

2nd Working Group meeting for Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR

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Status Quo of implementing EUSDR Priority Area 1a

- Ongoing collection of information on projects related to PA 1a (project data sheets and project summaries)
- Set-up & operation of PA 1a website: www.danube-navigation.eu – preparation of new design and relaunch in May 2012 (including IWT project database)
- Development of background information & draft “Road Maps” for implementation of EUSDR actions related to Priority Area 1a – Inland Waterways
- Support of EC ad hoc initiative on improvement of Danube waterway infrastructure maintenance
- Preparation of "flagship project" on Innovative Danube Vessel

Ongoing collection of projects related to PA 1a

➤ Currently **about 80 [ongoing] projects/project ideas collected** for topics waterway infrastructure, waterway management, ports & sustainable freight transport, fleet modernisation, River Information Services, education & jobs

Road Map 1 projects: Waterway infrastructure								
ID & cross-reference	Full project title	Acronym	Project leader (country)	Duration	Project phase			
					1	2	3	4
PA1A030	Independent variant research on the development of the Danube between Straubing and Vilshofen	—	RMD Wasserstraßen GmbH (DE)	10/2008 - 12/2012			x	
This project is part of TEN-T Priority Project 18 and concerns the elimination of the main bottleneck in the entire Rhine-Main-Danube waterway. The main objective of this study (2007-DE-18050-S) is to make a concrete and independent assessment on the influence of different measures on navigation, as well as on the environment. According to the TEN-T Annual Activity Report 2010-2011, construction works will start after 2013.								
PA1A031	Integrated River Engineering Project on the Danube East of Vienna	IREP	via donau - Österreichische Wasserstraßen-Gesellschaft mbH (AT)	01/2007 - t.b.d.			x	
This project is part of TEN-T Priority Project 18 and aims at providing a solution to riverbed erosion and at improving the ecological and nautical conditions on the free-flowing section of the Danube between Vienna and Bratislava. On a length of about three kilometres, a pilot project at Bad Deutsch-Altenburg was started in February 2012 in order to test the integrative planning principles of the project in natura.								

➤ An overview on the **current status** is available in the form of **project summaries** on PA 1a website: www.danube-navigation.eu



Set-up & operation of PA 1a website:

www.danube-navigation.eu

- Current and continuous **information** about **ongoing activities** in PA 1a (news, events, meetings)
- **General information** about European Danube Region Strategy PA 1a **Governance structure, targets and actions** related to **Inland Waterways**
- **Documents** (agenda, presentations, lists of attendance, etc) related to **Working Group (WG)** and **Steering Group (SG)** meetings
- Overview on the **current status** of **projects / project ideas** related to PA 1a



Number of identified projects related to PA 1a*

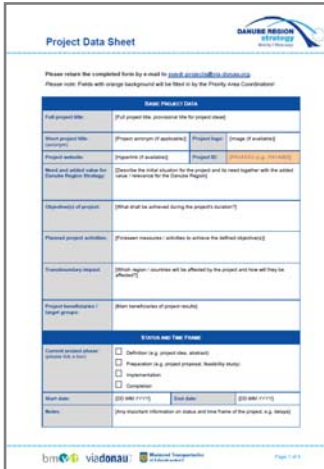


TOTAL	31	9	20	12	6	3	81
Definition	5	2	4	2	0	1	14
Preparation	16	2	9	6	2	1	36
Implementation	10	3	7	2	3	1	26
Completion	0	2	0	2	1	0	5

* Status of 15th March 2012

What happens with project ideas?

