The Danube River springs from the Black Forest mountains of Germany and flows into the Black Sea on the territory of Romania and Ukraine. The river has a length of 2415km (navigable) and crosses 10 countries. Since ancient times, the Danube has been a commercial route at European level.

The Danube is an important source of energy and drinking water, providing a unique habitat for the life of plants and wildlife. Sustainable integration of sailing as environmentally-friendly transport within the modern economy should be a permanent concern.

## Eloy Gómez Girón

Communications Manager at Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

We are very happy to see this successful results of the Danube Stream project that is a continuation of the previous project from the South-Eastern Europe Programme and now in the Danube Transnational Programme that achieve successful results. And is an example of how to face the common challenges and needs of different countries along the river to improve navigation in the river.

A good part of the mineral raw materials, fuels that help us to warm our homes or that are used in industries, construction materials and agricultural products with which we feed ourselves daily are transported on the Danube river. Moreover, passenger transport plays an important role. In order to ensure all this, a harmonized and modern river monitoring system is needed.

## Claudiu Dutu

Head of ENC Dept at SCN Giurgiu

We want to improve the information we provide to sailors, regarding navigation conditions for which we use elements and I could say state-of-the-art technology as mobile applications or web applications, where the information is updated by us and is provided and accessed free of charge by the navigators.

Through the Danube Stream project, two of the vessels that ensure safer navigation have been equipped with such systems.

## Teodor Tănăsescu

navigation maps designer

Maps are used by all merchant ships and are made to inform navigators in the idea that all information about each port, every difficult area, every information that navigators need, can be known.

The objectives of this collaboration is to reduce travel time, transport costs and the pecentage of pollutans, and to achieve a good navigation status, in line with European directives.

## Alina Mihalache

National Contact Point for the Danube Transnational Programme

It is one of the projects we are proud of, it is a continuation of a project funded by the previous Transnational Programme, because this is also the idea that the project results will not remain without any effect.

We should also focus in the future on the opportunity that the Danube river has, the enormous transport capacity the navigation can offer.