



# RIS Week

## Common Issues Meeting on the setting up of CESNI/TI and the evaluation of the RIS Directive

### Agenda

#### *Common Issues Meeting*

#### Invitees

*Representatives of the European Commission, UNECE, River Commissions, Member States, Members of the RIS Expert Groups, selected stakeholders*

#### Date / Time

Wednesday, 05 June 2019

Common Issues Meeting 09:00 - 17:00

#### Meeting Venue



Museum of Natural Sciences  
Răsvan Angheluță - Botanical Garden  
Strada Regimentul 11 Siret 6A, Galati  
800340, ROMANIA

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#### Host of the meeting

Romanian Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure  
River Administration of the Lower Danube (AFDJ)  
Romanian Naval Authority (RNA)

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Moderation: Cristina Cuc

**09:00 Registration and welcome coffee**

**09:30 Welcome and Introduction (moderator)**

**09:40 Opening Speeches: Strategic Developments**

- Welcome note (*Ionel Minea - State secretary – Romanian Ministry of Transport*) – 15 minutes
- EU Policy developments related to River Information Services, in particular the evaluation of the RIS Directive and an update on digitalisation initiatives of the European Commission such as DINA and DTLF (*Mario Sattler – Seconded Official – European Commission*) – 20 minutes
- Developments related to the RIS related IT solutions operated by the European Commission (*Dariusz Sawasciuk - IT Project Officer - European Commission*) - 15 minutes
- Questions & Answers – 15 minutes

**10:45 Coffee break**

**11:00 State of play of the European Committee for drawing up common standards in the field of information technology in inland navigation – CESNI/TI**

CESNI/TI is expected to facilitate the standardisation of River Information Services (RIS). A key success factor is the successful and sustainable integration of the RIS Expert Groups into the structure and procedures of CESNI

- Presentation of possible future scenarios for the continuation of RIS standardization within the framework of CESNI (Chairpersons of the RIS Expert Groups (*Brian Vrijaldenhoven - Rijkswaterstaat, Wieland Haupt and Stefan Bober – Federal Waterways & Shipping Administration, Christoph Plasil – viadonau*)) - 20 minutes

**11:20 Interactive podium discussion on CESNI/TI (via Sli.do)**

This session is aiming at collecting viewpoints from different standpoints of:

- DG MOVE (*Mario Sattler – Seconded Official – European Commission*)
- CESNI (*Vera Hofbauer – CESNI Vice-Chair*)
- Chairpersons of the RIS Expert Groups (*Brian Vrijaldenhoven - Rijkswaterstaat, Wieland Haupt and Stefan Bober – Federal Waterways & Shipping Administration, Christoph Plasil – viadonau*)
- Questions & Answers (all)

**12:20 Preview afternoon program (moderator)**

**12:30 Lunch**



**13:45 How to harmonize the patchwork? - Evaluation of the RIS Directive 2005/44/EC**

*Session to be organised by Ramboll – contractors of DG MOVE*

The aim of the ongoing study supporting the evaluation of the RIS Directive is to examine how the implementation of RIS has evolved since 2005 (when the Directive came to be). Taking stock of the situation will provide basis for future policy-making: if/how the RIS Directive may need to be adapted in the future, in light of legislative, technological and market developments.

- Presentation of the study supporting the evaluation and the preliminary findings emerging from the consultations with stakeholders
- Questions & Answers

**15:15 Coffee break**

**15:30 River Information Services on the Danube and update on activities of international organizations**

- RIS in Romania – lessons learnt (*Iulian Dobre - Romanian Naval Authority*) – 20 minutes
- Information services for skippers and fleet operators (*Romeo Soare, Administration of the Lower Danube*) – 15 minutes
- International organizations' report on the status of their RIS activities (*tbd - Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, Dusko Isakovic – International Sava River Basin Commission*) – 20 minutes
- Questions & Answers – 15 minutes

**16:40 Closing words** (moderator)

**17:00 End of Common Issues Meeting**

**18:30 Common Issues Dinner**