

# GRENDEL 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Consultation on State Aid for the Modernization of the Danube Inland Fleet

## SAVE THE DATE – DRAFT AGENDA

- Date & Time:** 22 January 2020, 10:00 – 15:00
- Venue:** At the premises of Danube Commission,  
Benczúr utca 25, 1068 Budapest, Hungary
- Meeting purpose:** To discuss the draft model State Aid Scheme elaborated in the course of the GRENDEL project with stakeholder groups of the project and relevant EC Services in order to gain feedback and guidance for its further development and implementation.
- Participants:** Vessel operators, representatives from ministries and administrations responsible for inland waterborne transport and the public funding (incl. State Aid Schemes) from Danube countries, GRENDEL project partners & other invited IWT stakeholders, representatives of EC services (DG MOVE, DG COMP, DG REGIO)

09:30-10:00	<b>Registration</b>
10:00-10:15	<b>Welcome &amp; official opening</b> ( <i>Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission</i> )
10:15-10:30	<b>Greening the Danube Fleet with regard to EU IWT policy</b> (Speaker to be announced)
10:30-10:45	<b>State of play of the GRENDEL project – a Model State Aid Scheme as major output</b> ( <i>Ms Charlotte Siot, Pro Danube</i> )
10:45-11:00	<b>State Aid for Modernizing the Danube Fleet – The EU legal framework</b> (Representative of EC/DG COMP/F2)
11:00-11:30	<b>Draft Model State Aid Scheme – Proposed measures &amp; conditions</b> ( <i>Ms Lucia Karpatyova, Pro Danube</i> )
11:30-11:45	<b>State Aid for Danube fleet as part of National Operational Programs – Example Czech Republic</b> (Speaker to be announced)

11:45-12:30	<b>Lunch Break</b> ( <i>buffet lunch at premises</i> )
12:30-13:15	<b>Stakeholder feedback &amp; questions regarding the Draft Model State Aid Scheme</b> <i>Discussion with participants about the investment needs, measures proposed, funding conditions, etc.</i>
13:15-14:00	<b>Exchange of opinions between delegations from Danube States, IWT industry and EC services regarding the implementation of State Aid schemes</b> <i>Experience with State Aid in inland waterborne transport in Danube countries, experience with setting up public support measures, current &amp; future intentions, national mechanisms, questions on the EU legal framework, integration in operational programs, etc.</i>
14:00-14:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
14:30-14:45	<b>Next steps to the finalization of the Model State Aid Scheme</b> <i>(Ms Charlotte Siot &amp; Ms Lucia Karpatyova, Pro Danube)</i>
14:45-15:00	<b>Conclusions and closing of the workshop</b> <i>(Mr Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission)</i>

*The participants are required to register to the meeting through the following [registration link](#).*