## Serbian Danube waterway infrastructure project – A new deal: the integrated approach as a success factor

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Plovput approach:
Multi-disciplinary Stakeholders' Forum created
Represented fields of interests:

navigation
environment and nature protection
economy
archaeology

Case by case approach, ecological & navigation requirements

Plovput approach:

Following basic principles from the Joint Statement
Integrated planning process in terms of creating framework for balancing between interests of navigation and interests of environment

• In parallel, introducing RIS as innovative traffic management system

Working with nature minimum engineering intervention

Plovput approach:

• Insuring sustainable minimum fairway depth and width during the low water periods, while respecting environmental requirements:

preserving connectivity conditions

preferring detached structures

preserving sediment equilibrium

ensuring mitigation measures

Integrated design of river training structures

Plovput approach:

- Multi-criteria analysis for each critical sector
- Detailed hydraulic and morphological analysis
- Using historical data to determine natural trends
- On-spot confirmation of data
- Selecting the best sustainable combination of structural and non-structural measures
- Investigating application of innovative structures

## Sediment balance kept/restored

Plovput approach:

 Independent verification of analysis is necessary in the process of building the trust between different stakeholders

One of four principles in basic project orientation:
 preserving sediment equilibrium, as river bed incision is influencing both navigation and environment

## Adaptive management

Plovput approach:

Standards are necessary, otherwise anarchy would prevail
Flexibility is necessary, especially in multidisciplinary projects
Common agreement between different stakeholders is possible

Thank you!

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