
Continuation to the Process



Joint Statement on Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin

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Workshop I Results



Strong support by all participants to this Danube IWT process

Cooperation between Basin and Navigation Commissions is proven as mutually beneficial

River ecology requires a very dynamic landscape and is seriously deteriorated along the Danube

IWT is an envir.-friendly transport and has a growing market

Danube IWT has to respect the legal framework (WFD, FFH)

Workshop I Results



- Danube river landscape has to serve many functions, i.a. IWT
- Each river section has its individual character and needs its own management and development
- Danube has free capacities for IWT but needs to respect and adapt to the river ecology
- IWT projects should not further deteriorate the riverine landscape but aim at improving/restoring it (e.g. GES)
- IWT projects need to be multi-functional and multi-disciplinary: a thorough preparatory *process (planning guidelines)* can lead to win-win situations

Workshop I Results:

Issues to follow up



- Waterway maintenance: What are possibilities to improve execution?
- New infrastructure projects: How to optimise the quality and dimension of the waterway re. ecology and navigability?
- How to address the lack of coordination and harmonisation between WFD and national waterway projects (NAP)?
- Establish a list of waterway projects in the Danube basin
- Look at and assess concrete IWT cases in other river areas (lower Danube, Sava)

The Process



The process has three steps

- Workshop 1 – Initial Facts and Exchange of Views and Experiences; visit of first example site
- Workshop 2 – Agreeing upon technical ways to achieve ecology-friendly IWT; visit of second example site
- Workshop 3 – Drafting the Joint Statement including the agreed findings

The Further Process



The process involves 3 Workshops

- April 25-26, Austria: Report will soon be available
- June 25-26, Romania: **Arrive on Sunday 24 June!**
- October **4-5, Croatia**



Thank you for your attention

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