

Inland Waterways Transport in the Danube: taking stock of the NAIADES III Strategy

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Online meeting

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The European Strategy for Smart and Sustainable Mobility (SSMS) and the NAIADES III programme, as part of the EU Green Deal, both seek to increase the share of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) by 25% by 2030 and by 50% by 2050. At the same time, one of the main challenges for the IWT sector is to make the necessary energy transition and to look for alternative energy sources and propulsions.

One year after the publication of the [Inland Waterways Transport Strategy](#) of the European Commission NAIADES III, the SEARica intergroup has the pleasure to organise an online meeting focused on the Danube River. The meeting will bring together regional stakeholders from the private and institutional sector to take stock of the implementation of the NAIADES III Strategy. What has been achieved so far? What are the remaining and future challenges?

Co-hosted by **MEP Carmen Avram**, SEARica Vice-Chair for the Danube and the Black Sea and **MEP Caroline Nagtegaal**, SEARica member and EP Rapporteur of the INI Towards Future-proof Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) in Europe

AGENDA

13:00-13:10 Opening: **MEP Carmen Avram**, SEARica Vice-Chair for the Danube and the Black Sea and **MEP Caroline Nagtegaal**, SEARica member and EP Rapporteur of the INI Towards Future-proof Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) in Europe

13:10 - 13:45 Input by stakeholders

- PRO Danube International: **Mr Herfried Leitner** – President and Chairman of the Board of Pro Danube International
- Cargo perspective: **Mr Vasile Varvaroi** – President of the Romanian Grain Traders Association (ARCPA)

INTERGROUP SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS



- Tourism perspective: **Dr Wolfgang Lüftner** – Lüftner Cruises
- **CPMR Balkan and Black Sea Commission** member **tbc**
- **Ms Cristina Cuc**, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications, Deputy EUSDR coordinator for PA 1a, Romania **tbc**

13:45 - 13:55 Ms Magda Kopczynska, Director Waterborne, **DG MOVE** – the European Commission actions for the Danube region: taking stock of the NAIADES III strategy implementation

13.55 – 14.00 Conclusions by **MEP Caroline Nagtegaal**, SEARica member and EP Rapporteur of the INI Towards Future-proof Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) in Europe

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