

Forum

of Stakeholders of the Project

„Preparation of documentation for River Training Works
on the Critical Sectors of the Danube River in Serbia“

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| Date: | 26-06-2012 |
| Duration: | 10:00 - 14:00 |
| Venue: | Directorate for Inland Waterways, Francuska 9, 11000 Belgrade, Republic of Serbia |
| Host: | Directorate for Inland Waterways |
| Chaired by: | Ivan Mitrovic, Directorate for Inland Waterways |

Meeting Minutes

from the first meeting of the Stakeholders' Forum

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Agenda

| Time | Subject |
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| 09:45 | Registration |
| 10:00 | Welcome speech, introductions, agenda, organizational issues |
| 10:20 | Introduction to Plovput |
| 10:40 | Presentation of the project |
| 11:10 | The role of the Stakeholders' Forum |
| 11:30 | <i>Pause</i> |
| 12:30 | Rules of procedure |
| 13:00 | Q&A, discussion |
| 13:45 | Conclusions, next meetings timetable, closing words |
| 14:00 | The end |



List of Participants

| Ime i prezime/ Name and family name | Organizacija/ Organization | Skr. / Abbr. | Zemlja/ Country |
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| Dušan Dobričić | Direkcija za vode / Waters Directorate | DzV | RS |
| Georg Rast | Svetski fond za zaštitu prirode / World Wide Life Fund | WWF | DE |
| Mr Gordana Karović | Aqua et Archaeologia | AeA | RS |
| Mr Ivan Mitrović | Direkcija za vodne puteve / Directorate for Inland Waterways | plovput | RS |
| Ivana Dmitrović | Energoprojekt | EP | RS |
| Dr Jasna Muškatirović | Direkcija za vodne puteve / Directorate for Inland Waterways | plovput | RS |
| Ljubisa Mihajlović | Direkcija za vodne puteve / Directorate for Inland Waterways | plovput | RS |
| Marko Tucakov | Pokrajinski zavod za zaštitu prirode / Institute for Nature Protection of Vojvodina | PZZP | RS |
| Michel Zuijderwijk | Witteveen Bos | WB | NL |
| Mićun Stanić | Ministarstvo životne sredine, rudarstva i prostornog planiranja / Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning | MEMSP | RS |
| Milena Lazić | Energoprojekt | EP | RS |
| Milica Ćurčić | Direkcija za vodne puteve / Directorate for Inland Waterways | plovput | RS |
| Milica Đukić | Ministarstvo za infrastrukturu i energetiku / Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy | MIE | RS |
| Nenad Božulić | Udruženje kapetana Srbije / Ship Masters Association of Serbia | UKS | RS |
| Otto Nagy | Delegacije EU u Republici Srbiji / Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia | DEU | EU |
| Petar Spasić | Kancelarija za evropske integracije / Serbian European Integration Office | SEIO | RS |
| Robert Toegel | via donau - Austrian Waterway Company / Austrijska kompanija za plovne puteve | via donau | AU |
| Roberto Zanetti | Witteveen Bos | WB | NL |



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| Tanja Bošnjak | Pokrajinski zavod za zaštitu prirode / Institute for Nature Protection of Vojvodina | PZZP | RS |
| Tanja Lukić | Ministarstvo za infrastrukturu i energetiku / Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy | MIE | RS |
| Vladimir Vukasović | Dnevne novine Politika / Politika daily newspaper | Politika | RS |
| Zoran Novaković | Privredna komora Srbije / Serbian Chamber of Commerce | PKS | RS |
| Žaneta Ostojic Barjaktarevic | Direkcija za vodne puteve / Directorate for Inland Waterways | plovput | RS |
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Mrs. Ostojic Barjaktarevic, the Director of the Directorate for Inland Waterways, officially opened the meeting, welcomed participants of the first meeting of the Stakeholders' Forum of the project "Preparation of Documentation for River Training and Dredging Works on Critical Sectors on the Danube River in Serbia", and introduced Mr. Ivan Mitrovic (Directorate for Inland Waterways) as the Chairman of the meeting.

After that, all participants of meeting introduced themselves and expressed their expectations from participation at the Forum.

Mrs. Ostojic Barjaktarevic (Directorate for Inland Waterways) held the presentation on the Directorate for Inland Waterways.

Ms. Muskatirovic, Head of Survey and Design Department at the Directorate for Inland Waterways, presented the project "Preparation of Documentation for River Training and Dredging Works on Critical Sectors on the Danube River in Serbia", including strategic and legal framework of the project, funding source and the value of the project, the scope of the project, defined critical sectors on the Danube River in Serbia, the process of dissemination of information on the project, and the plan for the next steps after the project. Mr. Rast (WWF) raised the question on criteria for the definition of critical sectors. Ms. Muskatirovic answered that critical sectors were defined based on the Recommendations of the Danube Commission. Mr. Tucakov (Institute for Nature Protection of Vojvodina) pointed out that some of critical sectors are located in areas where protected species of plants and animals are located, and that it is very important that, from the beginning of the project, the data on protected species are to be treated adequately. He also pointed out that the Institute for Nature Protection of Vojvodina has issued pre-feasibility conditions for the project, and that feasibility conditions are in the process of validation. Finally, he underlined that it is very important for all interested parties to be actively involved in the given process, in order to develop project documentation that would be acceptable to all stakeholders.