- Projects/project ideas can be **forwarded to PACs 1a** at any time: → eusdr-projects@via-donau.org (project data sheet & project overview: www.danube-navigation.eu)
- Project ideas are **evaluated** by the **Steering Group (SG)**: Is the project idea in line with the Danube Region Action Plan (contents check)?
- In case of a positive evaluation, the project receives a **“Letter of Recommendation” (LoR)** by the **SG**, which is forwarded to the EC respectively to the corresponding European funding authorities
- LoR does **NOT automatically** mean **EU funding** – formal criteria of project proposals have to be fulfilled corresponding to the respective funding programmes
- **Mechanism** still to be established by EC and MS how to **integrate** the **LoR** in concrete **funding decisions** (for the new funding period 2014-2020)



Project Data Sheet

Please return the completed form by e-mail to eusdr-projects@via-donau.org

Please note: Fields with orange background will be filled in by the Priority Area Coordinator

Basic Project Data			
Full project title	Full project title (maximum 100 characters)		
Location	Project start (month/year)	Project end (month/year)	Project type (single or multiple)
Project results	Project ID (optional)	Project ID (optional)	Project ID (optional)
Word and public label for Danube Region Strategy	Describe the initial situation for the project and its need together with the initial action requirements for the Danube Region Strategy		
Relevance of project	What will be achieved during the project (benefits)?		
Planned project activities	If present resources: activities to achieve the defined objectives?		
Secondary impact	Which other resources will be affected by the project and how will they be affected?		
Project implementation / start of project	Main beneficiaries of project results		
Which are the focus			
Implementation phase	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction of project infrastructure		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preparation of a project proposal (feasibility study)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Information		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Operation		
Start date	2014/06/11/12	End date	2016/06/11/12
Notes	Please provide information on status and next steps of the project (e.g. 2014/06/11/12)		

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Topics for "Road Maps": How shall the EUSDR Inland Waterway related actions be implemented?

Clustering of **10 actions** on inland waterways → **6 "Road Maps"**

1. Waterway infrastructure (2 actions)
2. Waterway management
3. Ports & sustainable freight transport (2 actions)
4. Fleet modernisation
5. River Information Services
6. Education & jobs

In addition two horizontal resp. political "Road Maps": National IWT Policies (7.) and Revision of Belgrade Convention (8.) → Discussed in SG

Development of background information for Road Maps

- Thematic background information for discussion in Working Groups and as basis for the elaboration of the Road Maps
- Consideration of relevant EU policy (e.g. NAIADES Action Programme) and of all actors (EC, countries, industry, NGO's)

**Legislative
Instruments**

**Support
Instruments**

Recent development

**Policy
Instruments**

Projects

Short-term

Medium-term

Long-term

Responsibilities

Discussion about draft “Road Maps”

1. Presentation of **thematic background information** per **action field** (Waterway infrastructure, Waterway management, Ports & sustainable freight transport, Fleet modernisation, River Information Services, Education & jobs)
2. Presentation of **draft Road Maps** for **PAC 1a**: What are the **main activities and specific tasks** of **PAC 1a** with regards to the implementation of the action fields?
3. **Discussion** with **stakeholders** in **Working Group** meeting about general expectations, priority topics, missing elements and draft Road Map
4. **Finalisation & agreement** of **Road Maps** with Danube Region countries & EC in next **Steering Group** meeting (3/4 May 2012)

Support of EC ad hoc initiative on improvement of Danube waterway infrastructure maintenance

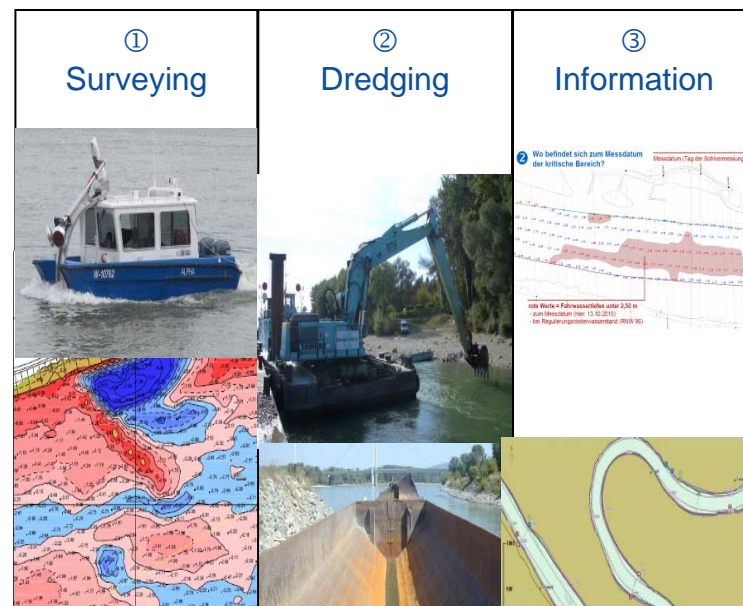
- Starting point: Low water period on Danube September – November 2011 and related poor condition of Danube waterway infrastructure
- Navigation came to a complete standstill due to low water levels on the lower Danube for about 40 days
- Estimated losses of about 6 million € for the navigation sector, in addition lost of trust in Danube navigation as a reliable and cost-effective means of transport & higher safety risks
- Request by the navigation industry and Austrian Chamber of Commerce: Need for immediate action in order to prevent similar situation as happened in summer/autumn 2011



