

# 8th meeting of Steering Group

Priority Area 1a of the Danube Region Strategy  
on Inland Waterways

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# EUSDR PA 1a projects: Status quo

Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainability	Danube Fleet	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	IWT Transport Policies
"Invest in waterway infrastructure"	"Improve comprehensive waterway management"	"Develop multi-modal ports and sustainable freight transport"	"Modernise the Danube fleet"	"Implement harmonised River Information Services"	"Invest in education and jobs"	"Coordinate national inland waterway transport policies"

Status:  
06/06/2014

	Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainable Transport	Fleet Modernisation	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	IWT Policies	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>
Definition	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	7
Preparation	10	2	16	1	1	1	1	32
Implementation	16	3	8	6	4	1	2	40
Completion	3	5	1	3	4	1	2	19

- 32 projects are in preparation (proposal, feasibility study etc.)
- 40 projects are currently under implementation

## Milestones since last Steering Group meeting

- ✓ **Annual Forum 26-27 June 2014:**
  - INDUSTRY MEETS POLICY – HIGH-LEVEL ROUND TABLE initiated by Pro Danube in coordination with PA1a
  - PA1a Participation in workshops on PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ **Working group on administrative processes:**
  - Intensification of links with PA11 (Security)
  - Analysis of administrative procedures and identification of potential improvements
  - Work plan and activity plan developed in coordination with DARIF project and Hungarian Ministry of Interior
- ✓ **Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan**
  - Finalisation of draft Fairway Maintenance Master Plan in cooperation with the NEWADA duo project and Steering Group Members

## Working Group on administrative processes

## Proposed cooperation activities PA1a and PA11

- **Survey**  
among shipping companies / vessel operators  
at border crossings
- **Practical manual**  
for border control procedures
- **Final recommendations**  
on improved control procedures along the  
Danube



## Survey on border controls

- enter discussions with solid arguments and have a mandate to initiate necessary measures
- bring results to the attention of the involved control authorities and decision-makers at the EU-level

### Contents and distribution

- General information and feedback on a specific & recent control
- Survey will be online via [www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu)
- Intention to distribute at control points



# Survey on border controls

\* Control Point:

(place)

\* Waiting time at the border before being controlled:

(hours)

\* Duration of the control procedures:

(hours)

\* Involved control bodies:

Border police

Water police

Customs

Disaster management

Health control authority

other:

\* I passed the control point...

for the first time

several times

frequently

\* My cargo required a...

phytosanitary inspection

dangerous goods inspection

other specific inspection:

# Survey on border controls

\* Feedback on the control process

	strongly agree	agree	neutral	disagree	strongly disagree
The border control procedure was transparent to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The waiting time before the start of the control procedures was reasonable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The duration of the control procedures was reasonable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have been treated in a fair and just manner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Official opening hours of all control authorities were respected.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consider the quantity / level of detail of data asked from me as reasonable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The control authorities are well coordinated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



# Survey on border controls

Did you encounter any difficulties or inconveniences during your last border control? If yes, please specify below:

Which improvements regarding the procedure of border controls would you suggest?

## Practical manual for border control procedures

- Compare procedures and raise awareness at control points for the steps skippers have to undergo, publish positive examples
- Facilitate market entry for newcomers, reduce disadvantages caused by lack of information

### Planned contents

- one chapter per border crossing point
- opening hours, contact information of controlling authorities, place of controls
- steps of the control process incl. requested forms



## Final recommendations

- Impulses for efficient and transparent border control procedures
- Plan the next steps in cooperation with decision makers and responsible control authorities

### Possible contents

- Consolidated feedback by skippers
- Results from the analysis of control forms and recommendations for harmonization
- Summary on the legal basis of border control procedures

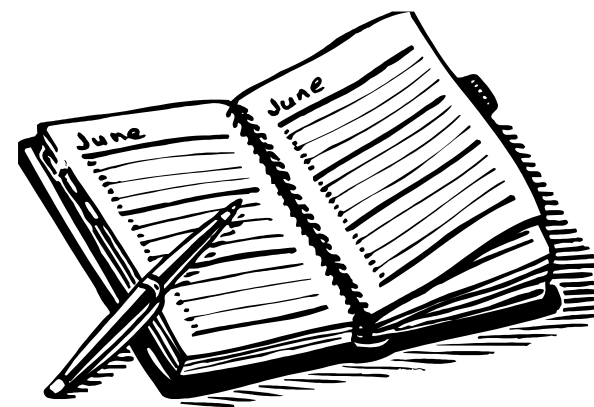


**RECOMMENDED**

## Time schedule

### Survey

- ✓ Online until 31.03.2015
- Distribution at control points planned
- Results expected by spring 2015



### Practical Manual

- Planned for summer 2015, depending on inputs by control authorities

### Final recommendations

- Planned for autumn 2015

## Miscellaneous topics

## Status of Technical Assistance Facility (PA10) – supported proposals

- "DanubeShipwreck Removal" - Concivis UG (project ongoing)
- "Technical assistance for preparation of project modernisation and optimisation of the maintenance activities in the common BG-RO sector of the Danube River" - Executive Agency for Exploration and Maintenance of the Danube River (project ongoing)
- DANLOG "Sustainable economic development through enhanced logistics services linked to ports in small and medium-sized cities in the Danube Region" - Municipality of Dunaújváros (project stopped, since PA10 indicated that consortium did not cooperate with the consultants appropriately and scope of project changed significantly)

