

5th meeting of Working Groups

Priority Area 1a of the Danube Region Strategy
on Inland Waterways

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Milestones since last Working Group meetings

- ✓ **1 July 2013:** Publication of **evaluation of EU macro-regional strategies** by the European Commission
- ✓ **June 2013:** **Second progress report** finalised by PACs 1a; including progress report on implementation of **Luxembourg Declaration** on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance
- ✓ **28-29 October 2013, EUSDR Annual Forum Bucharest**
 - More than **900 high-level participants** from the region, including ministers, showing the commitment of the countries to the Strategy




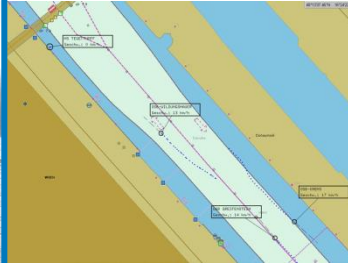



Targets for PA 1a

- (1) Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010.
- (2) Solve obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2015.
- (3) Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.
- (4) Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015.
- (5) Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures.

Working Groups: Thematic Areas

Five thematic Working Groups are foreseen for the implementation of the EUSDR's Action Plan for Priority Area 1a:

Waterway Infrastructure	Ports and Sustainability	Danube Fleet	River Information Services	Education and Jobs
				
"Improve waterway infrastructure and waterway management"	"Develop multi-modal ports and sustainable freight transport"	"Modernize the Danube fleet"	"Implement River Information Services"	"Invest in education & jobs"

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Implementation status & next steps for thematic action fields

Waterway Infrastructure – next steps



- ✓ Revision of Guidelines for the EU's **Trans-European Transport Network** and the Connecting Europe Facility for 2014 to 2020 → **Presentation by the EC's DG MOVE**
 - Danube as Corridor 9 is part of the "core network" (now also includes the Danube-Black Sea Canal)
 - TEN-T core network shall be established by 2030
- ✓ Implementation of waterway infrastructure **projects**
- ✓ Stronger cooperation with PA6 on Biodiversity

Waterway Management – status



- ✓ **Declaration** on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries signed in June 2012 during the Danube Ministers Meeting
- ✓ Monitoring of **implementation** in the framework of the EUSDR's PA 1a ongoing
- ✓ Study on extreme weather events on waterways
→ **Presentation by via donau/Nina Siedl**

Waterway Management – next steps



- ✓ Discussion of **short-term measures** planned for 2014 in 6th meeting of PA 1a Steering Group (21 November 2013) + Next update round for questionnaire on maintenance needs and plans directly after Steering Group meeting
- ✓ Proposal for appeal of the Steering Group on the implementation of the Luxemburg Declaration
- ✓ Masterplan on waterway maintenance on the Danube created within NEWADA duo project
→ Presentation by via donau/Thomas Hartl
- ✓ Solutions for ship waste management on the Danube
→ Presentation by via donau/Hans Berger

Fleet Modernisation



- ✓ Study on inland vessel fuel consumption under operational circumstances (MoVe-IT Project)
→ Presentation by Marin/Meeuwis van Wirdum
- ✓ Flagship project: **Innovative Danube Vessel** (07/2012 – 12/2013); study commissioned by via donau on behalf of the EC's DG REGIO
→ Presentation by DST /Thomas Guesnet

Education and Jobs – qualifications

Education and Jobs



"Invest in education
and jobs"

- ✓ Contributions to ongoing EU initiatives with regard to recognition of and modernisation of **professional qualifications** in inland navigation → **Presentation by CERONAV/Ana Leganel**

Administrative Processes – status



- ✓ New initiative within PA 1a in cooperation with PA11 on Security
- ✓ Administrative processes and paperwork are 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 dedicated meeting on 25 September 2013** to identify the main administrative barriers which cause the highest costs and lead to the highest time losses