

**MEMORANDUM**  
**AMONG**  
**THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF MARITIME ECONOMY AND INLAND NAVIGATION**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SLOVAK**  
**REPUBLIC**  
**ON THE PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSAL OF WATER CORRIDOR DANUBE-**  
**ODER-ELBE**

This Memorandum is signed by the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”).

The Participants recognize that inland waterways play the significant role for the development of European Single Market and may be considered as an important segment of the existing TEN-T core network.

The purpose of this Memorandum is to continue developing and expanding the framework of cooperation among the Participants within the framework of the Working Group on the Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe in order to carry out a mutually beneficial Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe Oder Navigation Proposal and make this proposal ready to meet all requirements of an enhancement of waterway class on river Oder as well as requirements of construction of new waterways.

The Participants express their willingness to cooperate in the inclusion the River Oder in the existing TEN-T core network.

The Participants express their readiness to cooperate within the framework of the Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe and apply for EU fundings and other available sources.

The Participants declare their readiness to launch a working platform on navigation on the Oder River within the existing Working Group on the Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe for the further cooperation among other countries interested in the development of the inland waterways network including the Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe and a discussion on future

development regarding navigation on the Oder River and other waterways in the appropriate region on institutional level.

### MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS

1. The common cooperation aims at strengthening national and subregional cooperation in the field of the construction of new inland waterways in order to support and participate actively in the implementation of the new sustainable development framework between the Participants.
2. The Participants achieve to build a stronger connection by implementing the inland waterways connection within cross-border cooperation. In addition, tools and forms of the cooperation can be renewed or expanded.
3. In order to obtain the funding from the European Commission for the implementation of the common proposal of Water Corridor Danube – Oder – Elbe framework, the Participants expressed a common understanding to adhere to procedures and fulfill responsibilities to provide a feasibility study including economic, environmental and coherent assessment facilities with Water Framework Directive and Floods Directive.
4. The Participants take into account that a working platform on navigation on Oder will be gathered within the Working Group on the Water Corridor Danube-Oder-Elbe Project.

The Participants are ready to take this Memorandum as the principal framework of their cooperation.

This Memorandum is not a document, which contains any obligations in a sense of international law or other legal subjects including private obligations.

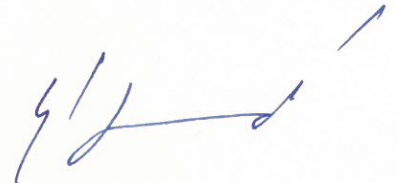
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