasons, the hybrid session of 15th June 2021 was suspended. The session continued on 23rd June 2021, also in hybrid mode, allowing delegations to attend both in the conference room and remotely online.

The delegations of all eleven Member States of the Danube Commission (Republic of Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and observers from the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the International Sava River Basin Commission participated in the session

The session addressed issues pertaining to various fields of the DC's activities and adopted a number of Decisions recommended by the legal and financial working group and the technical working group, as well as proposed by Member States. The President of the DC outlined the main tasks of the DC in 2021, and Mrs. Rita Silek, Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Revision of the Belgrade Convention, provided information on the status of the revision of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube.

Thus, during the 95th session, Representatives of Member States adopted 13 Decisions:

- to appoint Mrs. Mariana Cindrić as Counsellor to the Secretariat of the Danube Commission for the development of Danube navigation (DK/TAG 95/35);
- on technical matters (results of expert meetings held in the first half of 2021 and the outcome of the technical working group meeting of 21st -23rd April 2021) (DK/TAG 95/14);
- to amend the provisions of the "Rules of Procedure of the Danube Commission concerning the introduction of English as a working language of expert meetings" (DK/TAG 95/15);
- concerning the interpretation of the provisions of article 23 of the "Rules of Procedure of the Danube Commission" (DK/TAG 95/16);
- to amend the "Regulations on the Rights and Obligations of Employees of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission (relating to the expiry date of an indefinite employment contract) (DK/TAG 95/17);
- on budget implementation of the Danube Commission for 2019 (DK/TAG 95/23);
- on budget implementation of the Danube Commission for 2020 (DK/TAG 95/24);
- on legal matters (concerning the approval of the Report on the results of the working group on legal and financial matters (20th -22nd October 2020) (DK/TAG 95/26);
- to adopt the "Regulation on the archive of the DC" (DK/TAG 95/28);
- to adopt the Report of the XI Extraordinary session (DK/TAG 95/29);
- on the participation of representatives of the EDINNA Association in the work of the Danube Commission (DK/TAG 95/30);



- to award a commemorative medal for merits in the development of Danube navigation posthumously to Mr. Stanislav Fialík (DK/TAG 95/31);
- to award a commemorative medal for merits in the development of Danube navigation to Mr. Yevgeny Lazarevich Brodsky (DK/TAG 95/32).

The meeting heard and took note of the Report on the work of the Secretariat for the period from December 2020 (DK/TAG 95/4), Information on cooperation with international organizations (DK/TAG 95/5) and the Report by the Director-General of the Secretariat on the execution of the budget for 2020 (DK/TAG 95/22).

At the conclusion of its work, the 95th session discussed the rescheduling of the reports of the working groups and expert meetings, as well as an indicative agenda for the 96th session of the DC, to be held on 14th December 2021.