Mr. Bozulic (Ship Masters Association of Serbia) said that ship masters are aware that during the previous years new critical sectors appeared on the Danube River. These sectors greatly



hinder navigation, so realization of this project is important for the improvement of navigation conditions.

Mr. Rast (WWF) said it is good that the Stakeholders' Forum is established in the early stage of the project, so it would be possible to analyze alternative solutions in solving critical sectors. He stressed the need for clearly defined rules for the work of the Forum, and the need for a defined number of Forum members to be able to function effectively. He also underlined the need for adjusted way of presenting information about the project to the members of the Forum, in order to enable a high level of understanding of the topics treated by the project. Mr. Rast also underlined the importance of preservation of the ecosystem of the river, with which Mr. Stanić (Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning) agreed.

Ms. Karović (Aqua et Archaeologia) expressed her pleasure with the invitation to participation at the Forum, as it provides the ability to represent the interests of archeology.

Mr. Robert Toegel (via donau - Austrian Waterway Company) said that via donau is participating at this meeting as an observer, offering an exchange of experiences, bearing in mind that the Stakeholders' Forum of the project "East of Vienna" was established in the early 2012. Also, he said that it is justified to apply the phase approach in the planning of works. On behalf of the Directorate for Inland Waterways Mrs. Ostojic Barjaktarevic thanked via donau for their generous help in the exchange of experiences in this subject, as well as for the meeting that two institutions held on 14th of May 2012 in Vienna. Mr. Mitrovic said that there are no many examples of establishment of such a Forum for projects related to the Danube River, and that it is very important to share experiences in order to improve the quality of the Forum.

Mr. Dobričić (Directorate for Water, the national ICPDR coordinator) said that it is important that this project takes into the account the legal framework of the Republic of Serbia, as well as European Union legislation, so that in the future project documentation can be used for the implementation of the designed works. He pointed out that the establishment of the Forum is a good way that guarantees involvement of all relevant stakeholders. Mrs. Ostojic Barjaktarevic (Directorate for Inland Waterways) informed the participants of the Forum that on 25th of June, the day before the Forum meeting, a meeting with Mr. Philip Weller, executive secretary of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and with Mrs. Dragana Milovanovic from the Directorate for Water (ICPDR national coordinator) was held. Mr. Weller said that the ICPDR supports the establishment of the Forum, and that ICPDR will participate actively in the work as a member of the Forum. He apologized for not being able to attend the first meeting of the Forum, due to previously scheduled meetings of the ICPDR.

Mr. Nagy (Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia) stressed the importance of high-quality documentation, so that the works can begin immediately after finalization of main designs, since it is obvious that the navigation conditions are becoming worse. He also underlined the importance of full utilization of resources of the Danube River for inland waterway transport.

Mr. Novaković (Serbian Chamber of Commerce) supported the establishment of the Forum, and emphasized the readiness of Serbian Chamber of Commerce to actively participate in



the Forum. He also stated that it is important to prepare quality documentation so that the project is successfully implemented.

Mr. Spasić (Serbian European Integration Office) confirmed the readiness of the Serbian European Integration Office to participate as an observer in the Forum, and the importance of high-quality prepared documentation, so that programming of funds for the works, planned to start next year, could be made in time.

Mr. Mitrovic (Directorate for Inland Waterways) thanked the participants for their support in the establishment of the Forum, and for their interest to participate actively in the further work of the Forum, announcing the end of the first part of the meeting.

The subject of the second part of the meeting was definition of the "General Rules for the organization and work of the Forum." Mr. Mitrovic distributed to all participants of the meeting the draft of the "General rules for the organization and work of the Forum" and asked participants to carefully read the document. After that, the corrections of the text started, in accordance with the suggestions made by participants of the meeting. All suggestions made by participants have been incorporated in the text at the site by the Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Mitrovic presented the part of the website of the Directorate for Inland Waterways where, in accordance with the "General Rules for the organization and work of the Forum", meeting materials, as well as the text of the "General Rules for the organization and work of the Forum" will be available.

The subject of the last part of the meeting was definition of the timeframe for the next Forum meetings. It was agreed that the next Forum meetings will be held on 13th of July 2012 and 16th of August 2012 (17th of August alternatively, the agreement about the date of the meeting will be reached at the meeting on 13th of July), at the premises of the Directorate for Inland Waterways. Provisional timing for the meetings will be 10:00-14:00.

Finally, participants agreed that the first step in establishment of the Forum was successfully completed. Mrs. Ostojic Barjaktarevic and Mr. Mitrovic thanked all the participants for their active role in the Forum, by which the first meeting of the Forum was ended.



Next Steps

| Action | Responsible | Deadline |
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| Sending draft Agenda for the second meeting of the Forum | Chair | 03-07-2012 |
| Sending comments on the Agenda for the next meeting | All | 08-07-2012 |
| Sending comments on the MMs for the first meeting of the Forum | All | 11-07-2012 |
| Sending comments on the draft version of the "General Rules on the Organization and Work of the Forum" | All | 11-07-2012 |
| Next meeting of the Forum | All | 13-07-2012 |
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