

Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection

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BASIC PROJECT DATA			
Full project title:	Construction of multi-purpose Danube-Sava Canal		
Short project title: (acronym)	-	Project logo:	-
Project website:	www.vodniputovi.hr	Project ID:	PA1A036
Need and added value for Danube Region:	Currently there is no connection between the Sava and Danube, except through the mouth of the Sava River near Belgrade, which considerably extends the navigation from the Sava basin to the Western Europe. Connecting the Danube and Sava, the fairway will be shortened for more than 400 km upstream and about 90 km downstream. The Canal was initially designed as a transport link, but eventually gets a multifunctional role. The Canal starts in Vukovar on the Danube River and ends at Šamac on the Sava River. Length of the canal route is 61.4 km. route passes through a low agricultural land, the forest areas and near the settlements. The main feature of the Canal is a benefit for the transport of goods and cargo over long distances. It will have three main functions: irrigation, navigation and drainage. The surface for the irrigation will be increased as well as the drainage of excess water when the water level is high.		
Objective(s) of project:	The main objective of the project is to improve the waterway network in the Danube region and to shorten the navigable route from the Sava into the Danube as well as to manage the water regime in the wider area of the Canal.		
Planned project activities:	Excavation of the Canal on a length of 61.5 km, with necessary infrastructural facilities (locks, pumps, siphons, weirs, etc.).		
Transboundary impact:	The Canal will benefit the upper Sava river riparian states of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, creating direct access to the Danube waterway via the Canal. As the transport of goods on the Danube and its tributaries has an international and long-distance character, the entire Danube region will benefit from the project.		
Project beneficiaries / target groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industries in the Danube region (especially steel, oil, fertilizer and agriculture production); Shipping industries; Ports; Tourism 		
STATUS AND TIME FRAME			
Current project phase: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Definition (e.g. project idea, abstract) <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation (e.g. project proposal, feasibility study) <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Completion		
Start date:	t.b.d.	End date:	t.b.d.
Notes:	Feasibility study is available, but not made according to EU norms; geotechnical study is		

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	partially completed; environmental impact study was adopted.
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PROJECT TEAM			
Project leader:	Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure of Croatia		
Project partner(s) :	For each part of the project (e.g. detailed design, EIA, works) different project leader will be nominated		
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FINANCING			
Available: (please tick a box)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Partly <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Total budget:	850,000,000 EUR		
Source(s) and amount (potential sources for project ideas): (please tick a box and provide further info)	National/regional funds:	[Name of source and amount in EUR]	
	EU funds:	Structural Funds	
	IFI loans:		
	Private funds:		
	Other:		
PROJECT ENVIRONMENT			
Strategic reference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Action Programme for Inland Waterway Transport (NAIADES) White Paper: "European Transport Policy for 2010: Time to Decide" TEN-T Policy Platform for the implementation of NAIADES (PLATINA) Transport strategies of Croatia 		

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Relevant legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TEN-T Guidelines• European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)
Other:	-

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OTHER RELEVANT ISSUES	
Project requirements:	-
Follow-up project:	Development of ports on the Danube–Sava Canal
Any other issues:	-
META DATA	
Dated created / by:	13.01.2014.
Date of last update / by:	13.01.2014.
INTEGRATED PLANNING APPROACH	
Planning approach:	In order to guarantee an interdisciplinary approach and broader acceptance of the future planning process from the beginning, the ministries responsible for environment, water management and transport, scientists and experts in river engineering, navigation, ecology, spatial planning, as well as representatives of other stakeholders, such as environmental non-governmental organisations and relevant private sector representatives, will be involved.
Progress:	-
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	
Time:	-
Level of involvement:	-
Progress:	-

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INTERDISCIPLINARY PLANNING TEAM	
Planning bodies:	-
Time:	-
Transboundary and international aspects:	-
Progress:	-