

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

Agenda of the kick-off meeting of the Working Groups Bucharest, 27 of October 2011

13:00 – 13:15 – Welcome to the participants

13:15 – 13:30 – Presentation on the *European Union Strategy for the Danube Region* and the role of the Priority Area Coordinators

Irina Cruceru, DG REGIO, European Commission

13:30 – 13:50 – Presentation on role and responsibilities of the Steering Group, finalised targets for EUSDR Priority Area 1a and expected results from the Working Groups

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

Serban Cucu, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Romania

13:50 – 16:00 – Presentation of Working Groups – per Working Group: Introduction on status quo of action field and identified projects, followed by "flashlight" presentation by relevant stakeholders

13:50 – 14:10 – Working Group 1: "Waterway infrastructure & management"

Thomas Hartl, via donau, Austria

Romeo Soare, Lowe Danube River Administration, Romania

14:10 – 14:30 – Working Group 2: "Multimodal river ports & sustainable freight transport" Gerhard Gussmagg, Mierka Donauhafen Krems, Austria Alexandru Şerban Cucu, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Romania

14:30 – 15:00 – Coffee Break

15:00 – 15:20 – Working Group 3: "Danube fleet"

Juha Schweighofer, via donau, Austria

Dragomir Kochanov, Bulgarian River Shipping, Bulgaria

15:20 - 15:40 - Working Group 4: "River Information Services"

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

Žaneta Ostojić Barjaktarević, PLOVPUT – Directorate for Inland Waterways, Serbia

15:40 – 16:00 – Working Group 5: "Qualified personnel & education standards"
 Vera Hofbauer, via donau, Austria
 Ana Leganel, CERONAV – Romanian Maritime Training Centre, Romania

16:00 – 16:45 – Discussion on Working Groups

16:45 - 17:00 - Next steps and activities to be carried out by the Working Groups

18:00 - 19:30 - Dinner