



Press release of the Danube Commission: 101st session of the Danube Commission

The 101st session of the DC took place on 13 June 2024 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest, under the presidency of the Representative of Ukraine to the Danube Commission, H.E. Ambassador Liubov Nepop.

The delegations of all Danube States of the Danube Commission (Republic of Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine) as well as observer states (Greece) participated in the meeting.

The President of the DC outlined the main tasks and achievements of the organisation in 2024 and Ambassador **Gergő Kocsis** (Hungary) reported on the work of the committee in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee for the Preparation of the Diplomatic Conference regarding the navigation regime on the Danube.

The agenda of the session included several information points of the Secretariat on activities pertaining to technical, legal, and financial issues during the past semester, its cooperation with international organizations, and the report on the implementation of the last year's budget. In accordance with the recommendations of its working groups, the Commission adopted a number of decisions on the reports of its technical as well as legal and financial working groups.

The Session took note of the Report of the working group on legal and financial issues (14-15 May 2024), and noted with concern that the consequences of the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine continue to have serious damaging impact on the Danube navigation, breaching the fundamental principle in Art. 1 of the Belgrade Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube (1948).

The representatives of the Danube States elected the new members of the Presidency of the Danube Commission for a mandate of three years as follows:

President: His Excellency Mr. Christo POLENDAKOV, Ambassador of Bulgaria to Hungary,

Vice-President: His Excellency Mr. Pavol HAMŽÍK, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Hungary, and

Secretary: His Excellency Mladen ANDRLIĆ, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Hungary.