

# Working Group on Administrative Processes

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## Administrative Processes – status



- ✓ Initiative within PA 1a in cooperation with PA11 on Security
- ✓ Administrative processes and paperwork are seen as 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 steps of the Working Group

### Meetings:

- September 2013: First dedicated meeting
- April/May 2014: Meetings with DARIF
- July 2014: Steering Committee PA 11
- July 2014: DARIF Joint Operation Mohács



### Results:

- ✓ Collection of border control forms and requested data
- ✓ First feedback from IWT sector
- ✓ Outline of a Work Program 2014/2015 with joint activities

## Summary sector feedback – border controls I

### Customs

- ✓ Control of the fuel declarations (different procedures, customs clearance after bunkering and resulting waiting times)
- ✓ Required customs clearance at each port entry and exit – even for domestic transports (opening hours of customs offices in ports)
- ✓ Customs clearance in sea ports (time consuming)
- ✓ List of supplies for control (level of data, requested data)
- ✓ Landing fees during customs controls



## Summary sector feedback – border controls II

### Border police

- ✓ Control at the EU external borders (opening hours, waiting times)
- ✓ Passport control in ports (opening hours)

### Navigational Surveillance/ Authorities responsible for disaster prevention

- ✓ ADN controls (multiple controls, different procedures)
- ✓ Controls of ship certifications (different procedures)
- ✓ Official closures of navigation by authorities during low water periods
- ✓ Draught controls

## Summary sector feedback – recommendations

- ✓ Questionnaires on satisfaction with the control procedures
- ✓ Harmonized training regarding ADN for control bodies (harmonised control mechanisms along Upper, Middle and Lower Danube)
- ✓ Construction of landing sites/pontoons for the control of motorized cargo vessels and small convoys at the border
- ✓ 24 hours service at the border and customs inspection or controls outside the opening hours upon appointment in advance
- ✓ Prompt execution of phytosanitary controls (also after 4 pm)
- ✓ Standardized forms (crew list, documents for border and customs inspection)
- ✓ Revision of the list of supplies

## 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





## 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

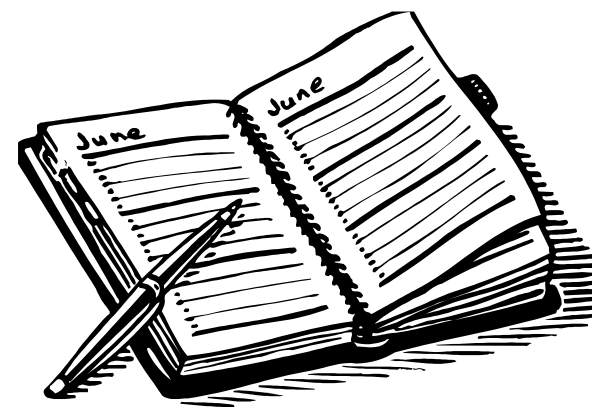


**RECOMMENDED**

## 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

## Thank you for your attention!



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