

DBS GATEWAY REGION KICK-OFF CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 22 March 2017

Hotel Best Western Expo Sofia

Sofija, Bulgaria

9.00 am – 3.00 pm

9.00 am Registration

9.30 am Welcome Speeches

Mr. Werner Pracherstorfer, Regional Government of Lower Austria (Lead Partner)

Mr. Anguel Ziburto, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company (Project Partner and host)

9.45 am Opening Speeches - The Danube-Black Sea Region in a Nutshell

Challenges and Potential of the Danube-Black Region

Mr. Christian Popp, Regional Government of Lower Austria (Lead Partner)

Background and Framework Conditions

Mr. Otto Schwetz, Chairman of the Working Group Transport at the Working Community of the Danube regions

10.30 am Danube-Black Sea Gateway Region – the Project

General Presentation, Strategic Scopes, Outputs and Methodology

Ms. Christina Narval, Verracon (Project Management, Lead Partner)

The Danube Transnational Programme

Ms. Ana Leganel, Joint Secretariat of the Danube Transnational Programme

11.15 am Coffee Break and Group Picture

11.45 am DTP Thematic Pole 7 – Waterborne Transport

Introduction Mr. Christian Popp, Regional
Government of Lower Austria (Lead
Partner)

Presentation of related DTP projects

DAPhNE – Danube Ports
Network Ms. Anna Natova, Bulgarian Ports
Infrastructure Company (Project
Partner)

12.00 am Panel Discussion on general expectations, possible benefits and involvement with Representatives of Target Groups

Mr. Peter Rojko Port of Vienna
Mr. Petar Benov Bulgarian Ministry of Transport,
Information Technology and
Communication
Ms. Mirjana Kranjac Autonomous Province of Vojvodina
Mr. Sergiy Laponog Izmail Branch of state enterprise
„Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority“

1.15 pm Conclusions & Outlook

Ms. Christina Narval, Verracon (Project
Management, Lead Partner)

1.30 pm Networking Lunch
