

CONVENTION FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR INLAND NAVIGATION ON THE DANUBE

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CAST OFF!

More than six month of successful project work are laying behind, paving the way towards improved and user friendly ship borne waste management in the Danube region. After a fruitful project start in October 2012, the consortium of eleven partners plunged into work. A multitude of tasks has to be performed during the 24 months of the project in order to facilitate the implementation of a harmonised, cross-border, modern, state-of the art ship waste management system along the Danube.

Right from the start an interdisciplinary approach was pursued based on a well-developed network of stakeholders and observer gained from the previous 'WANDA' project. An enhancement of the project's quality is especially achieved through the involvement of an advisory working group, so called **INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION BOARD (IIB)** which will facilitate the preparation of the planned International Danube Ship Waste Convention.



1ST IIB MEETING IN BUDAPEST

On the 27th of February 2013, the IIB meeting opened the first chapter of a series of international meetings between national and international experts dealing with aspects to be covered by a future international agreement for the Danube, such as a financing model for oily and greasy ship waste, legal requirements and lessons learnt from the development of the Rhine Ship Waste Management Treaty.

The meeting was particularly enriched with presentations given by the following keynote speakers:

- Mrs. Ivana Kunc – *Danube Commission*
- Mr. Dusko Isakovic – *International Sava River Basin Commission*
- Mrs. Katrin Moosbrugger – *Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine*
- Mr. Erwin Spitzer – *Bilgenentwässerungsverband (Germany)*
- Mrs. Mihaela Popovici – *International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River*

Further meetings of the International Implementation Board will follow during the 2 years course of the CO-WANDA project, facilitating the necessary preparatory work for an international convention on both national and international level.



Impressions of the 1st IIB & AEG Meeting in Budapest on 27th of February, 2013

...LEARNING FROM EXISTING SYSTEMS...

Along the Rhine, a convention on the collection, deposit and reception of ship waste, the so-called 'CDNI' already exists. In order to gain expertise, experience and know-how of this existing system, the project consortium has made a three day study visit to selected facilities in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. On the first day, Mr. Erwin Spitzer, general manager of the BEV – 'Bilgenentwässerungsverband', the national institution responsible for implementing CDNI rules regarding oily and greasy ship waste in Germany - shared his long term experiences. Furthermore, the project team had the opportunity to make an on-board visit of a mobile bilge water collection vessel, getting insights on the technology applied on board. On the second day, the CO-WANDA team met Mr. Peter Van den dries, environmental manager of the port of Antwerp. After an interesting presentation showing the Belgian way of ship waste handling, the consortium visited the recently opened waste park 'Lillopark', where all types of waste can be dropped off 6 days a week. The last station of the study visit was Rotterdam, where Mrs. Rianne van Heemst and Mr. Loet de Hooge, representatives of the 'SAB – Stichting Afvalstoffen & Vaardocumenten Binnenvaart' as well as Mrs. Marente Brouwer from the 'Rijkswaterstaat', an organisation being part of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment gave their inputs on the Dutch ship waste collection system of.

...PILOT TESTS OFFERING FREE WASTE COLLECTION...

In summer 2013, pilot tests will be conducted, giving vessels the chance to dispose their oily and greasy ship born waste at predefined waste collection points, free of charge. If you want to be part of the projects' pilot action, it just takes one easy step and you can get a free vignette from the CO-WANDA website. It's only one click away:

<http://www.co-wandaproject.eu/pilotaction/>



The screenshot shows a registration form for a CO-WANDA vignette. It includes fields for ENR/ENL (1234567890), SHIP NAME, OWNER'S NAME, DATE OF ISSUE (20.03.2013), VALID FOR (31.12.2013), and REGISTRATION ID (1234567890). A map of the Danube river is visible on the right. Below the form, there is a QR code and a small text block explaining the vignette's purpose.

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Furthermore, **RIVER INFORMATION SERVICES (RIS)**, which carry a great potential in supporting predictive ship waste disposal, will be tested comprehensively. Test applications will be available during the pilot tests in Hungary, Serbia and Romania. These applications will consist of installing on-board equipment supporting the skippers in using the waste disposal facilities and also of on-shore pilot solutions enabling smooth reception for the vessels and the ship waste to be handled. The pilots will enable data gathering for applicability and statistical reasons and shall provide input for a future RIS system supporting ship waste management to ensure the environmentally friendly operation of inland waterway transport.

For more information about the project, please visit the CO-WANDA website <http://www.co-wandaproject.eu/> or get in contact with the project team.

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