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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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The process has four 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: Finalisation of the Joint Statement
- Presentation of the Joint Statement

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# Basis Documents For Joint Statement

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- Background for IWT Development
- Ecology, Navigation and Sustainable Planning in the Danube River Basin
- Overview of IWT Projects in the Danube River Basin

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# Drafting the Joint Statement

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## The Process

- Agreement on the table of contents and character of the Joint Statement at WS II
- Establish a Drafting Team (10 persons max.)
- Presentation of a draft statement to all participants by September 3
- A three week period of comments

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# Drafting a Joint Statement

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- Revised draft prepared for discussion at WS III
- Finalization of a final edited draft
- Circulation of a final draft for written agreement by end of October / early November
- Public Presentation of Common Statement in December

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# Joint Statement: Table of Contents

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- **Introduction**
- **Key Statements of Agreement**
  - Current Situation Development of Navigation
  - Understanding of Water and River Ecosystems
- **Conclusions**

Principles and Criteria for Achieving Ecologically Sustainable Navigation

  - Processes
  - Technical Issues
- **Follow-up Tasks**
- **Appendix**

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The logo for the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and the Internationale Kommission zum Schutz der Donau (IKSD). It features the acronym 'icpdr iksd' in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. Below the acronym, the full names of the commission are written in a smaller, uppercase sans-serif font. A blue curved line arches over the text from the left side.

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