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# Summary WS1 & Introduction WS 2

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

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# The Process

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- 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: Finalisation of the Joint Statement
- Presentation of the Joint Statement

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# Workshop I Results

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- 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)

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- 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

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# Workshop 2

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- Specifics of Lower Danube Area
- Focus on technical solutions to secure environmentally IWT:
  - Presentations
  - Working Groups
- Agree on the next steps in the process