



Introduction of the Joint Statement system for information exchange

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Zagreb, 9-10 March 2010

Background

- **1st Joint Statement Implementation Meeting** (Budapest, 2009)
 - ICPDR, DC and ISRBC tasked to further elaborate mechanisms for:
 - **Sharing information**
 - **Monitoring the implementation** of the Joint Statement

System for information exchange

- **Template** (draft prepared for this Meeting)
 - To facilitate **information exchange** between:
 - **River commissions**, and
 - **Relevant national authorities**
(transport and environment ministries, as well as waterway agencies)
- **Database** (to be developed based on the template, once the template is agreed upon)
 - To further support
 - **Information exchange**, and
 - **Monitoring the Joint Statement implementation**

Template structure

	Name of field	Description of the information that should be provided within this field
1. P R O J E C T	1.1 Title (English)	Insert title of the IWT project in English.
	1.2 Title (local)	Insert title of the IWT project in your local language.
2. B A S I C I N F O R M A T I O N	2.1 Type of project	<p>Select type of the project from the categories available in the drop-down menu (click on the arrow in the right-hand bottom corner of the cell). The selected category should reflect the primary objective of the project. The following categories are available for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fairway / navigation channel (improvement of existing navigation channels); - Lock (construction or overhaul of lock chambers); - Port or transshipment sites (infra- and supra-structure); - Telematics (River Information Services, Vessel Traffic Management Services, etc.); - Multipurpose (missing links, power plants, etc.); - Bridge (construction and overhaul of bridges other than those in ports); - Other (specify project type in the field "Description" of the "Content & Reference" section, if it does not fall in any of the above mentioned categories).
	2.2 Status	<p>Select the status of the project from the drop-down menu (click on the arrow in the right-hand bottom corner of the cell). The status of the project should reflect the actual phase in which the project is in; you have the possibility to choose between the following project phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verification/definition phase (proposal, idea, pre-feasibility study); - Preparatory phase (feasibility study, technical design, environmental impact assessment); - Implementation phase (tendering, contracting/subcontracting, construction works); - Completion. <p>If a project is in the preparatory phase, it is understood that there is high level of agreement as to the necessity to implement that project and activities within this phase are usually activities aimed at determining the terms of reference for the implementation phase of the project.</p>

Template structure

- **As simple as possible, one information per field**
- **Two parts**
 - **First part (Sections 1-8):** general information on **an IWT project** itself
 - **Second part (Sections 9-15):** information on the **planning process**
- **The first part**
 - Developed **based on the work done within SECI/PIDIN Initiative** for the purpose of the SECI project database
 - **Adopted by the Danube Commission** as their model for information exchange with the competent authorities of the DC Member States

Template content

- **Sections 1-8**
 - **Project title**
 - **Basic information** (type of project, status, project owner data)
 - **Content and reference** (description, location, timeframe, ...)
 - **Financial information** (costs, funding sources)
 - **Additional information** (project web-site, useful links and documents)
 - **Coordination information** (project coordinator data)
 - **Project partners**
 - **Potential requirements**

Template content

- **Sections 9-15**
 - **Integrated planning approach** (PLATINA Manual or other, ...)
 - **Public involvement** (time, level of involvement, ...)
 - **Interdisciplinary planning team** (planning bodies, ...)
 - **Other river issues** (flood protection, irrigation, ...)
 - **Environmental monitoring**
 - **International bodies** (bodies contacted, consultation)
 - **Lessons learned**

Template application

- **Template suggested to be filled in / updated**
 - Once a year (e.g. in December each year)
 - By all Danube basin countries with IWT projects
- **The project list to be made available at web-sites** of the three river commissions
- **Expected outcomes**
 - Easier cross-sectoral communication
 - Indication of the efforts made to achieve integrated planning