

## Third session of Steering Group for Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR

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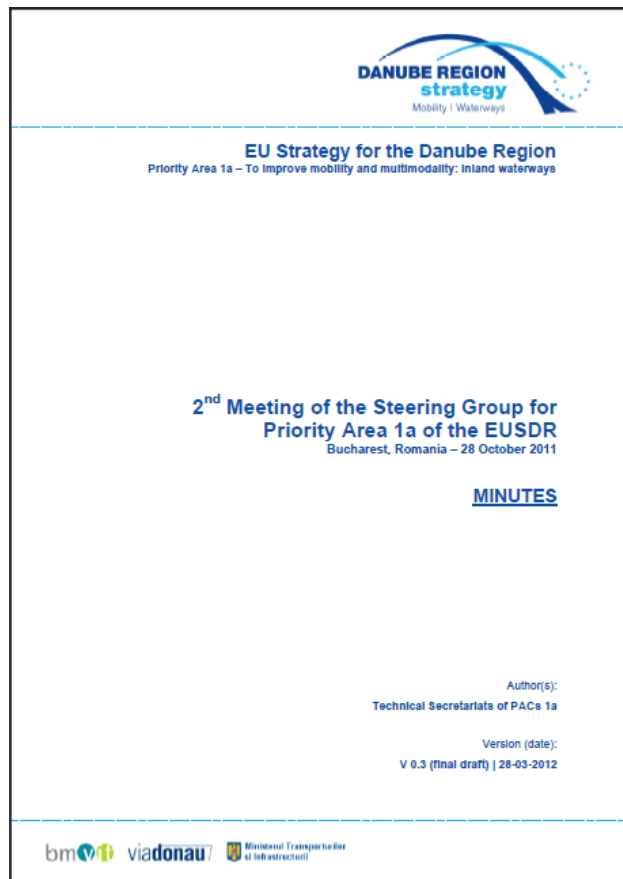
## Agenda

1. Adoption of Meeting Minutes for 2nd SG Session
2. Introduction and presentation of current status of work by PACs
3. Presentation of labelling criteria and projects to receive a Letter of Recommendation by the Steering Group of PA 1a
4. Discussion on and approval of Letter of Recommendation for selected EUSDR PA 1a projects
5. Presentation of draft Road Map for the implementation of the actions identified for PA 1a in the Action Plan
6. Reports by Steering Group members on the status quo of implementing the EUSDR and their priorities
7. Common discussion and agreement on Road Map
8. Any other business & next steps

## Agenda item 1:

# Adoption of Meeting Minutes for 2nd SG Session

# Meeting Minutes for 2nd SG session



- 2nd meeting of the Steering Group for EUSDR Priority Area 1a took place in Bucharest on October 28, 2011
- **Final draft version 0.3** of Meeting Minutes (Status: 2012-03-28) was sent out to SG members on April 20, 2012 – cf. desk copy

## Agenda item 2:

# Introduction & presentation of current status of work by PACs

## 2nd session of Working Groups

**Vienna, 15/16 March 2012**


More than 70 attendants



- Aim: Input by **stakeholders** on **draft version of Road Map** for the implementation of PA 1a
- **Feedback** of attendants regarding:
  - waterway infrastructure
  - integrative waterway management
  - ports & sustainable freight transport
  - fleet modernisation
  - River Information Services
  - education & jobs
- **Detailed minutes** available online at [www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu)




## Identification of PA 1a projects → data sheet

**Project Data Sheet**



Please return the completed form by e-mail to [esdr-projects@via-danau.org](mailto:esdr-projects@via-danau.org).  
Please note: Fields with orange background will be filled in by the Priority Area Coordinators!

BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	[Full project title; possible full title for project ideas]		
Short project title: (acronym)	[Project acronym (if applicable)]	Project logo:	[Image (if available)]
Project web site:	[Hyperlink (if available)]	Project ID:	[PA1A000 (e.g.: PA1A003)]
Need and added value for Danube Region Strategy:	[Describe the initial situation for the project and its need together with the added value / relevance for the Danube Region]		
Objective(s) of project:	[Which shall be achieved during the project duration?]		
Planned project activities:	[Foresee measures / activities to achieve the defined objective(s)]		
Transboundary impact:	[Which region / countries will be affected by the project and how will they be affected?]		
Project beneficiaries / target group:	[Main beneficiaries of project results]		
STATUS AND TIME FRAME			
Current project phase: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Definition (e.g. project idea, abstract) <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study) <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Completion		
Start date:	[DD.MM.YYYY]	End date:	[DD.MM.YYYY]
Notes:	[Any important information on status and time frame of the project, e.g. delays]		

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- 91 projects identified to date
- For several known projects, data sheets are missing in the following fields:
  - Waterway infrastructure
  - Port infrastructure
  - River Information Services
- Template for project data sheet available for download at [www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu)

## 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)

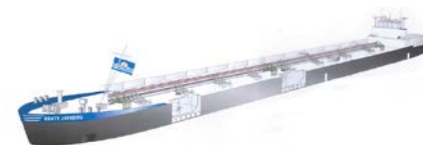


Figure 3.2: Main engine with complete installation.



Figure 3.3: Exhaust output section.



Figure 3.4: Urea injection and PM filter burner.

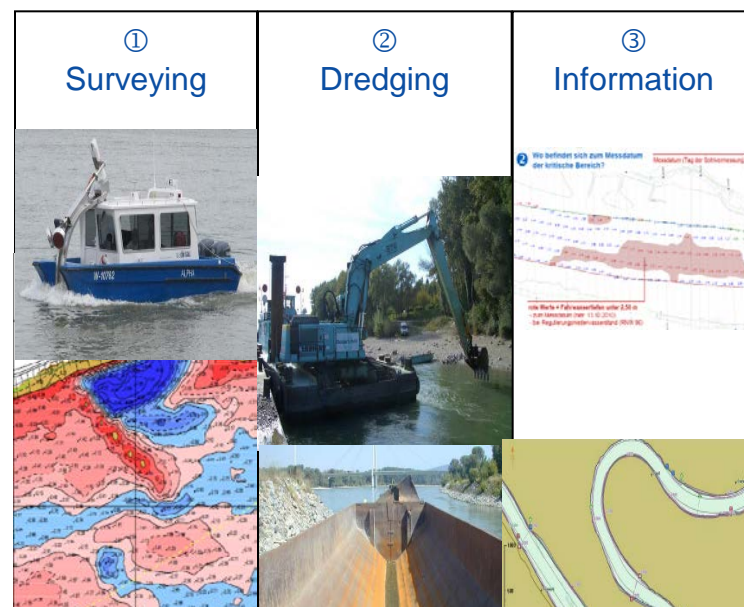


Figure 3.5: Urea tank in the aft ship.



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

- 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 in this SG meeting with Commissioner Hahn and preparation of national reports on status quo & improvement measures (NEWADA)
- High-Level meeting EC – Danube Region countries on 7-8 June on the occasion of the Transport Council



## Up-to-date information on PA 1a website

[www.danube-navigation.eu](http://www.danube-navigation.eu)

- Current and continuous **information** about **ongoing activities** in PA 1a: Inland Waterways (news, events, meetings etc.)
- **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; 91 data sheets online



## 1st Annual Stakeholder Conference

- **Bucharest, 24—25 May 2012**  
Palace of the Parliament
- **Online registration** is needed; preliminary agenda and other information is available online at the PA 1a website
- Request to Steering Group members / Danube countries:

Short **presentation** on the second day of the conference (25 May) on

- your contribution to the implementation of PA 1a on inland waterways
- your priorities for the near future



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## Agenda item 3:

