

Priority Area 1a of the Danube Region Strategy on Inland Waterways



Targets for PA 1a




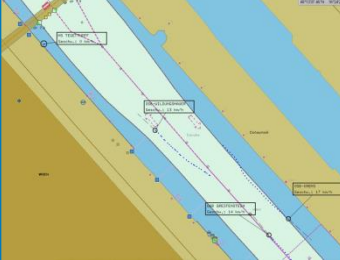

- (1) Increase the cargo transport on the river by 20% by 2020 compared to 2010.
- (2) Solve obstacles to navigability, taking into account the specific characteristics of each section of the Danube and its navigable tributaries and establish effective waterway infrastructure management by 2015.
- (3) Develop efficient multimodal terminals at river ports along the Danube and its navigable tributaries to connect inland waterways with rail and road transport by 2020.
- (4) Implement harmonised River Information Services (RIS) on the Danube and its navigable tributaries and ensure the international exchange of RIS data preferably by 2015.
- (5) Solve the shortage of qualified personnel and harmonize education standards in inland navigation in the Danube region by 2020, taking duly into account the social dimension of the respective measures.

Steering Group Members

- (1) **Danube states:** Public authorities (Ministries of Transport) of all 14 Danube states responsible for inland navigation
- (2) **European Commission:** DG Regional Policy, DG Mobility and Transport, DG Environment
- (3) **River Commissions:** International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission
- (4) **Transnational organisations:** Pan-European Transport Corridor VII, Danube Tourist Commission, Working Community of the Danube Regions, Council of Danube Cities and Regions

Working Groups: Thematic Areas

Five thematic Working Groups to implement the EUSDR's Action Plan for Priority Area 1a:

Waterway Infrastructure	Ports and Sustainability	Danube Fleet	River Information Services	Education and Jobs
				
<p>"Improve waterway infrastructure and waterway management"</p>	<p>"Develop multi-modal ports and sustainable freight transport"</p>	<p>"Modernize the Danube fleet"</p>	<p>"Implement River Information Services"</p>	<p>"Invest in education & jobs"</p>

Priorities for 2014: Cooperation with other PAs

1. Pa 6 (Biodiversity)
 - Integrated approach towards waterway infrastructure projects
2. Pa 11 (Security)
 - Working group on administrative processes in IWT

Administrative Processes – status



- ✓ New initiative within PA 1a in cooperation with PA11 on Security
- ✓ Administrative processes and paperwork are seen as a **significant competitive disadvantage** for IWT on the Danube and its tributaries
- ✓ Background: not all Danube riparian states are in the EU; not all EU states are in the Schengen area, i.e. necessary **border checks** for passengers & crews; required **customs clearance** for imports & exports
- ✓ **First dedicated meeting on 25 September 2013** to identify the main administrative barriers which cause the highest costs and lead to the highest time losses

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Priority Area 1a – To improve mobility and multimodality: Inland waterways

requested information	Hungary							occurrence of information stated per trip
	Érkezési - Indulási Jelentés / Ankunfts - Abfahrtsraport	Crew list	Gázolaj bejelentő / Gasöl Einmeldung (tank sketch)	Verzeichnis der Haushaltsvorräte, Treibstoffe und andere Waren	Nyilatkozat / Deklaration	Formanyomatvány-Minta Tengerészeti Egészségügyi Nyilatkozathoz / Model of maritime declaration of health	...	
ship	name of ship	X Vizijármű neve / Schiffsname	X	X Hajó neve / Schiffsname	X Name und Art des Schiffes	X name of the ship	X Name des Schiffes	14
	ship type	X Üzem mód / Betriebsform		X Típusa / Typ	X Name und Art des Schiffes			7
	nationality of ship	X székhelye szerinti állam megnevezése / Staatsangehörigkeit	X			X Nationality	X nationality / flag of vessel	9
	certificate of registry	X lajstromszáma / Einklarierungsnummer	X				X Registration/IMO No	6
	port of registry		X Heimathafen		X Registerort			4
	ship draught	X Merülése / Tiefgang						3
	atest is valid until	X üzemképeségi érvényesség (ig)						2
	Control Exemption/Control Certificate						X on board? Y/N	1
persons	name of master				X Name und Anschrift des Schiffsführers	X Captain name	X Master's name	8
	number of crew members (incl. Master)	X Személyzet / Zahl der Besatzung			X Anzahl der Personen an Bord		X crew members on board	8
	number of passengers	X Utások / Zahl der Passagiere					X passengers on board	4
	...		X					...

Summary sector feedback – border controls I

Customs

- ✓ Control of the fuel declarations (different procedures, customs clearance after bunkering and resulting waiting times)
- ✓ Required customs clearance at each port entry and exit – even for domestic transports (opening hours of customs offices in ports)
- ✓ Customs clearance in sea ports (time consuming)
- ✓ List of supplies for control (level of data, requested data)
- ✓ Landing fees during customs controls



Summary sector feedback – border controls II

Border police

- ✓ Control at the EU external borders (opening hours, waiting times)
- ✓ Passport control in ports (opening hours)

Navigational Surveillance/ Authorities responsible for disaster prevention

- ✓ ADN controls (multiple controls, different procedures)
- ✓ Controls of ship certifications (different procedures)
- ✓ Official closures of navigation by authorities during low water periods
- ✓ Draught controls

Summary sector feedback – recommendations

- ✓ Questionnaires on satisfaction with the control procedures
- ✓ Harmonized training regarding ADN for control bodies (harmonised control mechanisms along Upper, Middle and Lower Danube)
- ✓ Construction of landing sites/pontoons for the control of motorized cargo vessels and small convoys at the border
- ✓ 24 hours service at the border and customs inspection or controls outside the opening hours upon appointment in advance
- ✓ Prompt execution of phytosanitary controls (also after 4 pm)
- ✓ Standardized forms (crew list, documents for border and customs inspection)
- ✓ Revision of the list of supplies

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