## Status of START Facility (PA10) – 8 valid applications in PA1a

- First call 18 July – 17 Sep 2014:
  - in total 651 applications have passed the formal check
  - It highlights the need for funding, the need for small scale grants and the success of the START pilot, which is aimed to be accessible and simple
  - Maximum contribution 40.000 EUR
- Our PA1a task: in coordination with Steering Group pre-select and rank proposals according to criteria:
  - Partnership (consortium relevant for topic?)
  - Relevance (public interest, relevant for PA1a targets?)
  - Macro-regional dimension (min. 2 partners from 2 different Danube countries and applicants must be located in the Danube Region)

# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



Project title in English	Acronym	Name of org. (en)	Country	Total project budget	START funding requested
Increase the Danube ports share of the Transport&logistic market through Danube Ports Crossborder Cooperation Centre for Transport and Logistics	CECOTI	Association of Crossborder Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion"	RO	55.915	40.000
Building Competency-based Training for Port Sector Labour Force in a supportive environment	TRAINING4PORTS	Union of Romanian Inland Ports	RO	49.374	40.000
To a better mobility , intermodality and efficiency in river transport for persons and merchandise	MET Danube	Romanian Electrotechnical Committee	RO	39.000	35.100
Alternative transport modes in field of logistics solutions focused on the products of the automotive industry in Danube region	ATM - DANUBE	University of Zilina	SK	50.000	40.000
Management of safety issues in Danube Inland Navigation	MSIDIN	Innovation Center of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Belgrade Ltd	RS	33.104	29.790
Danube ports in the light of numbers - Introducing the new level of Port Performance Indicator System for the inland waterway ports	POPEI	Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports (HFDP)	HU	40.000	36.000
Improvement of waterways mobility trough assessing the existing state and design of a development project for Upper Tisza river port	Tiszaport	Záhony and Vicinity Development Limited Company	HU	43.898	39.508
"Connecting people with rivers through boating and enviromental education and trainings"	CPZ	Ecological Movement Zelenkovac	BA	41.595	37.436



# EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways



Acronym	Name of org. (en)	Country	Partnership	PA/EUSDR relevance	Macro-regional dimension	Professionalism	Ranking
CECOTI	Association of Crossborder Cooperation "Lower Danube	RO	3	2	3	3	11
TRAINING4PORTS	Union of Romanian Inland Ports	RO	3	2	3	2	10
MET Danube	Romanian Electrotechnical Committee	RO	1	0	2	0	3
ATM - DANUBE	University of Zilina	SK	2	1	4	2	9
MSIDIN	Innovation Center of Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in	RS	3	4	3	3	13
POPEI	Hungarian Federation of Danube Ports (HFDP)	HU	3	3	4	4	14
Tiszaport	Záhony and Vicinity Development Limited	HU	2	1	3	2	8
CPZ	Ecological Movement Zelenkovac	BA	2	0	1	3	6

## Status of START Facility (PA10)

- The deadline for conclusion of the pre-selection and for sending PA10 recommendations is the 18th of November

## Status of administrative agreement DG MOVE/Danube Commission

## COFFEE BREAK

# Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan

## National maintenance activities May – October 2014

- *Tour de table*: Main national steps taken in fairway maintenance since the last Steering Group meeting (9th May 2014)

## Milestones of Master Plan document

- **9 May 2014:** Steering Group meeting in Vienna
  - Presentation of structure and concept
  - The revised document was sent to the NEWADA duo project partners and the SG members from Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldavia and Ukraine for further input and possible corrections.
  
- **4 August 2014:** last technical input data/comments received from all riparian states
  - All responses were taken up and integrated in the draft Master Plan
  - PA1a Technical Secretariat undertook final editing and included maps of the critical locations

## Milestones of Master Plan document

- **9 September 2014:** distribution of draft document to SG for final approval
  - Deadline for comments on the document - if any - to the Technical Secretariat requested until 26 September 2014.
  - Announcement that - after that date - the Master Plan would be submitted to DG Regio and DG Move for political process
- **26 September 2014 :** deadline for last comments
  - Responses received from some riparian states and Danube Commission
  - All received responses were taken up and integrated in the draft Master Plan
  - Comments by Germany were sent in time, but were not delivered at Technical Secretariat due to technical problems (only on 23 Oct)



## Milestones of Master Plan document

- **17 October 2014** : Distribution of Master Plan document and draft ministerial conclusions to permanent representations to EU by DG MOVE
  - Additional comments received by several delegations (mostly editorial corrections)
- **3 December 2014** : envisaged ministerial meeting
  - Master Plan document is technical work plan (under responsibility of PA1a)
  - Conclusions of Danube ministerial meeting under negotiation (under responsibility of DG REGIO/MOVE)

## Milestones of Master Plan document

- Legal disclaimer added:

“This is a technical document which does not constitute international law. In its implementation international law as well as EU and national legislation have to be respected.”

## **Next steps towards endorsement of the Fairway Maintenance Master Plan by Danube Transport Ministers**

**Final version to be sent to Steering  
Group and permanent Representatives  
in Brussels**

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