Danube near Calarasi, Romania,
December 2011

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- Action taken by EC (DG REGIO and DG MOVE): Letter to all Ministries of Transport in the Danube Region (27.02.2012): “Danube Navigation – A priority of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region”
- Discussion within next SG meeting of PA 1a (3/4 May – attendance of Commissioner Hahn) and preparation of national reports on status quo & improvement measures
- High-Level meeting EC – Danube Region countries on 7-8 June on the occasion of the Transport Council



Preparation of EUSDR "flagship project": Innovative Danube Vessel

- Study commissioned by PAC 1a (via donau) on behalf of DG REGIO
- Overall objective: **Elaboration and development of innovative vessel and technology solutions** with high potential for implementation on the Danube
- Analysis of **solutions derived from existing R&D projects** with respect to their potential for implementation and further development in the Danube region
- **Provision of recommendations for further technology development** within the framework of the Danube Region Strategy
- Project duration: 18 months (until end of 2013)



Figure 3.2: Main engine with complete installation.

Figure 3.3: Exhaust output section.



Figure 3.4: Urea injection and PM filter burner.

Figure 3.5: Urea tank in the aft ship.

Next steps

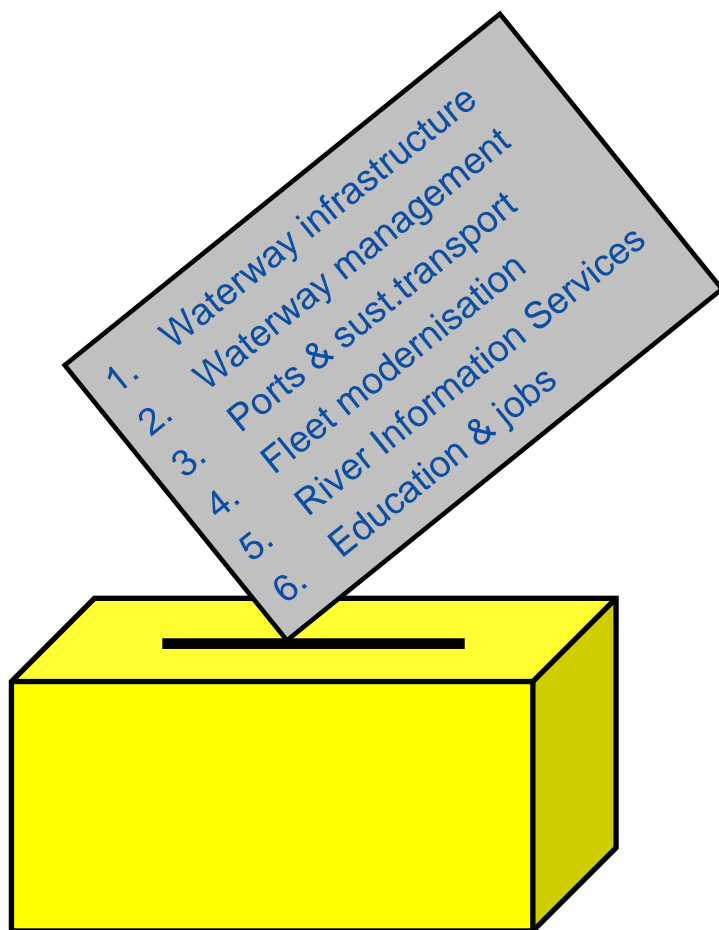
- Finalisation of thematic Road Maps of PAC 1a and agreement within SG
- Creation of project database for PA 1a until May 2012 (available online at www.danube-navigation.eu)
- **3/4 May 2012: SG Meeting for PA 1a**
- **24/25 May 2012: Annual PA 1a Stakeholder Forum (Bucharest)**
- June 2012: First implementation report of PAC 1a to the EC
- Autumn 2012: WG and SG meetings of PAC 1a

What do we expect from you in this Working Group meeting?

