

Project “Upgrade of Gabčíkovo locks” attracted the visitors of the Danube Day event

Excursion of the hydropower plant Gabčíkovo, getting to know our largest water structure on the river Danube and a diverse cultural program. All of that occurred during the traditional event Danube Day 2017 on Saturday, June 17, at the water structure Gabčíkovo. On the occasion of the International Danube Day, it was prepared by the state-owned companies Vodohospodárska výstavba and Slovenský vodohospodársky podnik along with other sectoral organizations of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic and partners of the event. Its aim was to draw attention to protecting the river Danube as a symbol of the integration of the Danube countries, as well as the importance of the green energy produced by this water structure.

Danube Day 2017, which took place at the water structure Gabčíkovo has started with the musical-dancing happening "4 Elements - Water, Earth, Air, Fire" with the emphasis on the water element, has attracted visitors by the strength and beauty of the river Danube. Thanks to it, in Slovakia we produce environmentally clean energy in a hydropower plant. The second longest river in Europe was shown to visitors through boat cruises. Directly on the boat, they got information about one of the largest river transport projects in the European Union, about the project “Upgrade of Gabčíkovo locks” is co-financed by the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility.

Thanks to Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development (BROZ) children enjoyed the atmosphere of the Danube scenery from the horse seat. Attractive knowledge of the river Danube also brought rescue action with boats and helicopter provided by the Central Rescue Service. The part of a program was for example, children's folk group Dúbravček, children's favorite couple Smejko a Tanculienka, Dance Theater Ifjú Szivek, or the musical group Komajota.

Within the event VODOHOSPODÁRSKA VÝSTAVBA, STATE ENTERPRISE (VV, s. e.), evaluated art contests „Water structure Gabčíkovo by my own eyes“, which were aimed at educating young people in the environmental field and raising awareness of the importance of water structure VV, s. e., under the auspices of the Minister of the Environment of the Slovak Republic László Sólymos, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Gabčíkovo water structure (the results of the competition are also published on the website www.vvb.sk and from 20 June to 31 July 2017 the winning artworks are exhibited in the lobby of the building of the state-owned company Vodohospodárska výstavba at Karloveská ulica No. 2 in Bratislava).



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"The state-owned company Vodohospodárska výstavba wants this year to pay more attention to the importance of the water structure Gabčíkovo on the river Danube. Almost quarter-century has protected the people and their property from floods, it secures international navigation and produces ecological energy. It was through our environmental competitions and during the Danube Day that we wanted to celebrate this important anniversary with the general public. During the autumn conference we will discuss it with professionals," said General director of VV, s. e., Daniel Kvocera.

Danube Day 2017 was also enriched by a variety of accompanying events. Children could have drawn on the face pictures of animals from the surrounding of Danube, they could enjoy foam show, as part of an animation program, and also with fairy-tale mascots. Visitors also competed for valuable prizes from the event's partners.

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