

## **Press Release**

- *Romania Libera, 7 April 2004*

### **“Contract in amount of 1.6 million euros for the improvement of the inland navigation”**

Having in view the interest of the Romanian authorities for the inland transport, the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism and the Delegation of the European Commission in Bucharest signed last week the contract for “Technical Assistance for the Improvement of the Navigation Conditions on the Danube”. The objective of the contract consists in the development of an important part of the Pan-European Corridor No. VII: Rhine – Main – Danube. The project will be financed under the ISPA Facility and it will be an environmental friendly project, which will respect the Community requirements regarding the sustainable mobility. The service contract for the improvement of the navigation conditions on the Danube has a total value of 1,640,000 Euro and its implementation will last 18 months. The financing of the project will be assured by the European Union – 75% and the rest of 25% will represent the contribution of the Romanian Government. The contract was awarded after an international tender to the JV Technum N.V. (Netherlands), Trapec (Romania) and Tractebel Development Engineering S.A. (Belgium). The Beneficiary of the project will be the River Administration of the Lower Danube – Galati and the contract will be managed by the ISPA Implementing Agency within the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism. The scope of the technical assistance consists in the development of the necessary studies for three possible measures along the Danube, the preparation of the ISPA Application for one of these measures and the preparation of the tender documents for the selected measure.

- *Capital, 8 April 2004*

### **“A new ISPA agreement”**

The Delegation of the European Commission and the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism signed a new service contract financed under the ISPA Facility. The objective of the contract consists in the development of an important part of the Pan-European Corridor No. VII: Rhine – Main – Danube. The project is environmental friendly and it respects the Community requirement regarding the sustainable mobility. The service contract for the improvement of the navigation conditions on the Danube has a value of 1,640,000 Euro. The European Union assures a project financing of 75% and the Romanian Government has a contribution of 25%. The Beneficiary of the contract is the River Administration of the Lower Danube – Galati, but it will be implemented by a new created organisational structure - the ISPA Implementing Agency within the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Tourism.