

ICPDR Ministerial Meeting
DANUBE BASIN: SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE LIVING WITH WATER
8-9 February 2016

AGENDA

8 February

19:30 Reception on the occasion of the ICPDR Ministerial Meeting

Venue: *Haus des Meeres, Fritz-Grünbaum-Platz 1, 1060 Vienna, Austria*

Hosted by the Austrian Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management - *by invitation only*

9 February

ICPDR Ministerial Meeting

Venue: *ARES Tower / Wolke 19 (access via 19th floor),
Donau-City-Straße 11, 1220 Vienna, Austria*

Moderator:

Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the OECD Water Governance Programme

08:30 Registration

09:00 Opening with journalists (20 min)

Film: The ICPDR and the Danube River Basin (*ca. 5 min*)

- Welcome by Peter J. Kalas, ICPDR President 2016 (*3-5 min*)
- Opening statements
 - a) Richard Brabec, Czech Minister for the Environment (*ca. 5 min*)
 - b) Andrä Rupprechter, Austrian Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (*ca. 5 min*)

09:20 Group Photo (10 min)

Ministers in front of beluga banner

09:30 Presentation of the Management Plans (*Ms. Aziza Akhmouch – 15 min*)

Our vision for the Danube until 2021: the Danube River Basin Management Plan and the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan

09:45 Coffee break (*30 min*)

During the coffee break, individual interviews with ministers can be arranged for journalists upon request. Towards the end of the coffee break, press is asked to leave the premises until the press conference in the conference room on Floor 19 at 13:00 (see below).

10:15 Ministerial Round Table Discussion (*1 hr 30 min*)

Ministers will lead a moderated discussion on topics such as

- *Flood risk management*
- *Pollution reduction: nutrients, organic pollution, hazardous substances*
- *Working with sectors: stakeholder dialogues on hydropower, hydromorphology, navigation, climate change adaptation, etc.*

11:45 Voice of the Danube’s future: a message from the youth (*5 min*)

An intervention from the Danube Art Master (*video*)

11:50 Better together: the ICPDR and its stakeholders (*60 min*)

Statement of the ICPDR President on the importance of accredited observers and informal stakeholders for the work of the ICPDR (*2-3 min*).

A) Accredited Observers (*up to 20 min*)

- Environmental Perspective: presenter tba
for WWF, DEF, GWP, IAD, EAA, Danubeparks, DCSF, NFI
- Economic Perspective: presented by IAWD
for VGB, viadonau, CEDA, DCC, Die Donau, EWA, EBU, IAWD
- Transnational Perspective: presented by ISRBC
for BSC, Carpathian Convention, Ramsar, DC, UNESCO-IHP, REC, ISRBC

B) Informal Stakeholders (*up to 25 min*)

- An OECD perspective on water and flood risk management.
Ms. Mari Kiviniemi - Deputy Secretary-General of OECD
- The role of businesses in sustainable water management.
Representative of WBCSD (tba)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region & ICPDR.
National Coordinator Mr Ladislav Šimko, EUSDR Presidency 2016
- Financing the Joint Program of Measures.
László Baranyay, Vice-President European Investment Bank

Following these statements, the ministers are given an opportunity to react (up to 10 minutes).

12:50 Closing Session

Statement by the ICPDR President

Adoption of the Danube Declaration 2016

13:00 End of the Ministerial Meeting

*Note: Between 13:00 and 13:30, a **press conference** will be held in the conference room on Floor 19.*

13:00 Luncheon

-14:00 Venue: Sky Lobby at Wolke 19