

**9th Workshop on the Follow-up of the
*Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland
Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin*
Draft Agenda**

Date: 13-14 September 2018

Venue: Vienna International Centre, Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna, Austria

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- Inform about progress on the implementation of the *Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin*
- Discuss challenges and solutions in relation to the practical application of the integrated planning approach and lessons learnt
- Inform and discuss new facts and perspectives of European inland waterway transport, including the EU *Danube Strategy*
- Ensure regular information exchange and presentation of new initiatives

DAY 1 • 13 September 2018

12:30	Arrival and registration of participants	
13:00	1. Welcome and introductory statements	
	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)	<i>Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR</i>
	International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) Danube Commission (DC)	<i>Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i> <i>Horst Schindler, DC</i>
13:15	2. Inland waterways and the environment – Policy developments relevant for the Danube region	
	Outlook for Danube navigation in the context of the Rhine-Danube Corridor EU policies on inland navigation and financing opportunities – latest developments	<i>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG MOVE</i>
	EU environmental policies relevant for inland navigation – latest developments	<i>European Commission DG ENV</i>
	Discussion	
14:15	3. Overview current state of IWT projects in the Danube basin countries: Experiences with integrated planning and implementation	<i>Moderator: Ivan Zavadsky, ICPDR</i>
	Presentations on recent experiences of projects with integrated planning and practical implementation of the Joint Statement with a particular focus on the exchange of sustainable technical infrastructure solutions to improve the navigation conditions and their potential impacts on the environment.	

	<p>Danube East of Vienna (Mr Robert Tögel)</p> <p>Current state of bottlenecks on the Croatian Inland Waterways: Current Problems, Projects and Future Plans (Ms Lidija Hubalek)</p> <p>Supervision and Environmental Monitoring of River Training and Dredging Works on Critical Sectors on the Danube River in Serbia (Ms Jasna Muškatirović)</p> <p>FAST Danube Project (Mr Romeo Soare)</p> <p>Calarasi - Braila - DANUBE 1 Project (Ms Catalina Dumbrava)</p>	<i>Project representatives</i>
	<p>Committee for Monitoring and Coordination of Implementation of the Project Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway</p>	<i>Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i>
16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30	<p>Panel discussion: Ongoing inland waterways infrastructure projects and sustainable and efficient transport on the Danube</p>	<p><i>Horst Schindler, DC</i></p> <p><i>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG MOVE</i></p> <p><i>Georg Rast, WWF</i></p>
	Discussion	
17:00	Conclusions day 1	
19:00	<i>Dinner at Alte Kaisermühle, Fischerstrand 6, 1220 Wien (http://www.kaisermuehle.at)</i>	

DAY 2 • 14 September 2018

09:30	<p>4. Good Navigation Status – Improvement of the navigation conditions respecting environmental issues</p> <p>Presentation of final results of the Study on Good Navigation Status</p> <p>Correspondence group for the setting of appropriate objectives for rivers and canals</p>	<p><i><u>Moderator:</u> Horst Schindler, DC</i></p> <p><i>Gert-Jan Muilerman, EUSDR PA1a</i></p> <p><i>Horst Schindler, DC</i></p>
10:00	<p>5. METEET – Conclusions and results of first trainings in Croatia and Serbia including way forward</p>	<p><i>Desirée Oen, European Commission DG MOVE</i></p>
	Discussion	
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30	<p>6. Future plans and perspectives for enhancing navigation and environmental protection in the Danube and its navigable tributaries</p>	<p><i><u>Moderator:</u> Dragan Zeljko, ISRBC</i></p>
	<p>EUSDR related developments – The Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries</p>	<p><i>Gert-Jan Muilerman, EUSDR PA1a Technical Secretariat</i></p>
12:30	<p>7. Discussion on key lessons learned and future steps in support of the implementation of the Joint Statement (DG ENV, DG MOVE, ICPDR, ISRBC, DC)</p>	
13:00	<i>Closure of the workshop</i>	

Back-to-Back with the ninth Joint Statement Meeting, the "Danube Awareness Day" will be organised on 13th September from 09:00 to 13:00 at the same meeting venue. The "Danube Awareness Day" is an official event under the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council. The main purpose of the meeting will be to present and discuss good practices in waterway management that allow an equilibrium between good ecological and good navigation status.