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Matters arising from work of United Nations bodies or other organizations

Joint working group meeting PA1a & PA11 of the EUSDR-24 – 25 October 2018 in Tegernsee, Germany (preparation Transnational ADN workshop in spring 2019)**Transmitted by the Danube Commission**

1. Joint working group meeting PA1a & PA11 of the EUSDR, was held on the 24 April 2018 in Karlsruhe. Joint working group between PA1a and PA11 consists with aim of simplification, harmonization and digitalization in order to achieve improved border controls along the Danube. It was discussed of all joint activities under PA1a & PA11 and especially the progress in the adoption of the DAVID forms. DAVID forms include Arrival and Departure Report, Crew List and Passenger List. At the 14th Steering Group Meeting PA1a & PA11 of the EUSDR on 12 June 2018, in Danube Commission had confirmed final version of forms. Generally, the most part of these activities should receive their digital application by 2020 through the RIS COMEX project. It is expected that at the Ministerial Meeting of the Danube States in December 2018, the states will accept the mentioned unification of documents on the Danube. The next topics in this context will be the joint control of databases and joint training of the competent authorities for the ADN field.

2. Detail controls of vessels, ship crews and cargo along the Danube are a source of annoyance for shipping companies and do in many cases not provide any benefits for the work of the control authorities. The seamless exchange of information among control authorities would help to reduce redundant checks along the Danube. A prerequisite for this exchange among authorities are consistent standards for the implementation of controls, which currently still seem to be lacking along the Danube waterway. According to representatives of the cargo shipping industry this is particularly true with regard to checks related to the transport of dangerous goods. This was the result of a survey carried out by Priority Area 1a of the EU Strategy for the Danube region in 2014 and 2015. Even though the transport of hazardous goods by inland vessel is regulated in detail by the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) the implementation and law enforcement of this regulation varies to a large extent throughout the Danube riparian states. Ultimately this leads to an unfair competition between companies observing the strict regulations of the ADN (e.g. by investing in modern double-hull tanker vessels) and companies deploying vessels and equipment which do not fulfil these requirements. Another issue is that a safe working environment should be ensured for ship crews at all times. According to the feedback of shipping companies given during the PA1a-

survey, single members of control teams are not aware of the safety regulations which have to be observed on an inland vessel transporting hazardous goods.

3. Transnational ADN workshop will be held in spring 2019. Participation of competent relevant experts from all Danube countries is expected. Before that from 24 – 25 October 2018 in Tegernsee, Germany will be held Joint working group meeting PA1a & PA11 of the EUSDR. The planning for the ADN workshop is part of the agenda. In order to ensure harmonised control mechanisms along the Danube, Priority Area 11 in cooperation with Priority Area 1a intends to facilitate a training and know-how exchange for control bodies on transnational level. This exchange will be ensured by common workshops with theoretical and practical inputs of acknowledged experts in the field of ADN. Another intention of the workshop is to improve the mutual understanding between control authorities and ship crews in order to create a win-win-situation for both sides.

4. About progress of preparation ADN workshop the Danube Commission will inform ADN Safety Committee at the next meeting of the committee in January 2019.
