



EU Danube Region Strategy: Technical Secretariat for Priority Area 1a:
To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways

Agenda for 3rd meeting of the Working Groups

Belgrade, 7 November 2012 | Venue: Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Terazije 23

09:00 – 09:10 – **Opening statement**

Ana Ilic, European Integration Office of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

09:10 – 09:45 – **Welcome and status of the *European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)* + Priority Area 1a on inland waterways**

Irina Ploeg Cruceru, DG REGIO, European Commission

Reinhard Vorderwinkler, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria

Monica Patrichi, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Romania

09:45 – 12:30 – **Working Groups for the implementation of EUSDR's Priority Area 1a on inland waterways**

Effective waterway maintenance:

The importance of a well-maintained waterway infrastructure – Problems & economic losses in the low-water period 2011 from a Danube vessel operator's point of view (*Eduard Catalin Tiganus, Compania de Navigatie Fluviala Romana NAVROM S.A. Galati, Romania*)

Integrated waterway infrastructure projects:

Serbian Danube waterway infrastructure project – A new deal: The integrated approach as a success factor (*Ivan Mitrovic, Directorate for Inland Waterways – Plovput, Serbia, & Irene Lucius, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme, Vienna*);
Sturgeon 2020 Strategy within Priority Area 06 of the EUSDR (*Florian Ballnus, Coordinator of the EUSDR's Priority Area 6 on biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils, Germany*)

Modernised Danube fleet and ports:

Fleet and ports modernisation – Dedicated Western European funding programmes & requirements for the Danube region (*Manfred Seitz, Pro Danube International, Austria*);

"Innovative Danube Vessel" – Feasibility study for modernisation potentials of the Danube fleet (*Reinhard Vorderwinkler, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria*)

10:45 – 11:15 – Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30 – **Working Groups continued**

Facilitated administrative procedures: Administrative challenges for the better usage of the Danube Waterway from a user's point of view (*Martin van Dijk & Gerard van Winssen (captain), Koninklijke Schuttevaer – International Department, The Netherlands*)

River Information Services: Implementation of project "IRIS Europe 3" and status of international data exchange (*Michael Fastenbauer, via donau – Österreichische Wasserstraßen-Gesellschaft mbH, Austria*)

Education and jobs: Implementation of project "HINT" and report on status quo of STCIN (*Ana Leganel, CERONAV – Romanian Maritime Training Centre*)

14:30 – 14:45 – **Introduction to thematic discussions**

Joint Austrian & Romanian Technical Secretariat for Priority Area 1a

14:45 – 16:00 – **Discussion of topics (as introduced in morning session) in four parallel Working Groups (WG) at round tables**

All participants; moderation of round tables by Joint Technical Secretariat for PA 1a

WG 1: Effective waterway maintenance (*Thomas Hartl*)

WG 2: Integrated waterway infrastructure projects (*Cristina Cuc*)

WG 3: Modernised Danube fleet and ports (*Monica Patrichi*)

WG 4: Facilitated administrative procedures (*Harald Beutl*)

16:00 – 16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00 – **Report to the plenum on results of Working Groups**

Joint Technical Secretariat for Priority Area 1a

17:00 – 17:30 – **Conclusions and closure of the meeting**

Austrian & Romanian Priority Area Coordinators

19:00 – 22:00 – Networking Dinner (see information on venues)

Information on venues
for 3rd meeting of the Working Groups
Belgrade, 7 November 2012

7 November 2012 | Working Groups Session

Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Terazije 23/2, 11000 Belgrade



The 3rd session of the Working Groups will take place in one of the buildings of the **Serbian Chamber of Commerce**, which is in a central location in Belgrade, only a few minute's walk away from several hotels.

In the same building, the Caruso restaurant is located where both lunch and dinner will be offered (see below).

- Show location on [Google Maps](#)

7 November 2012 | Lunch & Networking Dinner

Restoran "Caruso", Terazije 23/8, 11000 Belgrade



A networking dinner will be organized in the evening of 7 Nov. from 19:00 to 22:00 hrs at the **Caruso restaurant** which is located on the 8th floor of the building of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce in which the Working Groups session will take place.

- More information on the Caruso restaurant is available at www.restorancaruso.com