



Press Release

Improving navigation and environmental sustainability of European waterways: first training seminar in the frame of the EU-supported project of METEET conducted in Vukovar, Croatia

Under the cooperation agreement with the EU Commission, the Danube Commission (DC), in common with the ICPDR and upon invitation of the Croatian Agency for Inland Waterways (AVP), the first METEET training mission was organized between 28th - 29th September 2017 in Vukovar, Croatia.

Representatives from governmental institutions from the Republic of Croatia: Agency for Inland Waterways, Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Croatian Waters, Port Authorities, and Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds during two days were informed on existing legislation both in field of inland waterway transport and environmental issues. Workshop was attended by 24 participants.

Background information:

Based on a proposal of the three Directorate Generals of the European Commission – Environment (DG-ENV), Regional and Urban Policy (DG-REGIO) and Mobility and Transport (DG-MOVE) – a Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team (METEET) on Integrated Planning of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) Projects was set up.

METEET was designated to assist competent inland waterway transport authorities on a voluntary basis with the objective to foster an integrated approach when developing infrastructural projects in the field of inland navigation.

Two experts from the field of waterway transport and environment had been selected to provide a training course and advice to competent authorities in developing sustainable strategies, plans and projects in the field of inland navigation on the Danube.

The commonly prepared training program was arranged to train the audience regarding the implementation of relevant EU and international inland navigation requirements in the Danube River Basin, when planning an integrated IWT -project.

The project of METEET is financed by the European Commission through the Danube Commission.