

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



7th meeting of Steering Group
Priority Area 1a of the Danube Region Strategy
on Inland Waterways

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EUSDR PA 1a projects: Status quo

	Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainable Transport	Danube Fleet	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	IWT Transport Policies	
								
	"Invest in waterway infrastructure"	"Improve comprehensive waterway management"	"Develop multi-modal ports and sustainable freight transport"	"Modernise the Danube fleet"	"Implement harmonised River Information Services"	"Invest in education and jobs"	"Coordinate national inland waterway transport policies"	
Status: 06/05/2014	Waterway Infrastructure	Waterway Management	Ports and Sustainable Transport	Fleet Modernisation	River Information Services	Education and Jobs	IWT Policies	TOTAL
TOTAL	31	11	26	11	9	4	5	97
Definition	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	7
Preparation	10	2	16	1	1	1	1	32
Implementation	16	3	9	6	4	1	2	41
Completion	2	5	0	3	4	1	2	17

- 32 projects are in preparation (proposal, feasibility study etc.)
- 41 projects are currently under implementation

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Milestones since last Steering Group meeting

- ✓ **Facilitate discussion on future of Joint Statement process**
 - Informal brainstorming session on future of Joint Statement Process together with key stakeholders (8th May 2014) – organised with PA6 (Biodiversity)
- ✓ **Study on Innovative Danube Vessel:**
 - Final report delivered in December 2013 according to plan
 - Presentation of key results in framework of Annual Forum in Vienna in June 2014
- ✓ **Working group on administrative processes:**
 - Intensification of links with PA11 (Security)
 - Analysis of administrative forms and identification of potential improvements
 - Coordination meetings with DARIF project and Hungarian Ministry of Interior

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Milestones since last Steering Group meeting

- ✓ **Preparations for Annual Forum 26-27 June 2014:**
 - INDUSTRY MEETS POLICY – HIGH-LEVEL ROUND TABLE initiated by Pro Danube in coordination with PA1a
 - PA1a Participation in workshops on PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ **Follow-up on Luxemburg declaration:**
 - Distribution of Appeal of the PA1a Steering Group on the implementation of the Luxemburg Declaration – distributed to Danube ministers of transport (Feb14)
 - Preparation of draft **Fairway Maintenance Master Plan** in cooperation with the NEWADA duo project (main topic on the agenda today)
 - Support in preparation of Conclusions on **Fairway Maintenance Master Plan** by the Danube Ministers of Transport

Fairway Maintenance Master Plan

Draft version 6th May 2014

Purposes of Fairway Maintenance Master Plan

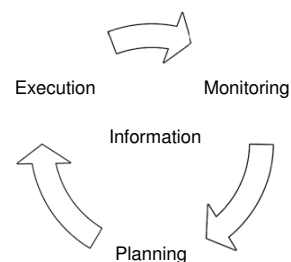
- Highlight national needs and short term measures in the field of fairway maintenance
- Definition of coordinated maintenance measures that lead to efficient and effective measures and investments
- Provide fairway “continuity”: continuous availability of minimum fairway parameters (common minimum Levels of Service as defined by NEWADA duo)



Main addressees of the Fairway Maintenance Master Plan:
Danube Transport Ministers

Fairway Maintenance Master Plan: Structure

- ✓ **Introduction**
- ✓ **Country sections**
 - Characteristics
 - Critical Locations
 - Identification of Key Issues and Action Points based on Waterway Maintenance Cycle
- ✓ **Synthesis & Action Plan**
 - Investment costs and operational costs per need area and country



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- Data are mainly based on information provided **by waterway administrations** and PA1a Steering Group members

To be finalised:

- Discussion on Master Plan by PA1a Steering Group (today)
- Inclusion of Executive Summary (1 page)
- Display of critical locations on maps
- Completion of information on status of maintenance works and required budgets in non-NEWADA duo partner countries (notably Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine)

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**Feedback on contents of draft
Fairway Maintenance Master Plan**

➔ **Reactions and feedback per country**

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**Proposed next steps towards adoption
of the Fairway Maintenance Master Plan
by Danube Transport Ministers**

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Proposed next steps

15 May 2014:

- SG members to mobilize administrations which can provide data for currently lacking/incorrect data
- SG members / country representatives provide PA1a with contact data on institutions and administrations responsible for additionally required data

18 May 2014: PA1a to contact the mentioned institutions/administrations (CC: Steering Group members), with the request to provide data for draft Fairway Maintenance Master Plan

18 June 2014: Deadline for data input and validation of data (in parallel) by identified institutions and administrations

30 June 2014: Finalisation of Fairway Maintenance Master Plan as input for written procedure by Danube Transport Ministers in July 2014 (request for endorsement)

Miscellaneous topics

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Letters of Recommendation - applications

- **3D Waterway Mapping** (Diving club Dunav/Serbia)
- **Improvement of the navigation conditions on the Danube River between Calarasi and Braila : Solution for critical point n°10 'Bala Branch'** (Egis Group / France in association with Egis Romania)

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Technical Assistance Facility (PA10) - Submitted proposals:

- "DanubeShipwreck Removal" (from waiting list 1st Call) - Concivis UG
- "Sustainable economic development through enhanced logistics services linked to ports in small and medium-sized cities in the Danube Region" - Municipality of Dunaújváros
- "Technical assistance for preparation of project modernisation and optimisation of the maintenance activities in the common BG-RO sector of the Danube River" - Executive Agency for Exploration and Maintenance of the Danube River



Decision (PA10 and Advisory Committee) to be announced next week

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Working Group on Administrative Processes

- Analysis of administrative forms and identification of potential improvements
- Collecting feedback from shipping sector on practical administrative barriers
- Coordination meetings with DARIF project and Hungarian Ministry of Interior on 23rd April and 13-14th May 2014

	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia	Czechia	Hungary	Poland	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Ukraine	EU	Other
validity of ship	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ship type	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
validity of ship certificate of registry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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part of registry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
name and address of ship's agent	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
shipowner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
gross tonnage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
net tonnage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ship power	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ship draught	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
used to validate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Control certificate/Control Certificate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



Reflection on 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.

Definition of intermediate targets/milestones?

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Planning of next PA1a Working and Steering Group Meeting

- ✓ Kind offer of Port Authority Vukovar to hold next PA1a Working and Steering Group meetings in Vukovar / Croatia
- ✓ Possible time frames for two day event:
 - 28-29 October Vukovar

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Any other business

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