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# 5th meeting of Working Groups

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

**Budapest | 21 November 2013** 









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Budapest, 21 November 2013 Reinhard Vorderwinkler & Monica Patrichi







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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 compre- hensive 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: 15/04/2013	Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainable Transport	Fleet Modernisation	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	WT Policies	TOTAL
	-		Sustainable		Information		WT Policies	TOTAL 95
15/04/2013	Infrastructure	Management	Sustainable Transport	Modernisation	Information Services	and Jobs		
15/04/2013 TOTAL	Infrastructure 34	Management	Sustainable Transport 26	Modernisation	Information Services 7	and Jobs	5	95
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- 43 projects are in preparation (proposal, feasibility study etc.)
- 27 projects are currently under implementation





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# Milestones since last Working Group meetings

- 1 July 2013: Publication of evaluation of EU macro-regional strategies by the **European Commission**
- **June 2013**: **Second progress report** finalised by PACs 1a; including progress report on implementation of Luxembourg Declaration on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance
- 28-29 October 2013, EUSDR Annual Forum Bucharest
  - More than **900 high-level participants** from the region, including ministers, showing the commitment of the countries to the Strategy











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### **Targets for PA 1a**

- (1) Increase the <u>cargo transport</u> on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010.
- (2) Solve <u>obstacles to navigability</u>, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective <u>waterway infrastructure management</u> by 2015.
- (3) Develop efficient <u>multimodal terminals at river ports</u> along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.
- (4) Implement harmonised <u>River Information Services</u> (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international <u>exchange of RIS data</u> preferably by 2015.
- (5) Solve the shortage of <u>qualified personnel</u> and harmonize <u>education standards</u> in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures.





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### **Working Groups: Thematic Areas**

Five thematic Working Groups are foreseen for the implementation of the EUSDR's Action Plan for Priority Area 1a:

**Waterway** Infrastructure



"Improve waterway infrastructure and waterway management"

Ports and **Sustainability** 



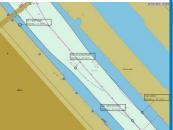
"Develop multimodal ports and sustainable freight transport"

Danube **Fleet** 



"Modernize the Danube fleet"

**River Information** Services



"Implement River Information Services"

**Education** and Jobs



"Invest in education & jobs"







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# Implementation status & next steps for thematic action fields



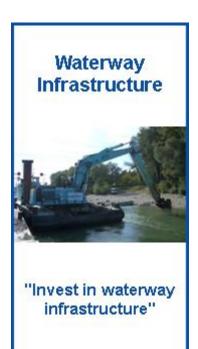




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### Waterway Infrastructure – next steps



- ✓ Revision of Guidelines for the EU's Trans-European Transport Network and the Connecting Europe Facility for 2014 to 2020 → Presentation by the EC's DG MOVE
  - Danube as Corridor 9 is part of the "core network" (now also includes the Danube-Black Sea Canal)
  - TEN-T core network shall be established by 2030
- Implementation of waterway infrastructure projects
- Stronger cooperation with PA6 on Biodiversity





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### Waterway Management – status



- **Declaration** on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries signed in June 2012 during the Danube **Ministers Meeting**
- ✓ Monitoring of implementation in the framework of the EUSDR's PA 1a ongoing
- Study on extreme weather events on waterways
  - → Presentation by via donau/Nina Siedl





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### Waterway Management – next steps



- ✓ Discussion of **short-term measures** planned for 2014 in 6th meeting of PA 1a Steering Group (21 November 2013) + Next update round for questionnaire on maintenance needs and plans directly after Steering Group meeting
- ✓ Proposal for appeal of the Steering Group on the implementation of the Luxemburg Declaration
- ✓ Masterplan on waterway maintenance on the Danube created within NEWADA duo project
   → Presentation by via donau/Thomas Hartl
- ✓ Solutions for ship waste management on the Danube
  - → Presentation by via donau/Hans Berger

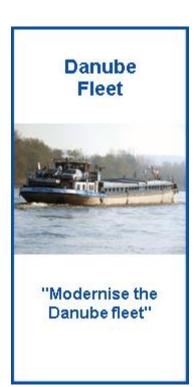




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### Fleet Modernisation



- Study on inland vessel fuel consumption under operational circumstances (MoVe-IT Project)
  - → Presentation by Marin/Meeuwis van Wirdum
- Flagship project: Innovative Danube Vessel (07/2012 – 12/2013); study commissioned by via donau on behalf of the EC's DG REGIO
  - → Presentation by DST /Thomas Guesnet





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# **Education and Jobs – qualifications**



 Contributions to ongoing EU initiatives with regard to recognition of and modernisation of professional qualifications in inland navigation → Presentation by CERONAV/Ana Leganel







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### **Administrative Processes – status**



- ✓ New initiative within PA 1a in cooperation with PA11 on Security
- ✓ Administrative processes and paperwork are a significant competitive disadvantage for IWT on the Danube and its tributaries
- ✓ Background: not all Danube riparian states are in the EU; not all EU states are in the Schengen area, i.e. necessary border checks for passengers & crews; required customs clearance for imports & exports
- ✓ First dedicated meeting on 25 September 2013 to identify the main administrative barriers which cause the highest costs and lead to the highest time losses

