Meeting Minutes: Stakeholders’ Workshop

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Work Package 5: International Danube Ship Waste Convention

Activity 5.1 - Formation of an International Implementation Board

Organisation: Plovput

Activity Leader/ Organisation: via donau

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MEETING MINUTES

Topic: CO-WANDA – Stakeholders’ Workshop
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Participants: see List of Participants

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Minutes Ivan Mitrovic, Plovput
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10:00 - 10:15 Welcome, Organisational issues, Agenda (Ljubisa Mihajlovic, Ivan Mitrovic, Plovput)
10:15 - 10:30 Trigger presentation (Ivan Mitrovic, Plovput)
10:30 - 11:00 Presentation of the CO-WANDA project (Hans Berger, via donau)
11:00 - 11:30 Discussion (All)
11:30 - 12:30 Break
12:30 - 12:55 Proposal for the International Convention for Waste management for inland navigation on the Danube (Hans Berger, via donau)
12:55 - 13:20 The role of Plovput in the CO-WANDA project – RIS System as a support to the coordinated ship waste management process (Zoran Lukic, Plovput)
13:20 - 13:40 Discussion (All)
13:40 - 14:00 Conclusions, next steps
OUTCOMES, RESULTS, TO-DO LIST

Ad 1) Workshop was officially opened by Mr. Ljubisa Mihajlovic, the director of Plovput. He welcomed participants of the workshop and wished them a fruitful work. Mr. Ivan Mitrovic informed participants about organizational issues and presented the agenda for the workshop.

Ad 2) Mr. Ivan Mitrovic gave the opening, so-called trigger presentation, in which he gave the overview of the current trends in inland waterways and inland navigation, EU Strategy for the Danube Region, principles of the new EU transport policy for the period 2014-2020, basic inland waterway transport statistics related to the Danube River, as well as to the Sava River, ship waste collection practice in Serbia including the existence of the state of the art ship waste reception and recycling facility located in Kladovo, as well as recent statements of state officials on the importance of ship waste management and necessity of investments in adequate infrastructure facilities for waste collection along international waterways in Serbia. He said that organization of stakeholders’ workshops is a well-known practice of Plovput, aiming to raise awareness on important social topics, in this case ship waste management.

Ad 3) Mr. Hans Berger presented basic data about the CO-WANDA project and the EU funding programme (SEE Programme), partners and observers of the project, current international legal framework related to ship waste management, the beginning of transnational cooperation within the WANDA project (2009-2012), objectives of the project, current practice in ship waste management, Financing Model for Oily and Greasy Ship Waste, pilot actions for testing Electronic Vignette System, as well as other pilot actions implemented so far within the project. After the presentation, participants engaged in to the discussion. Ms. Mirjana Jovanovic from the Ministry of Transport said that certain activities related to ship waste management are currently in the planning phase within the Ministry and that experiences, data collected and tools developed within the CO-WANDA project will be of assistance in the future work. Mr. Ivan Mitrovic confirmed
that all outputs and deliverables of both WANDA and CO-WANDA project are at disposal for all actors in the process. A follow-up meeting gathering institutions form Serbia will be organized in a short period of time, in order to identify further steps in integrated approach to this topic. Mr. Berger pointed out the importance of data also from Serbia, such as vessel statistics or data about the waste reception point of Kladovo, which are necessary for carrying out the conception of a transnationally coordinated network of reception facilities which could lead to cost savings for all participating states and subsequently the skippers. Mr. Berger announced a questionnaire to be send to Plovput in this regard.

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Ad 4) After the break, Mr. Hans Berger continued his presentation and focused on the draft of the future International Convention for waste management for inland navigation on the Danube. He elaborated the basic principles which have been followed in the process of development of this document, such as polluter pays principle. He also emphasized the importance of internationally coordinated approach in determining the appropriate network of waste reception facilities, as well the necessity of creating conditions for all vessels operation on the Danube to be allowed to have access to all waste reception fa-
facilities along the Danube River. He also elaborated the basic principles of the ship waste management financing model prepared for the Danube River. Mr. Berger offered any assistance in the future process of ship waste management in Serbia, including all available results and studies already prepared in the run of WANDA and CO-WANDA projects, as flagship projects recognized in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. He also invited representatives of institutions form Serbia to participate at the next international implementation board meeting which will be held on 9th of July 2014 in Vienna.

Ad 5) The role of Plovput in the CO-WANDA project has been presented by Mr. Zoran Lukic. He said that the basic idea is to test utilization of the existing RIS system and infrastructure and to adjust it, so that it can serve as a supporting mechanism for ship waste management and control by all actors in the process, namely skippers, waste reception facilities, harbour master offices and inspection and controlling authorities. The use of RIS system as a support for the internationally coordinated ship waste management process is reasonable, having in mind the number of states in which RIS systems are already deployed and the use of RIS is already obligatory, including Serbia. The pilot activity related to adjustment and testing the RIS system for ship waste management in Serbia will be im-
implemented in 2014 (not possible for implementation in 2013 due to lack of funding of operations of the RIS system). At the end, the role of Plovput will be to combine research results on current status of deployment of RIS systems in all Danube riparian countries and perspective timeframe for obligatory use of RIS system in all countries, with results of all RIS pilot actions (Hungary, Serbia, and Romania). At the end, clear recommendations are expected from Plovput, related to the possible future use of RIS systems as a supporting tool for coordinated and harmonized ship waste management process along the Danube River.
Ad 6) After all presentations, participants entered a fruitful discussion about necessary steps in the ship waste management process, involvement of all relevant authorities and stakeholders (Ministry of Transport, Harbour Mater Offices, Directorate for Inland Waterways Plovput, Agency for Port Governance, ports, etc) and preparation of certain preconditions in terms of sub-laws and other regulation instruments.

Ad 7) Mr. Ivan Mitrovic asked if there is a need to organize one more stakeholders’ workshop in the run of the CO-WANDA project, and all participants agreed that it would be quite beneficial. It was agreed that the second stakeholders’ workshop will be organized in the period August-September 2014, and the information on the exact date will be distributed to stakeholders in due time. After kind words from participants about the way in which the stakeholders’ workshop has been organized by Plovput, Mr. Hans Berger and Mr. Ivan Mitrovic thanked all participants for their active participation and contribution to the fruitful discussion, and announced the official end of the workshop.
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