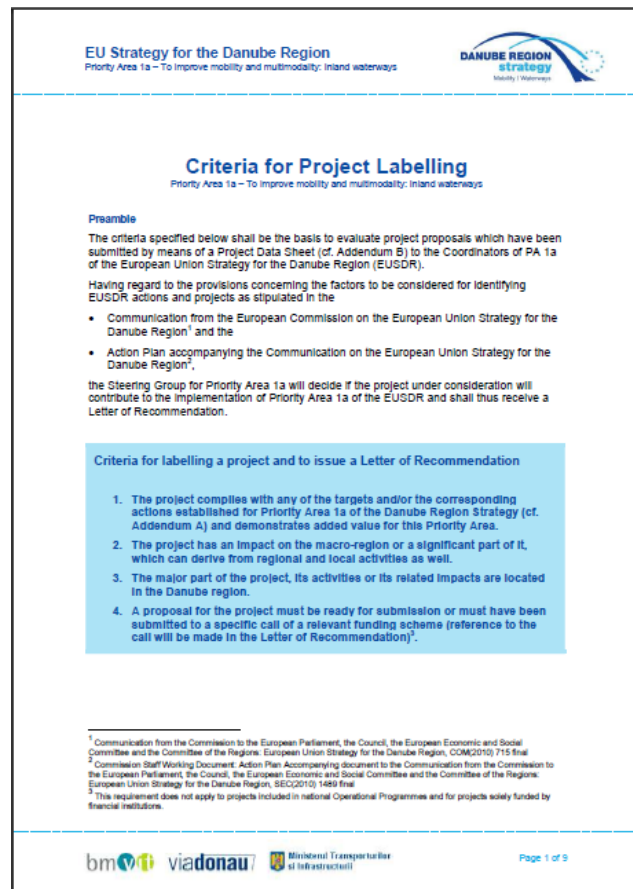
# Presentation of project labelling criteria

## EUSDR PA 1a projects: Status quo

- 91 projects received or identified by PACs 1a so far
- 16 projects are in their definition phase (project idea, abstract etc.)
- 41 projects are in preparation (proposal, feasibility study etc.)

Status: 27/04/2012	Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainable Transport	Fleet Modernisation	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	IWT Policies	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Definition</b>	5	2	6	2	0	1	0	<b>16</b>
<b>Preparation</b>	17	3	10	6	2	1	2	<b>41</b>
<b>Implementation</b>	10	3	7	2	3	1	3	<b>29</b>
<b>Completion</b>	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	<b>5</b>

# Selection of recommended projects



**EU Strategy for the Danube Region**  
Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: inland waterways

**DANUBE REGION strategy**  
Mobility | Waterways

### Criteria for Project Labelling

Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: inland waterways

**Preamble**

The criteria specified below shall be the basis to evaluate project proposals which have been submitted by means of a Project Data Sheet (cf. Addendum B) to the Coordinators of PA 1a of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR).

Having regard to the provisions concerning the factors to be considered for identifying EUSDR actions and projects as stipulated in the





- Communication from the European Commission on the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region<sup>1</sup> and the
- Action Plan accompanying the Communication on the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region<sup>2</sup>,

the Steering Group for Priority Area 1a will decide if the project under consideration will contribute to the implementation of Priority Area 1a of the EUSDR and shall thus receive a Letter of Recommendation.

**Criteria for labelling a project and to issue a Letter of Recommendation**

1. The project complies with any of the targets and/or the corresponding actions established for Priority Area 1a of the Danube Region Strategy (cf. Addendum A) and demonstrates added value for this Priority Area.
2. The project has an impact on the macro-region or a significant part of it, which can derive from regional and local activities as well.
3. The major part of the project, its activities or its related impacts are located in the Danube region.
4. A proposal for the project must be ready for submission or must have been submitted to a specific call of a relevant funding scheme (reference to the call will be made in the Letter of Recommendation)<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: European Union Strategy for the Danube Region, COM(2010) 715 final  
<sup>2</sup> Commission Staff Working Document: Action Plan Accompanying document to the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: European Union Strategy for the Danube Region, SEC(2010) 1469 final  
<sup>3</sup> This requirement does not apply to projects included in national Operational Programmes and for projects solely funded by financial institutions.

