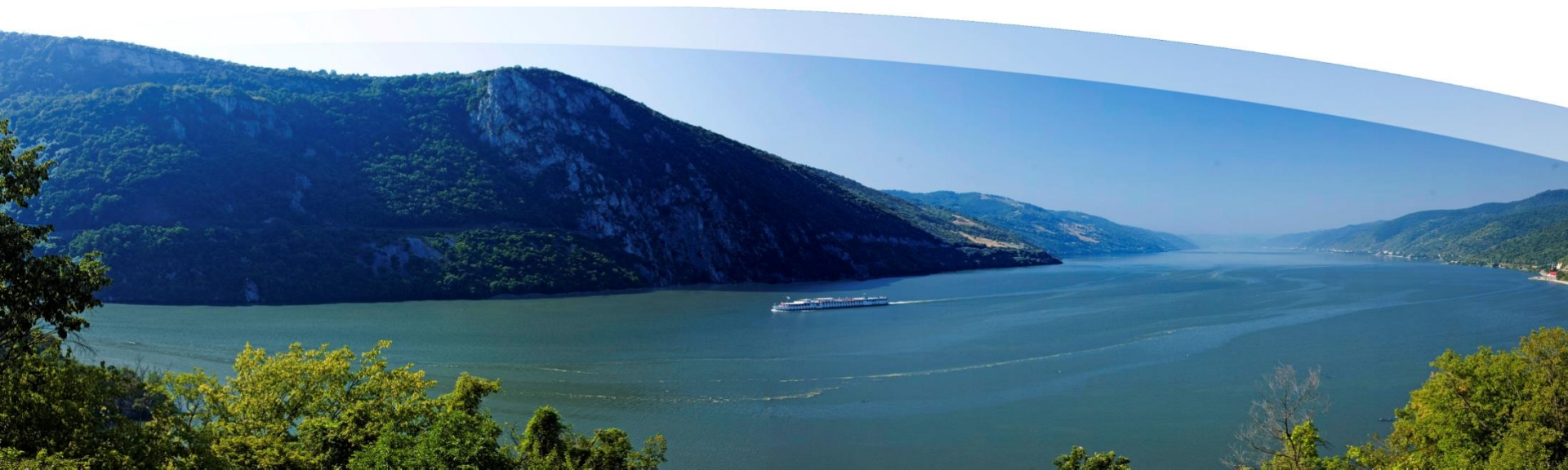


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Welcome and introduction

Approval of the agenda

Update on recent developments in the EUSDR

Johan Magnusson – DG Regio

Impacts of COVID-19 on Danube navigation

Tourism and transport: Commission's guidance on how to safely resume travel and reboot Europe's tourism in 2020 and beyond

13 May 2020

Commission's Tourism and Transport package

- An overall strategy towards recovery in 2020 and beyond;
- A common approach to restoring free movement and lifting restrictions at EU internal borders in a gradual and coordinated way;
- A framework to support the gradual re-establishment of transport whilst ensuring the safety of passengers and personnel;
- A recommendation which aims to make travel vouchers an attractive alternative to cash reimbursement for consumers;
- Criteria for restoring tourism activities safely and gradually and for developing health protocols for hospitality establishments such as hotels.
- https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_854

Intervention by Danube Tourist Commission

Prof. Gerhard Skoff

Intervention by European Barge Union

Theresia Hacksteiner

Activities EBU

- Call for support from the IWT sector addressed to the European Commission and the River Commissions
- Recommendations and guidelines of harmonised minimum standards under elaboration which should allow sailing as of 15 June 2020 on the major European rivers, in particular on the rivers Danube and Rhine

Intervention by Pro Danube International











Róbert Rafael

Summary of activities of the Danube Commission

Manfred Seitz

Overview of applicable COVID restrictions on Danube

- <https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/2020/05/12/information-regarding-the-status-of-all-national-covid-19-restrictions-for-danube/>

Donaustaat	Quarantäne Bestimmungen der Donaustaaten im Zusammenhang mit COVID-19 (Stand 14.05.2020)		
	Crew Wechsel nationale Besatzung	Crew Wechsel ausländische Besatzung	Reguläre Quarantäne Bestimmungen im Land
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COVID-19: National provisions and conditions

tour-de-table

Germany

Cargo transport

Passenger transport

special measures permitted with regard to the **substitution of missing crew members by others on board** and the **extension of the validity of vessel certificates, qualification certificates and service record books**

temporary **suspension of lock operation between 22:00 hrs and 06:00** (night shift) on the Danube and the Main-Danube Canal from 1 April 2020

