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## FAIRway Bulgaria

**2014-BG-TMC-0228-S**

Rhine-Danube

### Cohesion Call

**Member State(s) involved:**

Bulgaria

**(Coordinating) Applicant:**

Executive Agency for Exploration and Maintenance of the Danube River

**Implementation schedule:**

Start date: July 2015

End date: June 2020

**Requested funding:**

Total eligible costs: €7 018 800

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Requested EU support: 85.00%

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Economically viable transport services on the Danube are dependent on stable fairway conditions. The proposed Action is located along the Danube pre-identified section of the Rhine-Danube Corridor. It aims to accelerate the removal of bottlenecks, upgrade the Danube to achieve stable navigation conditions, procure the necessary equipment to carry out pilots for hydrological services and elaborate coordinated national road maps. Fairway Danube consists of 7 actionstating place in Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. These Actions will be coordinated by Austria. It is part of the Global Project on the implementation of the Danube Master Plan signed by all riparian Danube countries (except Hungary) in December 2014. It consists of studies, investigations and pilot actions to collect the necessary information allowing the identification of physical bottlenecks to be removed at a later stage.

### Evaluation Remarks

The proposed Action is very relevant as it aims to identify the necessary future works to remove existing bottlenecks in all the riparian countries of the Danube pre-identified section. The Action's maturity is good as political commitment is ensured at national and Corridor levels. Its impact is also good as it will foster competitiveness of inland navigation. The quality of the proposal is good as the activities are clearly described, realistic and consistent.