Workshop 1- "Improved and Greener Mobility - Which Ways Forward?"

Mobility and accessibility are key success factors in today's global world. The transport connections in the Danube Region and beyond must be modernised, upgraded, missing links constructed and bottlenecks removed. A full modal integration approach is needed to improve mobility and to maintain a sustainable development of the Danube Region. The combined improvement of mobility and environmental protection contributes to build a more competitive and sustainable Danube Region. Following this integrative approach, this workshop will begin with a session on mobility issues, where projects and good practices will be presented, and continue with a joint debate with the participation of key representatives of the transport and the environmental sector, under the title "Improved Mobility and a Sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as a key success factor"

Moderator: **Ms Karla Peijs,** TEN-T coordinator for inland waterways, European Commission.

Discussant **Ms Ivana Lazic**, INTERACT Point Vienna

09:00-09:30 **Welcome and introduction**

- Mr Reinhard Vorderwinkler, Supreme Navigation Authority, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, EUSDR PAC 1a - Inland waterways, Austria
- Mr Franc Žepič, Ministry of Transport, International Affairs Directorate, EUSDR PAC 1b - Rail, road and air, Slovenia

09:30-10:15 **Presentation of projects and good practices**

- "Newada duo: Cooperation of waterway administrations" by **Mr Thomas Hartl, Via Donau**
- "Romanian-Bulgarian co-operation in the area of inland waterway transport", by **Ms Nikolina Nikolova, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works,** EUSDR National Contact Point, Bulgaria
- "The Danube Region Intermodal Strategy" **by Mr Miodrag Poledica, Ministry of Infrastructure and energy, EUSDR PAC 1b - Rail, road and air, Serbia**

10:15-10:30 **Questions & Answers**

10:30-10:45 **Break**

10:45-11:45 **Panel discussion "Improved Mobility & a sustainable River Basin: The integrative approach as key success factor"**

- **Mr Ralf Gallob,** Managing Director, Industrie-Logistik Linz, Austria
- **Mr Alexandru Capatu,** President, Pro Danube International
- **Mr Phillip Weller,** Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Austria
- **Mr Andreas Beckmann,** Managing Director, WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme Office, Austria
- **Mr Ivan Mitrović,** Project Manager, Plovput, Directorate for Inland Waterways, Serbia
- **Mr Christian Tausch,** Head of Department 1 - Multidisciplinary Tasks, Bavarian Environment Agency, Germany