

Distinguished guests,

Dear GREEN DANUBE partners,

It is my greatest honour and privilege to welcome you all at this important event – the launch of GREEN DANUBE, a project with most ambitious objectives intended to bring major contributions to the protection of the environment in the Danube region – a topic of highest interest for us all these days.

Let me first congratulate the project partners for this notable accomplishment which brought us here today! I know it has been a harsh competition with 576 project proposals and only 54 projects finally approved and I thank you all for your hard work and dedication!

It is also my greatest pleasure to welcome our distinguished guests, representatives of various institutions, authorities and organisations activating in the inland navigation sector and the protection of the environment on whom we all rely to contribute with their expert opinion for development, deployment and promotion of tailor-made innovative environment protection solutions, concepts and strategies.

Dear all, we have great achievements and a valuable experience in transnational cooperation which personally make me not only very proud, but also confident that we shall bring this project to a successful end!

Let me wish the project partners the best of luck in their work and confirm my total availability for every support and assistance they may need from CERONAV.

In closing, I thank you all for being here today, wish you a pleasant stay in Constanta and kindly invite you to join us at future project events!