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Which of all the projects reported to or identified by PACs 1a to receive a Letter of Recommendation?

→ Establishment of criteria for "project labelling"

## Setting for "project labelling"

1. The criteria shall be the basis to evaluate project proposals – i.e., projects in preparation phase
2. The criteria are derived from:
  - Communication from the European Commission on the EUSDR
  - Action Plan accompanying the Communication from the EC on the EUSDR
3. The Steering Group will decide if the project complies with the criteria and shall thus receive a Letter of Recommendation



## Criteria for "project labelling"

1. The project complies with any of the targets and/or the corresponding actions of PA1a and demonstrates added value for this PA.
2. The project has an impact on the macro-region or a significant part of it, which can derive from regional and local activities as well.
3. The major part of the project, its activities or its related impacts are located in the Danube region.
4. A proposal for the project must be ready for submission or must have been submitted to a specific funding call (reference in Letter of Recommendation).



## Agenda item 4:

# Discussion on and approval of Letter of Recommendation for selected projects

## Projects selected to receive LoR | 1

### Comprehensive waterway management:

- "It's Our Danube" – A floating campaign to increase awareness of aligning ecological and development interests
- Network of Danube Waterway Administrations - Data & User Orientation (NEWADA duo)

### Fleet modernisation:

- Convention for Waste Management for Inland Navigation on the Danube (CO-WANDA)
- Development of a Next Generation European Inland Waterway Ship and Logistics System (NEWS)
- Green Inland Fleet (GrinFleet)
- Pollutant emissions reduction of IWT ships on the Danube Corridor (IDA)

## Projects selected to receive LoR | 2

### Ports & sustainable freight transport:

- Green Danube Ports (GETUP)

### Education & jobs:

- Harmonized Inland Navigation Transport through Education and Information Technology (HINT)

### Inland waterway transport policies:

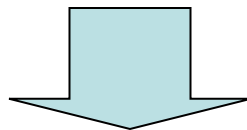
- Green Engineering for Challenges in Inland Navigation: The Danube Perspective (Green Chain)

## Agenda item 5:

# Presentation of draft Road Map for the implementation of actions

## ROAD MAP = strategic concept

- Why? Supporting the actions and targets for PA 1a
- How? Coordinators of PAC 1a together with involved actors will have to undertake recurrent (1) and specific (2) activities



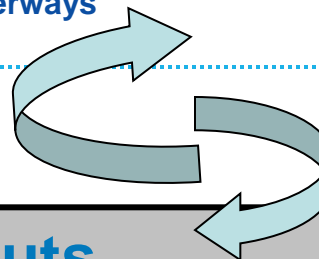
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## ROAD MAP describes

- milestones **related to activities**
- **the responsible and involved organisations**
- **the timeframe of implementation**
- **tasks (sub-activities)**
- **the expected output / results**

## Relevant Actors

- ✓ **European Commission (Regional Policy, Mobility and Transport, Environment)**
- ✓ **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)**
- ✓ **14 Danube region countries**
- ✓ **River commissions (Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission, ICPDR)**
- ✓ **Industry (e.g. shipping industry, navigation companies, port operators)**
- ✓ **Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**
- ✓ **Financing Institutions (e.g. EIB, EBRD)**
- ✓ **etc.**



## RECURRENT Activities in PA 1a


Milestones	Outputs
Project identification	Online project data base
Project assessment	Project list
Letter of Recommendation for projects	Signed “Letters of Recommendation”
Support of the Decision-Making Board (Steering Committee)	Regular information to Steering Group
Communication and Dissemination	Website and Intranet
Organisation of Meetings	Plan, organisation and documentation of meetings



