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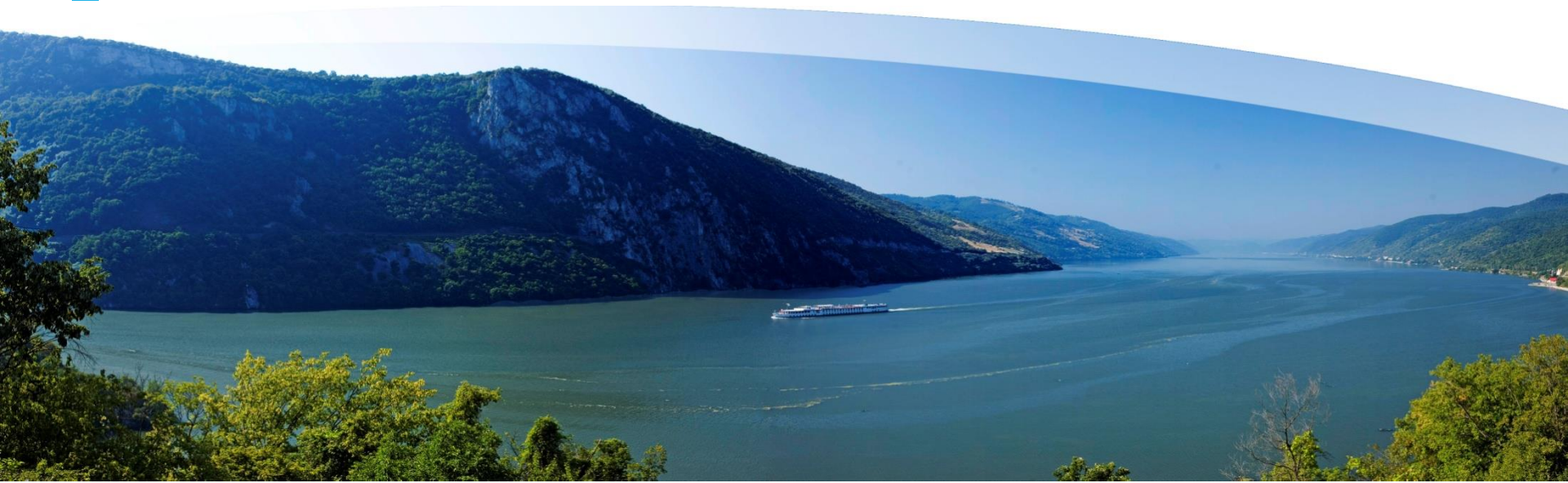
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Improvement of border controls along the Danube

Administrative Processes

"Promote sustainable freight transport"

- Initiative of **PA 1a** (Danube logistics sector) in cooperation with **PA11** (border control authorities) → establishment of a joint working group
- Urgent need for **simplification**, **harmonisation** and **digitalisation** of border control processes along the Danube – confirmed by control authorities and shipping companies
- First **know-how exchange** and analysis of **framework conditions** concluded
- Now is the time to switch **from analysis to implementation**

Recommendations for improved border controls along the Danube

Contents

- Impulses for transparent, effective and efficient border control procedures
- 20 concrete measures waiting to be jointly implemented by PA1a&PA11

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First phase

- Agreement on 8 priority measures
- Elaboration of detailed implementation plans
- Implementation of measures under the coordination of PA1a/viadonau (5 measures) and PA11 (3 measures) -> inputs from both PAs required!

Time schedule – implementation phase

- **ongoing** **Implementation of 5 priority measures coordinated by PA1a/viadonau**

- **ongoing** **Elaboration of detailed implementation plans for 3 priority measures coordinated by PA11**

- **25/04/2017** **Joint PA1a/PA11 Working Group: Interim implementation reports**

- **afterwards** **Further Joint PA1a/PA11 Working Groups**
  - Final implementation reports
  - Selection of follow-up measures
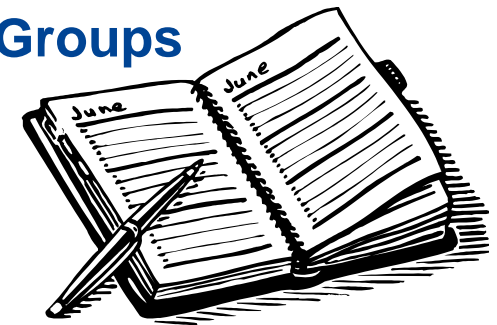
Work Programme –
5 measures coordinated by PA1a

M01. Draft a set of **templates for selected control forms** to be unified and elaborate multilingual versions

M05. Update and disseminate the **"Practical Manual on Border Controls along the Danube"**

M06. Monitor the observance of officially published **opening hours** at all control points

M14. Review **Practical Manual** and provide feedback to the Technical Secretariat of the EUSDR PA1a

M15. Discuss issues addressed by **multiple/repeated complaints** in the EUSDR PA1a working group

Set of templates for unified forms

First draft elaborated by PA1a

- **Alignment of first set of forms on technical level:**
  - arrival and departure report
  - crew list
  - passenger list

  all based on IMO FAL forms

- According to Practical Manual: all forms requested by border police (under the competency of Ministries of the Interior)

- Internal agreement on draft versions ongoing, feedback requested from PA11 (deadline 15 February 2017)

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE REPORT
(based on IMO FAL Form 1)

Update: Practical manual for border control procedures along the Danube

- PA1a and PA11 contact control authorities with a request to provide, update and confirm the information:
    - detailed information on specific control points
    - opening hours, contact information of control authorities, place of controls etc.
    - steps of the control process including control forms
- Special focus on countries that did not provide any or insufficient data (e.g. Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine)
- PA1a and PA11 will publish an updated Practical Manual and present it at the Working Group in April

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Monitoring of opening hours and discussion on multiple/repeated complaints

- Comprehensive overview of opening hours as officially communicated to us by the control authorities was sent to shipping companies on 11 November 2016 for review
- Deviations of opening hours according to practical experience of shipping companies are currently reported to PA1a, monitoring ongoing until 28 February 2017
- Final results of the monitoring will be presented at the PA1a&PA11 Working Group
- Border control authorities, shipping companies, vessel operators and interest representations will be invited to the PA1a&PA11 Working Group in April to discuss issues addressed by multiple/repeated complaints

Work Programme –
3 measures coordinated by PA11

M04. Provide **transnational training and know-how exchange** for control bodies to ensure harmonised control mechanisms (special focus on ADN)

M10. **Limit the number of officials entering the ship**, as they intrude upon the privacy of the ship's crew

M11. Review **control processes and forms** to evaluate the purpose of all requested data and information

PA11 implementation pending!

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Cooperation between PA1a and DANTE

- **EUSDR PA1a** provides an implementation platform for targeted measures to improve administrative processes along the Danube
  - definition of thematic priorities: currently border controls
  - work programmes & concrete measures to eliminate administrative barriers
  - working groups including public authorities, shipping sector and interest representations to monitor implementation

- **DANTE** will feed PA1a with practical sector inputs by
  - identifying administrative barriers and proposing viable solutions for their elimination
  - organising and focusing the shipping sector's support for the implementation of measures
  - claiming and monitoring improvements of specific administrative processes towards public authorities

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