Austria

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>in public places 1 m distance has to be kept, in public rooms masks have to be worn (VO 197/2020)</p>	<p>Passenger shipping in liner service is allowed, charter is forbidden (river burials excepted) - presumably until 29 May 2020 (VO 197/2020)</p>
<p>for the exchange of crew members the exemption according to § 4 VO 87/2020 in implementation of the <i>green lanes</i> is applicable</p> <p>→ a confirmation of membership of the ship's crew may be provided with any documents relating to evidence of affiliation (service card, employer confirmation), and with DC and CCNR certificates for the business trip of a inland navigation operator for submission to the regulatory authorities</p>	

Slovakia

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>cargo vessels in transit mode may use berths to comply with the working regime of the crew → disembarkation of the vessel's crew is prohibited (exception: replenishing of fuel and water supplies)</p>	<p>landing, berthing and anchoring of all passenger cabin vessels is prohibited → navigation only permitted in transit mode (exception: replenishing of fuel and water supplies)</p> <p>organizing and operating of cruises and sightseeing cruises is permitted (with effect from 15 May 2020)</p>
<p>cargo vessels with destination in a port or a berth in SK for the purpose of carrying out loading, unloading and transhipping → no restrictions</p> <p>changing of crew members and replenishing of food supplies possible only in the ports of Bratislava and Komárno → subject to protective conditions</p>	

Hungary

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>reporting obligation for all ships entering HU → declaration sheet for passenger/cabin vessels (incl. port of departure, port of destination, whether in transit mode, crew members and passengers as well as their nationalities)</p>	
<p>cargo vessels in transit mode may use anchorages to comply with the working regime of the crew → disembarkation of the vessel's crew is prohibited</p>	<p>landing, berthing and anchoring of all passenger cabin vessels is prohibited → navigation only permitted in transit mode</p> <p>organizing and operating of cruises and sightseeing cruises is prohibited</p>
<p>cargo vessels with destination in a port or a berth in HU for the purpose of carrying out loading, unloading and transhipping → no restrictions</p>	
<p>changing of crew members prohibited; return and disembarkation of HU nationals permitted</p>	

Croatia

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>crew members may not disembark</p> <p>crew change is possible with prior submission of a request to the Civil Protection Headquarters and the Border Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior, which make the final decision on the crew change</p>	<p>trips with passengers on board are prohibited</p> <p>the Decision on the temporary suspension of passenger ports in Vukovar, Ilok, Batina and Aljmaš was made on March 16, 2020. and is still in force</p>

Serbia

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>at inbound and outbound border crossings (Bezdan, Veliko Gradiste and Prahovo):</p> <p>based on their country of origin (according to crew list) individual crew members might be prohibited from entering RS → exchange of crew members</p> <p>change of crew members who are foreign nationals is not permitted, while change of crew members who are domestic nationals is permitted if quarantine measures are complied with</p>	<p>at inbound and outbound border crossings (Bezdan, Veliko Gradiste and Prahovo):</p> <p>based on their country of origin (according to passenger list) individual passengers might be quarantined if they want to disembark in RS or the passenger vessel might be prohibited from entering RS</p>
<p>transit navigation on the Danube waterway is limited to certain travel durations upstream and downstream (for ship formations and for self-propelled ships) from the moment of entering the territory of the Republic of Serbia</p>	

Romania

Cargo transport

Passenger transport

special measures with regard to the **extension of the validity of documents for navigating personnel** (certificates of medical fitness, qualification certificates, special certificates and service record books)

access of vessels to Romanian ports, inspection and operation of vessels are **carried out without any restrictions** (in compliance with all measures ordered by the Ministry of Health)

for the **exchange of crew members** individuals may enter the territory of Romania in implementation of the green lanes

Bulgaria

Cargo transport

upon entering Bulgarian territory, the captain of the vessel and the shipping agent are obliged to fill in the **CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION OF HEALTH** and submit it via the BULRIS single window system

before entering ports under the territorial jurisdiction of the Directorate of Navigation Supervision of Lom/Ruse the **radio control centre for navigation shall be notified** by radiotelephone whether there are persons (crew members or passengers) on board who show flu-like symptoms → pending the medical examination of any sick person, the disembarkation of the crew, the embarkation of third parties and the transfer to other ships is not permitted

for the **exchange of crew members** individuals may enter the territory of Bulgaria in implementation of the green lanes

