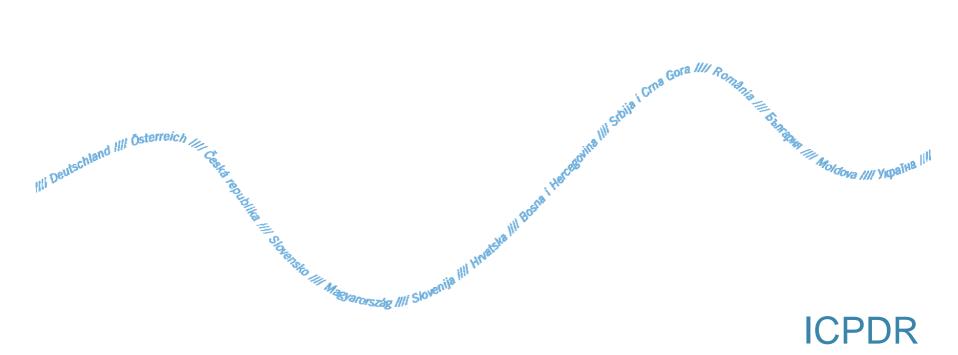
## IWT Projects in the Danube Region

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- Results from Workshop I were very satisfying (Initial Facts and Exchange of Views and Experiences)
- Workshop 2 obj.: Agree upon technical ways to achieve ecology-friendly IWT; visit of second example site
- Presentation of the Calarasi Braila ISPA project
- <u>Objectives</u>: Shorten the navigation route; reverse the siltation of the Old Danube (change water flows); assure fish migration
- Info about project surveys, modelling and design
- Boat travel through the project site



- Ecological considerations on improving the waterways
- Effects of decades of river training works
- Comments on ISPA project concept and design
- Recommendation to more work with natural river structures and to *jointly* assess alternative technical options
- Improvement of IWT via non-structural measures (fleet, emissions, DoRIS, training): as essential as structural measures to make Danube competitive
- Environment effects of **sediment dredging**: short and longterm effects; list of mitigation measures



- Presentation on improvement of IWT via structural measures:
- Learn from former mistakes, use more simple measures
- Economic background: opportunities to expand IWT on the Danube; forecasted doubling of transport volumes
- New planning approach for sustainable IWT in the Danube – proposal of planning principles



- Overview of some 20 IWT projects in the DRB: list to be commented by 15 July
- Example discussion of RS-HR plans (Apatin sand bar)
- Concluding discussion: Need of better information about all projects; address riverine landscape – not just the waterway; modernise old-fashioned technical solutions; include ecological objectives into planning and design
- Focus on joint thinking, not pre-fixed positions
- Follow up discussions in working groups on Day 2