

# Terms of Reference for METEET Environmental Experts

The ICPDR is mandated to implement the Danube River Protection Convention and is the basin-wide coordination platform for the implementation of the **EU Water Framework Directive and the EU Floods Directive**. Within its tasks, the ICPDR is responsible for close coordination of **areas of inter-sectoral work** including climate change adaptation, hydropower, agriculture and navigation.

Based on a proposal of the three Directorate Generals of the European Commission – Environment ( DG-ENV), Regional and Urban Policy (DG-REGIO) and Mobility and Transport (DG-MOVE) – a **Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team (METEET) on Integrated Planning of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) Projects** was set up. METEET is designated to assist competent inland waterways transport authorities on a voluntary basis with the objective to foster an integrated approach when developing infrastructural projects in the field of inland navigation.

To perform **training missions** in the countries of the Danube River Basin, the ICPDR is seeking for **environmental experts to provide advice to competent authorities in developing sustainable strategies, plans and projects in the field of inland navigation in the Danube**. Environmental experts will closely work with waterway transport and infrastructure experts being responsible to cover relevant EU and international inland navigation requirements in the Danube River Basin.

## 1. Description of the Position

The expert is part of a METEET team of waterway transport and infrastructure experts as well as environmental experts to provide advice to competent authorities in developing sustainable strategies, plans and projects in the field of inland navigation in the Danube, taking into account European environmental legislation from the beginning of the drafting process in order to analyse impact, constraints and possible mitigation and compensation measures at a very early stage.

## 2. Tasks and deliverables

The **tasks** of the **METEET environmental experts** include the preparation of training material prior to the training mission, the delivery of training and advice during the training mission as well as a mission report summarizing main findings and recommendations after the training mission. The training and advice will include:

- a) Presenting and analysing the European Legislation and guidance for environmental protection, and its application and relevance for developing, planning and projecting inland navigation projects in the Danube region;
- b) Advising on good/best practices, including actions foreseen in the “Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin”;
- c) Advising on good/best practice in environmental assessment of inland navigation strategies, plans and projects including prevention, mitigation and compensation of negative environmental impacts;
- d) Advising on good/best practice in transport and/or infrastructural assessment of inland navigation projects and plans.

The **deliverables** of the assignment will include the a) development of Training Materials to be submitted prior to the mission for approval (slides, background documentation) and b) a jointly prepared Field Mission Report summarizing main findings and recommendations after return from the training mission.

Deliverables are to be produced in a digital format (WORD and PDF) in English language. The ownership of the copyright of deliverables produced under this ToR including training materials and reports will be assigned to the ICPDR Secretariat and the European Commission.

### **3. General qualifications**

- Interdisciplinary university degree (MSc) or equivalent covering environmental aspects;
- Preferably 5 years of experience in the field of expertise;
- Fluency in English and preferably one language of the Danube River Basin;
- Demonstrated capacity to communicate effectively;
- Professional experience working with international/interdisciplinary teams and as a facilitator to reach specific tasks;
- Good organizational and administrative skills.

### **4. Key technical qualifications**

- Sound knowledge about and professional experience with the EU-WFD and other EU Directives related to environment and water management.
- Familiarity with EU and international legislation on environment and water and other relevant international conventions (e.g. Danube River Protection Convention).
- General knowledge about and professional experience in developing, planning and projecting integrated inland navigation projects in the Danube region, including assessment of environmental impacts and integration of prevention and mitigation measures.
- Knowledge and experience on environment, water management and inland navigation issues in the Danube River basin (e.g. Danube River Basin Management Plan – Update 2015, Sava River Basin Management Plan, Platina Manual on Good Practices in Sustainable Waterway Planning).

**Deadline for application: 30 November 2020 at 18:00**

*The application should include a motivation letter and a CV and should be sent by e-mail to [ivan.zavadsky@icpdr.org](mailto:ivan.zavadsky@icpdr.org) at the ICPDR Secretariat, VIC-D0412, Wagramer Strasse 5, A-1220 Vienna.*