

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

Newsletter December 2025

Dear Colleagues and Friends of the Danube Region Strategy,

Priority Area 1a can look back on a productive year 2025!

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the excellent cooperation and your strong involvement in our activities during this past year. We look forward to continuing our joint work and seeing you again in 2026!

We wish you a pleasant and restful holiday season and all the best for the New Year!

Kind regards,
Your PA1a team

News, facts and events

New TEN-T Rhine-Danube Coordinator appointed





Visit of the TEN-T Coordinator Margarida Marques to Austria (left) on 20 October and to Romania and Bulgaria (right) in Ruse on 3 November 2025; Photos by viadonau and EAEMDR Ruse

Margarida Marques is the new Coordinator for the Rhine–Danube Corridor. She was appointed by the European Commission in September 2025 as one of the new coordinators within the TEN-T framework. The TEN-T coordinators collaborate with member states, cities, regions and infrastructure managers at local, regional, national, and European levels to facilitate work towards completing the TEN-T.

In October and November, she visited waterway operators to gain first-hand insight into the current realities and opportunities along the Danube.

Joint Statement 2.0



Handover of the Joint Statement 2.0 to the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Coordinator Margarida Marques; Photo by Danube Commission

The updated version of the Joint Statement – the Joint Statement 2.0 – was presented on 22 October 2025 in Budapest and officially handed over to the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Coordinator Margarida Marques.

The Joint Statement was originally adopted in 2007. The update represents a step

forward in harmonizing navigation and environmental protection in the Danube River Basin and addresses increasing challenges caused by climate change and their impacts on navigation and ecosystems. It was developed by the Sava Commission, Danube Commission, and International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) in collaboration with stakeholders and with feedback from PA1a.

[Read the Joint Statement 2.0](#)

26th PA1a Steering Group Meeting



26th PA1a Steering Group Meeting in Vienna; Photo by Pro Danube

The technical secretariat welcomed the Steering Group members in Vienna on 5 November 2025 to discuss the latest developments in inland navigation in the respective countries and at a European level.

The development of "Actions towards zero emission Danube fleet" which is carried out by PA1a and the Danube Commission was a key topic during this meeting. The proposed policy actions were discussed by Steering Group members. Furthermore, the project MultiRELOAD that aims at efficient, effective and sustainable multimodality was presented.

Read more about the Steering Group meeting

3rd Advisory Committee Meeting on FAIRway Danube II



Panel discussion on the future of flexible waterway management; Photo by viadonau/Johannes Zinner

On November 5 2025, viadonau welcomed numerous high-level representatives from European transport ministries, the European Union, waterway administrations, ports, logistics companies, and environmental stakeholders in Vienna for the 3rd Advisory Committee Meeting on the transnational FAIRway Danube II project. Discussions centered on the status of the project and the forthcoming steps.

In the course of the year 2025 the FAIRway Danube II started the flexible infrastructure pilots in Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania while Austria had launched its pilot in 2024. Construction works on key mooring sites for cargo vessels in Austria and Romania began, and the expansion of the waterway monitoring system WAMOS made important progress.

Read the project news

News from the Working Groups

Progress on Actions towards zero emission Danube fleet

PA1a and the Danube Commission are making progress on the development of the "Actions towards zero emission Danube fleet", launched in 2024. Following the two stakeholder workshops, strategic actions to achieve green house gas emission reductions were outlined and pragmatic steps that consider current fleet conditions and economic realities in the Danube region were developed. The document was shared with the PA1a Steering Group members and further feedback will be integrated.

Events

The upcoming events in 2026 for PA1a Steering Group Members and inland navigation stakeholders are:

Date	Title	Venue	Organized by
4 March 2026	Working Group 1 Workshop on Fairway Conditions	Budapest, Hungary	EUSDR PA1a Technical Secretariat
5 March 2026	Expert Meeting on Hydraulic Engineering	Budapest, Hungary	Danube Commission
1 April 2026	Conference on "Challenges and Perspectives for the Development of Navigation on the Danube River" for the 70th anniversary of the EAEMDR	Ruse, Bulgaria	Executive Agency for Exploration and Maintenance of the Danube River
11 June 2026	Danube Business Talks	Vienna, Austria	viadonau

Links to the Navigation condition

Traffic, fairway and navigation conditions, can be found on the Danube FIS Portal or the EuRIS portal

Danube FIS Portal

EuRIS Portal

or the web pages of the Danube river administrations:

- Germany <https://www.elwis.de/DE/dynamisch/IENC/>
- Austria <https://www.doris.bmimi.gv.at/inland-encs/downloads/inland-encs-inland-ecdis-standard-24>
- Czech Republic https://geoportal.plavebniurad.cz/web/Geoportal/Index_en
- Slovakia <https://www.svp.sk/svp>
- Hungary <https://www.ovf.hu/vizgazdalkodas-vizszolgaltatas/ienc-terkep;https://pannonris.hu/en/terkepek>
- Croatia <https://www.vodnipaylo.hr/en/ris/enc-charts/>
- Serbia <http://www.plovput.gov.rs/electronic-navigational-charts>
- Bulgaria <https://appd-bg.org/mapris-en>
- Romania <https://afdj.ro/en/content/inland-enc; https://roris.rna.ro/portal/en>
- Ukraine https://charts.gov.ua/en_enc_cell.html

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