Passenger transport

Moldova

Cargo transport

Passenger transport

no impediments for ships calling the Giurgiulesti Port Complex
(disembarking crew has temperature taken and has to wear masks)

Ukraine

Cargo transport	Passenger transport
<p>special measures permitted with regard to the substitution of missing crew members by others on board and the extension of the validity of vessel certificates, qualification certificates and service record books</p>	
<p>no restrictions for loading, unloading or transshipment operations at the seaports of Reni, Ismail and Ust'-Dunajsk</p>	<p>temporary closure of border crossings at Ismail, Vilkovo and Kilia for passenger ships</p>
<p>disembarkation of all crew members prohibited at border crossings (in the port area) with the exception of nationals of UA for repatriation</p>	<p>landing, berthing and anchoring of all passenger cabin vessels is prohibited → navigation only permitted in transit mode (exception: replenishing of fuel and water supplies)</p>
<p>cargo vessels in transit mode may use anchorages to comply with the working regime of the crew → disembarkation of the vessel's crew is prohibited</p>	

Proposed next steps by PA1a

- Facilitate information exchange:
 - Monitor developments regarding international cabin shipping in the Danube area together with PA3 (Culture & Tourism)
 - Relay information received from the wider PA1a/PA3 community to national Steering Group members / Danube Commission and vice versa

Status of further PA1a activities

WG 1 - Status of the Danube Ministerial Conclusions 2020

Désirée Oen – DG MOVE

WG 5 - Situation concerning the national Crew Databases (as required by Directive 2017/2397)

Viktoria Weissenburger – Technical Secretariat PA1a

Directive (EU) 2017/2397 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by **17 January 2022** at the latest.

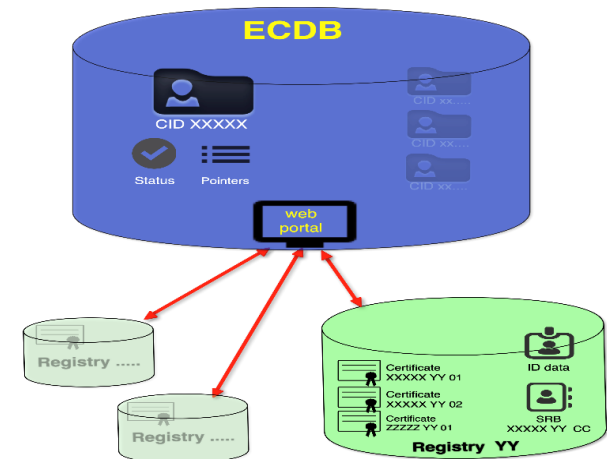
Article 25 provides that Member States shall keep **registers of the**

- **Union certificates of qualification,**
 - **service record books and**
 - **logbooks** → **European Hull Database**
- } **European Crew Database & national Crew Databases**

issued under their authority

National Crew Databases - Requirements

- standards for the databases are set out in COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/473 of 20 January 2020 supplementing Directive (EU) 2017/2397
- all national data must be accessible via the ECDB, but is not stored there
- should be implemented by summer 2021



National Crew Databases

A joint development of the database would provide benefits for all participating states, mainly in terms of

- shared costs for the procurement process,
 - shared costs for the implementation of the database and
 - lower costs for continuous maintenance
- ongoing discussions with EUSDR states;
coordination in the framework of Working Group 5 “Education & Jobs”
- start of the joint procurement process latest by end of July

WG 6 - Introduction of the DAVID forms in HU, HR and RS

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Common vision for better border control procedures along the Danube



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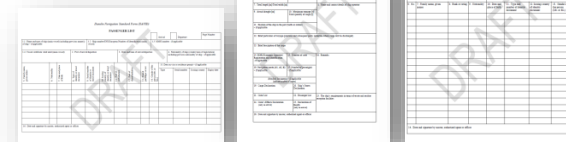


