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)
Danube river landscape has to serve many functions, i.e., 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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