

Final Agenda

Workshop on the Follow-up of the

Joint Statement on Inland Navigation and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin

Danube Commission, Budapest
January 29-30, 2009

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- inform about progress on the implementation of the *Joint Statement on Inland Navigation and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin*
- discuss the further development and application of the *Joint Statement* and its implications
- inform and discuss new facts and perspectives of European inland waterway transport
- inform and discuss the current state of legal and policy frameworks of integrated river basin management and environmental protection
- inform about the state of IWT projects in the Danube basin.

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10:30	Arrival and registration of participants	
11:00	<p>Welcome and introductory statements</p> <p>incl. introduction of participants</p>	<p>Chair: <i>Pjotr Suvorov, Deputy Director General, DC</i></p> <p><i>Igor Sergejewitsch Savolskyi, President, Danube Commission</i></p> <p><i>Olga Srsnova, President, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Branko Bacic, Chairman, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)</i></p>
11:20	New perspectives of integrated waterway transport in Europe and along the Danube	<i>Karla Peijs, European Commission, DG-TREN</i>
11:45	<p>1. Progress and current status of the Joint Statement</p>	<p><i>Horst Schindler & Ivana Tomic, Danube Commission</i></p> <p><i>Dejan Komatina, ISRBC</i></p> <p><i>Philip Weller, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Statements by other participants</i></p>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30	<p>2. Progress in navigation, environmental protection and regional development</p> <p>Implementation of WFD in the Danube basin</p>	<p>Chair: <i>Dejan Komatina, ISRBC</i></p> <p><i>Birgit Vogel, ICPDR</i></p>

	<p>Integrated development of the Natura 2000 network along waterways</p> <p>Sustainable development in the Danube river region</p> <p>The EU Platina project and its implications for the Danube basin</p> <p>The potential of non-structural measures to improve IWT in the Danube basin</p> <p>Interdisciplinary dialogue on IWT infrastructure preparation (Platina SWP 5.3)</p> <p>Perspectives for IWT in the Danube region from an NGO point of view</p> <p>Actions for Environment Protection of the Port of Giurgiulesti (Moldova)</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p><i>Andras Demeter, EC-DG ENV</i></p> <p><i>Nathalie Vershelde, EC- DG Regio</i></p> <p><i>Gert-Jan Muilerman, on behalf of Michael Fastenbauer, Via Donau</i></p> <p><i>Jörg Rusche, EBU</i></p> <p><i>Alexander Zinke, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Irene Licius, on behalf of Georg Rast, WWF-Danube Carpathian Programme</i></p> <p><i>Edgar Martin, Port Director</i></p>
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00	<p>Current state of IWT bottleneck projects in Danube countries:</p> <p>Germany (Straubing-Vilshofen)</p> <p>Austria (project east of Vienna)</p> <p>Slovakia (IWT and Environment)</p> <p>Hungary</p> <p>Serbia & Croatia (Apatin sector)</p> <p>Romania & Bulgaria (ISPA 2 project)</p> <p>Sava</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Chair: Horst Schindler, DC</p> <p><i>Nicolai von Rimscha, Bavarian Ministry for Economy & Transport</i></p> <p><i>Leo Grill, Federal Ministry of transport innovation</i></p> <p><i>Olga Srsnova, Ministry of Environment</i></p> <p><i>Tamas Marton, Ministry for Transport</i></p> <p><i>Ljubisa Mihajlovic, PLOVPUT & Marina Babic-Mladenovic, Jaroslav Cerni Institute; Zdenko Tadic "HIDROING" Osijek</i></p> <p><i>Alexandru Balcu (Technum - Trapec - Tractebel - CNR - Safège)</i></p> <p><i>Željko Milković, ISRBC</i></p>
18:00	Conclusions of Day 1	DC
19:30	<i>Dinner (at reconstructed steam boat Vénhajó)</i>	

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9:00	<p>3. Improving and securing the application of the Joint Statement</p> <p>The point of view of the EC</p>	<p>Chair: <i>Philip Weller, ICPDR</i></p> <p><i>Cesare Bernabei on behalf of Jonathan Scheele, EC DG TREN</i></p>
9:30	<p>Introduction to working group discussions (Questions for eased application of the Jt. St. and for a monitoring and reporting process)</p>	<p>Philip Weller, ICPDR</p>
10:00	<p><u>Breaking for discussions into working groups</u> <i>incl. coffee break:</i></p> <p><u>WG 1:</u> Facilitating better application of the Joint Statement in IWT projects</p> <p><u>WG 2:</u> Securing future development of the JS and adherence to the JS</p>	
12:00	<p>Presentation of working group results</p>	
12:15	<p>Discussion: Implications of WG discussion results for the future work under the Joint Statement</p>	<p><i>P. Weller, ICPDR</i></p>
12:45	<p>Results and conclusions of the workshop</p>	<p><i>DC, ISRBC, ICPDR</i></p>
13:00	<p><i>Closure of the Workshop</i></p>	
13:00-14:00	<p><i>Snacks</i></p>	