## Example


Milestone / Activity	Project identification
Organisation resp.	PAC 1a
Organisation inv.	PAC 1a, Steering Group, Working Groups, Project Lead Partners
Timeframe	Recurrent (initial: May 2012)
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuous identification of relevant projects and their status (project ideas, under preparation, ongoing)</li><li>• Evaluation, editing and completion of received data in standardised project data sheets</li><li>• Coordination with Project Lead Partners</li></ul>
Output / Results	Online project data base

## SPECIFIC Activities: Waterway Management

Milestones 	Outputs
Status Quo of waterway infrastructure and improvement activities	<b><u>Status Quo analysis</u></b> of waterway infrastructure & related improvement activities for waterway maintenance
High-Level meeting between EC and Danube Region countries	Results of High-Level meeting and related <b><u>commitments</u></b>
Develop National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management	National <b><u>Strategy Plans</u></b> on Waterway Management
Implement National Strategy Plans on Waterway Management	Continuous <b><u>national reports</u></b> on implementation status of Strategy Plan on Waterway Management (via SG meetings)

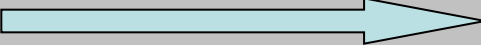
### SPECIFIC Activities: Fleet Modernisation → Activity:

### Implementation of Innovative Danube Vessel Project

Milestones 	Outputs
Development of Specifications	List of <b><u>specifications</u></b> and procurement documents
Tendering procedure	Awarding of a <b><u>bidder consortium</u></b>
Steering Committee for the study "Innovative Danube Vessel"	Steering Committee <b><u>Meetings</u></b>
Draft version	Final <b><u>draft version</u></b> of the study "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Validation	<b><u>Final study</u></b> "Innovative Danube Vessel"
Dissemination	Dissemination documents, <b><u>informed stakeholders</u></b> and decision makers

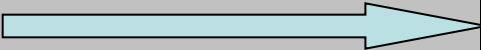
### **SPECIFIC Activities:** IWT Policy – Administrative Barriers →

**Activity:** Support project development for the next SEE call "Reducing administrative barriers for IWT along the Danube"

<b>Milestones</b> 	<b>Outputs</b>
Working Group	<u>List</u> of attendees
SWOT Analysis	<u>SWOT analysis</u> , list of experts
Stakeholders	Proposal of possible <u>Lead and Project Partners</u>
Workshops	Workshops and <u>work structure plan</u>
Letter of Recommendation	Lobbying and <u>Letter of recommendation</u>

### **SPECIFIC Activities:** IWT Policy – Administrative Barriers →

**Activity:** Inter-ministerial committee to be set up between the neighbouring countries

<b>Milestones</b> 	<b>Outputs</b>
Identify interventions	<b><u>List of projects</u></b> ; inter-ministerial <b><u>committee</u></b> ;
Identify the funding	<b>Accelerate</b> /facilitate the implementation of <b><u>projects</u></b>
Prepare the project and identify the lots	Projects prepared <b><u>for financing</u></b>
Implementation of projects	<b><u>Better conditions</u></b> for navigation, modernized port infrastructure, intermodal transport, surrounding infrastructure and developed information systems

## Agenda item 6:

# Reports by Steering Group members on the status quo of implementation

## Agenda item 7:

# Common discussion and agreement on Road Map

## Agenda item 8:

## Any other business and next steps



## Next steps

- **24 - 25 May 2012:** 1st Annual Stakeholder Conference of PA 1a, Bucharest (Romania)
- **Mid-June 2012:** Draft Progress Report to be commented and adopted by SG members by written procedure
- **30 June 2012:** First Progress Report to the European Commission based on Road Map for PA 1a
- **Fall 2012:** 3rd meeting of Working Groups of PA 1a + 4th meeting of Steering Group of PA 1a
- **27 - 28 November 2012:** 1st Annual EUSDR Stakeholder Conference, Regensburg (Germany)