We would like to invite you to **actively participate** & to give us your **feedback / input** on the presented actions/activities in order to implement the EUSDR Action Plan in the field of Inland Waterway Transport

- Are all the relevant actions/activities covered in your opinion?
What do you miss?
- Where do you see the priorities?
- What shall we generally consider? Do you have any general remarks / considerations with regards to the actions?
- What are your expectations related to the EUSDR and to PAC1a?
- How do you want to get involved?

Collection of your feedback / opinion

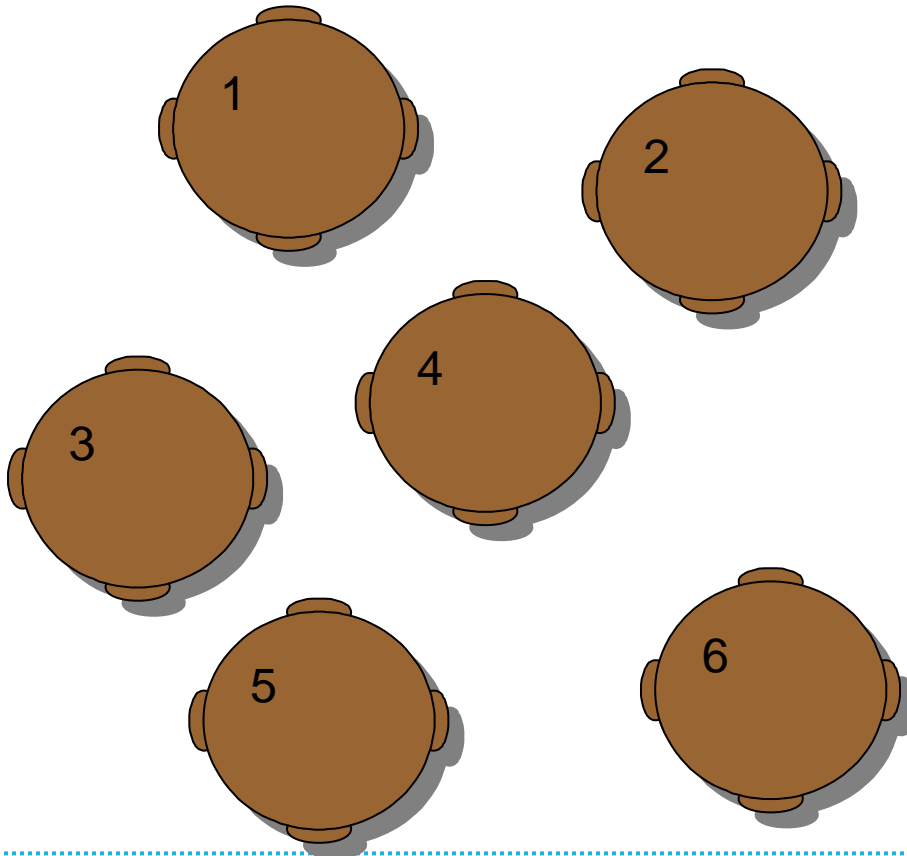


- Feedback based on our thematic presentations
- Principle: One thought per card – if possible.
- Please indicate per card the referred topic (numbers 1 to 6, see picture)
- **Time: 30 min**

What are your expectations on the EUDRS and PAC1a?



Round table discussion on identified issues from your feedback



- Discussion of each topic (1-6) on separate tables (WG) supported by moderators
- Discussion based on your feedback of the first day provided on cards
- Presentation of conclusions in the plenary and common final discussion