

Bottleneck: Bulgaria

Transboundary Bulgaria - Romania

Name: Improvement of the navigation on the Danube River in joint Bulgarian-Romanian sections – Belene and Bathin

Danube Km: 530-520 (Bathin) and 576-560 (Belene)

Budget: 138 million EUR, which will be financed by EU funds starting in 2007

Final Beneficiary: Bulgarian Ministry of Transport

WWF Recommendations

It is WWF's position that the precautionary principle must be applied, and no new projects for inland navigation on the Danube River be initiated until a basin-wide strategic environmental assessment be carried out. This ensures that no further or new negative ecological impacts occur. All potential local and basin-wide impacts must be assessed prior to project implementation.

Background

This project is based on the results of a PHARE Study to improve navigation on the Danube in Bulgaria and Romania (1999).

Project details

The objective of this project is to improve the parameters of the navigation fairway in the specified critical sections.

More specifically, this means a depth of 2.50 m under "0" conditional water

