



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HOLISTIC PROTECTION OF THE DANUBE – A GLOBAL GOOD



01 - 04.10.2025

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The registration forms must be submitted by 1 August 2025.



INVITATION

Dear friends, IPA Romanian Section and IPA Region 1 Mehedinti are pleased to invite to the **International Conference on the topic "Holistic Protection of the Danube – A Global Good"** which will take place from **October 1st to 4th, 2025**, in **Drobeta Turnu Severin**, Mehedinti County, Romania.

This conference will be attended by both police officers from abroad and from Romania, as well as other professionals involved in the field of environmental protection and the preservation of the Danube.

The **purpose of the conference** is to protect the environment – flora and fauna, the natural space around heritage sites, as well as the sites themselves, by raising awareness about the immense strategic, tourist, and cultural potential of the Severin area.

The **Danube is the second longest river in Europe**, originating from the Black Forest Mountains in Germany. It flows eastward, passing through several capitals in Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe: Bratislava, Vienna, Budapest, and Belgrade. With a length of 2,852 km, the river flows southeast through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova, and Ukraine, before draining into the Black Sea.

The **Danube River Basin** stretches across 19 countries, making it the "**most international**" river basin in the world – **Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Albania, and Kosovo**. Additionally, six other capitals lie within the Danube Basin – Bucharest, Sofia, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Sarajevo, and Pristina, with Munich, the fourth largest city in the basin, located on the Isar River. This transforms the river into both a positive and negative access opportunity. Moreover, the Danube Delta opens into the Black Sea and stretches between Romania and Ukraine, protected as a biosphere reserve and included in the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Thus, in the Severin area, there are multiple heritage sites that preserve the cradles of civilizations from their times into the present day. We have an obligation to "highlight" their existence by protecting them as cultural heritage sites. IPA Romanian Section and IPA Region 1 Mehedinti support the implementation of national strategies in this field. Consequently, the Romanian Police, through the Directorate of Criminal Investigations, continuously undertakes activities to protect national cultural heritage, both in daily missions and through the organization of thematic actions and inspections.

Over time, the activities carried out by the police have led to the identification of crimes committed in this area, resulting in the recovery of cultural goods and the confiscation of metal detectors used, or even the identification of individuals who intentionally sought to destroy historical sites.

In this regard, the activities conducted by the police, through the Directorate of Criminal Investigations of the Romanian Police, to investigate and hold accountable those who have committed crimes related to the protection of national cultural heritage, have led to the discovery of offenses that have seriously harmed the cultural heritage in areas where ancient settlements have been reported.

For this reason, with the aim of particularly **protecting the Danube Biosphere Reserve**, we are organizing this international conference on the topic "Holistic Protection of the Danube – A Global Good".

The conference aims to offer participants:

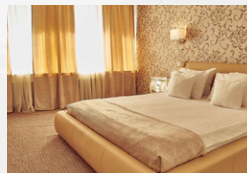
- Dissemination of modern and effective strategies in combating thefts from the national heritage;
- The introduction of new, more complex elements and the implementation of a training concept for police intervention in environmental protection, adapted to current challenges;
- Improving the training activities and ensuring an efficient exchange of experience in the implementation of training programs;
- Exchange of experience with police officers from abroad regarding methods of preventing and combating crimes against national heritage and environmental protection.

The **objective of the conference** is to **strengthen international cooperation in the fight against the trafficking of heritage goods and environmental protection**, by facilitating the exchange of information on specific cases and sharing best practices with counterpart organizations abroad.

Accommodation will be provided at the **Continental Hotel Drobeta Turnu Severin**.

IPA Romanian Section will cover the costs for accommodation for **2 persons** (in **one double room**), meals, excursions and work materials for one participant from your section.

If any person would like to attend the costs are: for **1 person in a double room is 230 euro** and **1 single room is 280 euro**.



To facilitate your travel and ensure that you have the most pleasant experience possible, we would like to provide you with the nearest airports where the conference will take place, namely:

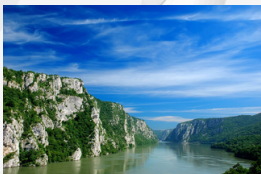
Timisoara Traian Vuia Airport

located approximately 220 km away (3 hours by car)

Craiova International Airport

located approximately 122 km away (2 hours by car)





PROGRAM

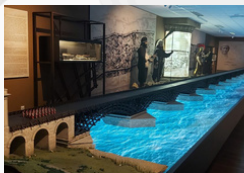
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DAY 1 - 01.10.2025

- 12.00 PM - 5.00 PM - arrival and check-in of delegates at the Continental Hotel
- 7.00 PM - dinner at restaurant

DAY 2 - 02.10.2025

- 8.00 AM - 09.00 AM - breakfast
- 9.30 AM - 10.30 AM - opening of the conference
- 10.30 AM – 11.00 AM - coffee break and group photo
- 11.00 AM – 1.30 PM - discussions about the fight against the trafficking of heritage goods and environmental protection
- 1.30 PM – 3.00 PM – lunch
- 3.00 PM – 7.00 PM – free time, sightseeing Drobeta Turnu Severin, visiting the Museum “Regiune Porților de Fier” (Iron Gates Region)
- 7.00 PM - festive dinner at restaurant





DAY 3 - 03.10.2025

- 8.00 AM - 9.30 AM - breakfast
- 10:00 AM - 5.00 PM - cruise on the Danube, lunch on the cruise ship
- 5.00 PM - 7.30 AM - free time
- 7.30 PM – dinner at restaurant

DAY 4 - 04.10.2025

- 8.00 AM - 10.00 AM – breakfast
- 11.00 AM -12.00 PM – departure of the guests

For further details regarding the conference, we kindly invite you to contact the **Mr. Marius Muresan, Vice President** on International Conference of **IPA Romanian Section** at **+40 744 397 796**.

We look forward to having you with us and spending many beautiful days together.

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