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THE DC SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES ON STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES



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LEGAL NATURE

- ❖ CONVENTION regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube, (The Belgrade Convention (BC), 1948), in particular Article 8

- ❖ THE DC DECISIONS, adopted by the DC Plenary session, for example related to:
 - the DC Work Plans
 - the DC documents on statistics and economic matters

- ❖ ARRANGEMENTS - Administrative Arrangement concerning a framework for cooperation between the DC Secretariat and DG MOVE , in particular, Market observation as regards the Danube Basin



TASKS

The Belgrade Convention (BC), Chapter II, Article 8

- to supervise the implementation of the provisions of the Convention;
- to carry out a general plan of the principal works called for in the interest of navigation, to draw up a general budget in connection with such works ;
- to establish a uniform system of traffic regulations on the whole navigable portion of the Danube;
- to unify the regulations governing river inspection;
- to coordinate the hydro-meteorological services on the Danube;
- to produce statistics on aspects of navigation on the Danube;
- to publish guides, pilotage charts and navigational atlases;
- ...



STATISTICS on navigation on the Danube

- ❖ STATISTICS should
 - ensure timely presentation of quality data
 - take into account specific features of the Danube navigation and reflect it
 - meet the requirements of the DC MS taking decisions aimed at achievement of the BC goal and realization task provided by the Convention



STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES: ACTIVITIES

- ❖ *Under Article 8 of the BC and in accordance with the DC Working Plan, adopted by the corresponding DC Plenary session*

- Collection and processing statistical data and an appropriate economic information on the Danube navigation, received mostly officially from the DC's Member States (its competent statistical authorities), including also:
 - statistical data received directly from some locks' authorities (DE,SK,RS) and the Mohach checkpoint' one (HU), mainly for Market Observation

- Preparing the working documents on statistics and economic matters related to the Danube navigation and, in particular, comparing the Danube statistical data with other rivers' indicators



STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES: ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

- Updating documents, incl. forms (questionnaires), for collecting and processing statistics and, if necessary, harmonizing them with the relative documentation of the professional international organizations
- Setting up documents on statistics and economic issues for its further publication
- Drafting of the report/WP “Market observation of the Danube navigation”, incl. for its further publication in cooperation with CCNR under the Administrative Arrangement



COLLECTION and PROCESSING STATISTICAL DATA

- ❖ Updated Forms ST-1-ST-16 for collecting and processing statistics (questionnaires) and recommendations for filling out
 - Fleet (cargo) and companies ST-1-ST-4
 - Cargo transportation ST-5-ST-9
 - Goods transported through the Sulina canal and goods arrived on the Danube through other connecting canals ST-10-ST-11
 - Turnover of ports ST-12-ST-13
 - Passenger fleet and transportation ST-14-ST-15
 - General information by the countries ST-16



OUTCOME

- DANUBE NAVIGATION STATISTICS ON THE DC WEBSITE
<http://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/danube-navigation/danube-navigation-statistics/>

- PUBLICATIONS:
- ❖ *GUIDES FOR STATISTICAL DOCUMENTS* (approved by the DC's decisions), incl.:
 - ▶ *TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS* used by the Danube Commission for collecting and processing statistics
 - ▶ *FORMS (QUESTIONNAIRES)* for collecting and processing statistics and recommendations for their filling out
 - ▶ *LAYOUT* of the DC Statistical Yearbook



OUTCOME (CONT'D)

➤ PUBLICATIONS (cont'd):

❖ STATISTICAL YEARBOOKS

❖ INFORMATION on dues, fees and tariffs levied in the Danube navigation

➤ WORKING PAPERS/DOCUMENTS covering an appropriate issues of the DC Secretariat activities are being prepared and presented at meetings of the WGs on technical matters and if necessary at the DC plenary sessions.



PROBLEMS

- ❖ Delay in reporting statistical data to the DC
- ❖ Quality of the received data does not always match the DC requirements and it reflects the difficulties of the DC MS's competent authorities in this sphere , in particular, Insufficiency or lack of some necessary data requested by the DC Secretariat, incl. as a result of pesonal data protection.
- ❖ Necessity to find common basis and mutual understanding taking into account, inter alia, differences between the DC MS - not all of them are the EU MS and at same time, for example, Germany is MS of three river commissions – CCNR, Mosel Commission and DC.
- ❖ The DC current status of decisions (non-mandatory) and its limited resources

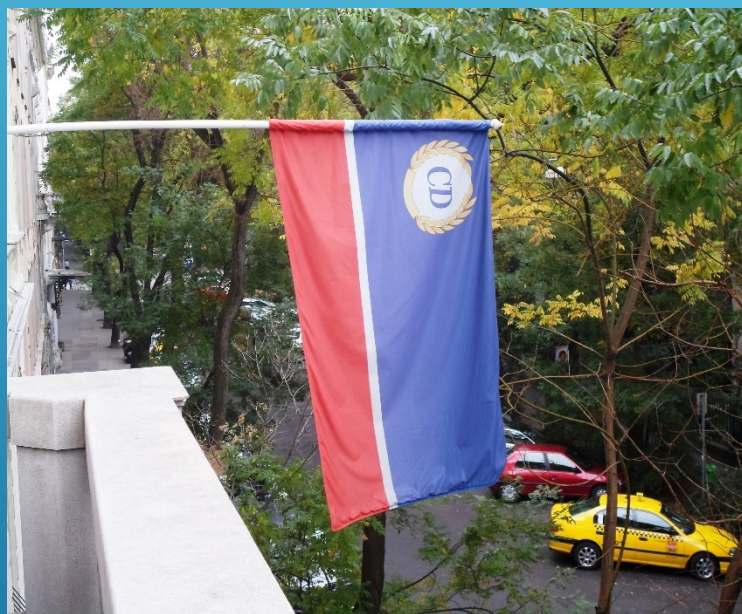


PERSPECTIVES

- ❖ Consolidating contacts with the appropriate competent authorities of the DC's Member States
- ❖ Strengthening cooperation with international organizations - Eurostat, UNECE and the others, incl. river commissions, aimed at a further harmonization of the IWW Statistics
- ❖ Updating the DC documentation on the IWW Statistics taking into account both the DC MS's interests and changes in this area
- ❖ Revision of the Belgrade Convention, incl. enhancement of the DC decision statute, taking into account the current challenges and in accordance with the new economic and geopolitical circumstances



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