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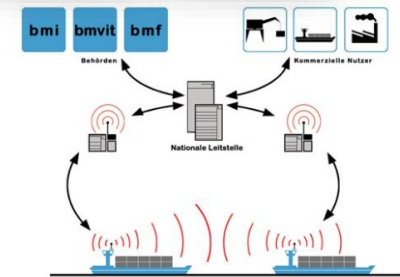
HARMONISATION



Danube Navigation Standard Forms (DAVID)



DIGITALISATION



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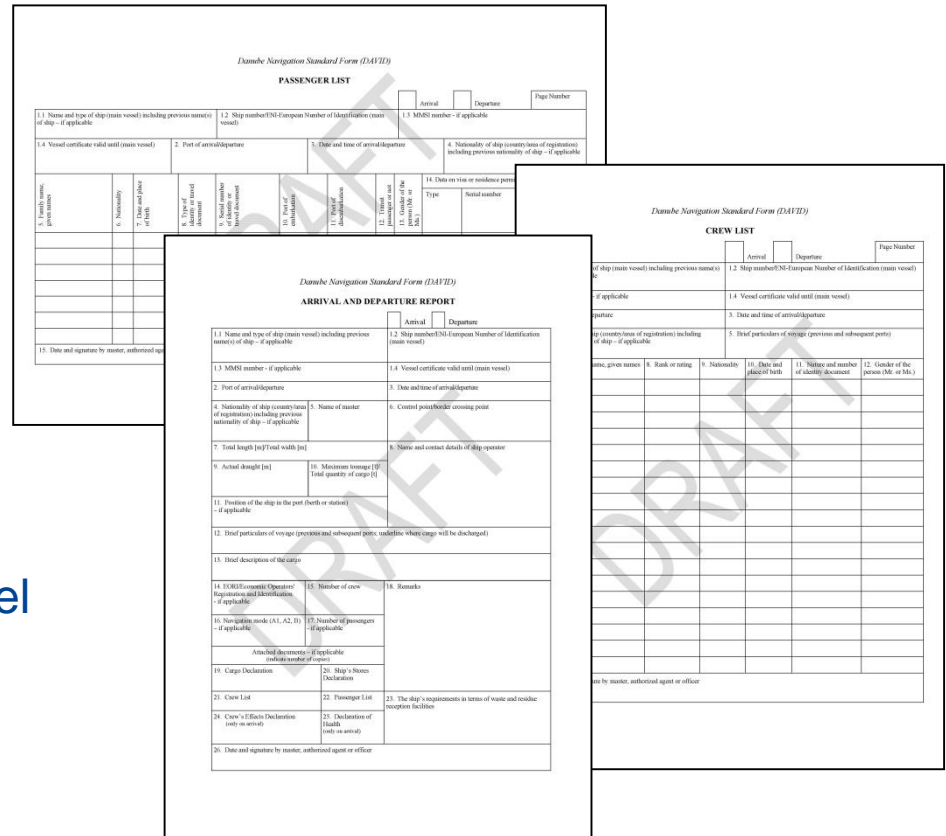


Harmonisation of three selected control forms across all Danube riparian states:

- Arrival and Departure Report
- Crew List
- Passenger List

April 2018: Agreement on technical level on final forms

Next step: Introduction on national level



The image shows three overlapping forms from the DAVID project. The top form is the 'PASSENGER LIST' (Danube Navigation Standard Form (DAVID)), which includes fields for ship name, MMSI number, arrival/departure details, and nationality. The middle form is the 'ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE REPORT' (Danube Navigation Standard Form (DAVID)), which includes fields for ship name, MMSI number, arrival/departure details, and cargo information. The bottom form is the 'CREW LIST' (Danube Navigation Standard Form (DAVID)), which includes fields for ship name, MMSI number, arrival/departure details, and crew information. A large 'DRAFT' watermark is visible across the forms.

Introduction of DAVID forms

Country	Introduction date 1 st quarter of 2020 1st phase countries	Introduction date latest by 31 st December 2021 2nd phase countries
Hungary	✓ (1.2.2020)	
Croatia	✓ (1.2.2020)	
Serbia	✓ (1.3.2020)	
Romania		✓
Bulgaria		✓
Moldova		✓
Ukraine		✓

DAVID forms can be downloaded from the official websites of the national control authorities



- **Hungary:**

[Érkezési-indulási jelentés/Arrival and Departure Report \(hu/en\)](#)

[Személyzeti lista / Crew List \(hu/en\)](#)

[Utas lista / Passenger List \(hu/en\)](#)

