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FOREWORD



HERFRIED LEITNER

CHAIRMAN

Pro Danube is strongly committed to promoting sustainable development, innovation, and cooperation in the Danube Inland Waterway Transport sector. These key principles guide our efforts and shape our projects.



RÓBERT RAFAEL

GENERAL SECRETARY

Let's turn challenges into opportunities and build a resilient and thriving Danube Inland Waterway Transport industry fit for the future.

WELCOME ON BOARD



Pro Danube looks behind on a successful year filled with significant achievements. Most importantly, our growing membership has made us stronger together!

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

A notable highlight of 2024 has been the embrace of new members into the Pro Danube network.: **GAMAX**, **LAT Nitrogen**, **TRABA Logistics**, **AFLUENT Arad South Terminal**, **MAHART Container Center**, **Touax River Barges** and the **Croatian Register of Shipping Inland Navigation Division**. The continuous growth of our association has made us stronger and our new members bring in new perspectives, expertise and a shared commitment for the sustainable development of the Danube Inland Waterway (IWT) sector.



CLOSER TO OUR MEMBERS



2024 marked the launch of a new initiative aimed at strengthening our association's ties to our esteemed Members.

PRO DANUBE COFFEE BREAK

The Pro Danube Coffee Break, inaugurated in May 2024, was a great success. We created an informal setting to discuss with our members, on a regular basis the hot topics for our industry. We also invited renowned experts in several field relevant for the IWT industry – such as alternative fuels to discuss the challenges and opportunities.

Organised online in an informal setting, the Pro Danube Coffee Breaks resulted in highly interesting discussions where we had the opportunity to collect the concerns of members and to further transfer them to the relevant decision-making entities. This resulted in the elaboration of Position Papers which mirrored key aspects that have an impact on our sector.



A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



The Danube Ports Days event has become a well-established tradition within the wider IWT community - an occasion eagerly awaited by professionals, enthusiasts, and experts alike.

DANUBE PORTS DAYS 2024

The 2024 edition of the Danube Ports Days event focused on critical topics including the modal shift to eco-friendly transportation, emission insights, and green energy solutions. It showcased cutting-edge digitalisation tools and strategies that are transforming port operations across Europe.



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THE PULSE OF THE SECTOR



Keeping our members well-informed about the latest industry trends, regulatory changes and emerging opportunities is at the heart of our activities. We firmly believe that communication is key to unlock the full potential of the sector, thus we commit ourselves to take the pulse of the Danube IWT industry.

PRO DANUBE NEWSLETTER

At Pro Danube we are committed to foster progress and innovation in our industry. We believe in keeping our community informed and engaged and for this, we publish a monthly newsletter. Additionally, we offer exclusive broadcasts of hot topics in **"Have Your Say"** and **"Important Information"**, a feature reserved for our valued members.



PRO DANUBE LINKEDIN PROFILE

With its interactive features, networking capabilities, and content-sharing options, Pro Danube's LinkedIn presence is a central hub for IWT professionals and enthusiasts alike seeking real-time insights into the latest developments within the Danube IWT sector and well beyond.



OUTLOOK



2025 promises continued collaboration, innovation, and progress. Together, we will navigate the path to a greener, more resilient inland waterway transport sector in the Danube Region

OUR MISSION

Our vision is clear: achieving climate neutrality is not just an ambition, it's a necessity. And we firmly believe that inland waterway transport (IWT) is an essential part on this challenging pathway. Without IWT, climate neutrality is simply not possible.

That's why we are dedicated to advocating for the sector at every level, ensuring that **YOUR** voice is heard where it matters the most.

CONCRETE SOLUTIONS

Advocacy alone is not enough. That's why we are actively engaged in European initiatives that provide real, practical solutions to support IWT's transition to climate neutrality. Our approach combines innovation with economic viability, ensuring that sustainable solutions are both effective and financially feasible.

Additionally, we continue to champion fairway maintenance and sustainable port development which are both critical for a well-functioning, future-proof IWT sector.



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