- **Croatia:**

[link to DAVID forms in hr/en](#)

Najava dolaska i odlaska / Arrival and Departure Report (hr/en)

Popis posade / Crew List (hr/en)

Popis putnika / Passenger List (hr/en)

- **Serbia:**

[link to DAVID forms in rs/en](#)

Izveštaj o odlasku/dolasku broda / Arrival and Departure Report (rs/en)

Popis posade / Crew List (rs/en)

Spisak putnika / Passenger List (rs/en)

Digitalisation of DAVID forms

■ Main objectives of the digitalization of DAVID forms

– Single entering of data

→ even if different reports are required by receiving authorities, the reporting party enters each data field only once

– Choice of report-receipt (for authorities)

- within electronic reporting system (overview, print, create PDF, respond, forward, etc.)
- per e-mail (e.g. as pdf attachment)
- via webservice

■ Status quo

Investigate/specify embedding of forms in River Information Services (together with the RIS COMEX project)

Embedding process for the financing period post 2020

Intervention on the status of the embedding process

Johan Magnusson – DG Regio

PA1a strategic topics for embedding process

Gert-Jan Muilerman

Identification of strategic topics for 2021-2027

- Identification of strategic topics in future European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI), Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) for the 2021-2027 period.
- PACs have been asked to propose a shortlist of up to three strategic topics to be included in the relevant national/regional operational programmes.

Criteria for strategic topics

- Distinct, undisputed macro-regional relevance within the proposed priority
- Consistency with priorities to be set at the national/regional level
- Eligible for funding under the regulatory framework proposed by the EU Commission for the period 2021-2027.
- Linkage to the Annexes D of the European Semester Country Reports 2019 and 2020 and Implementation reports from non-EU countries
- Inclusion of the horizontal themes 1) digitalisation; 2) migration and demographic change; or 3) climate change and sustainable development.

Proposed PA1a strategic topics

1. Contribute to improved waterway and port infrastructure & management
 2. Facilitate fleet modernization
 3. Contribute to the enhanced quality of education and jobs
- ▶ Digitalisation as a cross-thematic topic

Contribute to improved waterway and port infrastructure & management

- Improve the compliance of the Danube and its navigable tributaries with the minimum requirements for class IV waterways within the European TEN-T waterway network and establish and **preserve a Good Navigation Status** (according to Art. 15 (3) a) and Art. 15 (3) b) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013).
- This shall also be done **in line with the PA1a Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan** and ensuring that operations are carried out **compatibly with environmental law** and are aimed at achieving **climate resilience**.

Facilitate fleet modernisation

- Facilitate the transition of the Danube inland fleet towards **innovation and zero emission navigation**
- A non-coordinated approach between the Danube riparian countries on the modernisation of the Danube fleet could reinforce undesired trends:
 - **Patchwork of different modernisation and investment measures** without exploiting synergies of the different national programmes
 - **Continued operation of old and non-compliant Danube vessels** in countries with less stringent emission targets

Contribute to the enhanced quality of education and jobs

- **Implementation of the provisions of Directive (EU) 2017/2397** and Delegated Directive (EU) 2020/12 in all Danube riparian states;
- **Increased availability of nautical personnel** (e.g. through the improvement of working conditions) as well as personnel in ports;
- Increase the attractiveness of the inland waterway transport sector and **promote jobs and career opportunities**, with a clear focus on access to quality employment of categories currently underrepresented in this labour market, that is, young, elderly, women and vulnerable groups from rural areas;

Procedure proposed by Croatian EUSDR presidency

1. May 2020 - Based on the new Action Plan, Priority Area Coordinators (PACs) are to propose a shortlist of up to three strategic topics (per PA) to be included in the relevant national/regional operational programmes.
2. End May 2020 - The National Contact Points (NCs) in agreement with the PACs approve the shortlist of strategic topics.
3. National Contact Points (NCs) are asked to convene meetings in their countries as soon as possible with the managing authorities responsible for the strategic planning and programming of the ESI/IPA/NDICI funds and other relevant stakeholders.
4. Raising awareness on national level: NCs, supported by PACs and by the relevant national Steering Group member(s) and by DSP, could organise thematic events (e.g. conferences, discussion groups, high level meetings, etc.) that involve all main national stakeholders in order to raise the awareness of EUSDR topics in their countries.

Conclusions

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