



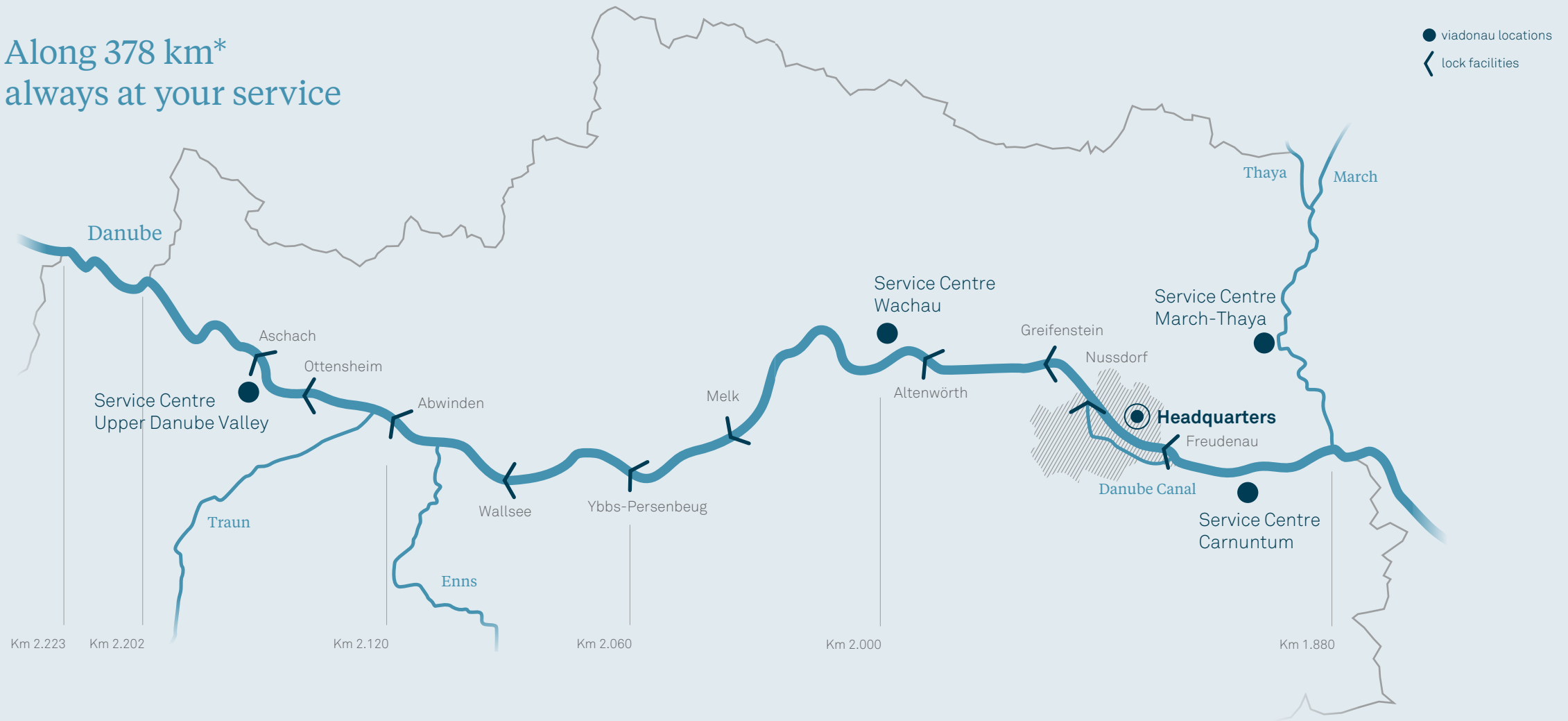
Your Goals Determine
Our Course

viadonau

Have a look at our logistics centre.



Along 378 km* always at your service



via donau – Österreichische Wasserstraßen-Gesellschaft mbH is a company established by the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT).

At five locations and ten locks along 378* river kilometres, more than 250 employees care for the natural landscape and dynamic waterway. Our sole intention being the careful and sustainable development of the Danube as both habitat and economic region.

Every measure we take and every service we offer is designed to enhance crucial environmental, safety and economical aspects. Our commitment is to a well balanced, long-term strategy for the natural environment, the people living and working along the river and for Austria itself as a business location.

* 378 km = 350.51 km Danube, 1.8 km Traun, 2.7 km Enns, 6.0 km March, 17.0 km Danube Canal

The Danube is a driving force, pushing and promoting all viadonau's activities and services. Our portfolio is perfectly tuned to this "flowing" partnership.



Nothing is more efficient than nature

An ecologically intact Danube serves both as an inviting landscape and a dynamic waterway. Both are factors for lasting success. For this reason, from the very beginning we have placed the emphasis on extensive water protection and eco-friendly navigation.

Our water protection strategy sets clear priorities both in and alongside the river. In order to ensure eco-friendly maintenance, careful revitalisation and innovative conservation of flora and fauna, viadonau cooperates with national and international research partners. Every measure is registered and steered by a central environmental management system to ensure complete monitoring and efficient engagement.

Major concerns in navigation are the reduction of emissions and an increase in energy efficiency. viadonau supports future-oriented engine concepts and tests for innovative fuels. We also explore the impact of extreme weather conditions and climate change on inland navigation in cooperation with renowned experts. Our aim is, after all, to keep the Danube in the very best shape possible: naturally efficient.



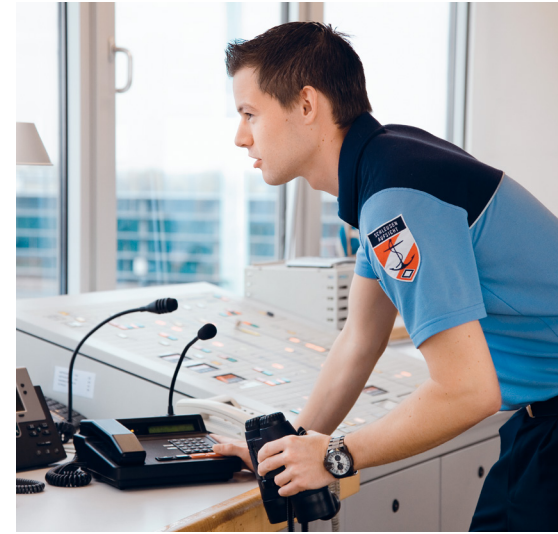
Well connected with 80 mio. customers

The Danube waterway connects people and companies throughout ten European countries. Its “growing” infrastructure needs updating by viadonau on a regular basis in order to meet customer’s needs. Access ways, towpaths, locks and tributaries have to be perfectly coordinated, both within Austria and beyond. In order to do this we continually share our know-how and, in doing so, contribute to both national and international transport policies.



“Our” Danube is more than a mere waterway. It keeps a logistics network flowing, thereby leading to attractive collaborations and lucrative markets far beyond the business location of Austria.

An efficient logistics system on the Danube has created a substantial competitive advantage for Austria as a business location. As a major player, viadonau invites waterway administrations, clients and their business partners to regular round-table meetings. Here we develop new, tailor-made services for all fields of industry as well as for the logistics market as a whole. The resulting win-win situations are greatly appreciated by all involved.



Safe practice, in and along the river

Effective flood control depends on intact dams. However, perfect coordination is also vital for flood prevention and emergencies. Reliable forecasting techniques, up-to-date measurement, observation and communication networks along with standardized well-rehearsed application directives are all essential features of the extensive set of tools that viadonau would prefer not to have to employ too often.



We regard safety to be of paramount importance. Thus, viadonau provides flood control along the Danube, March and Thaya. We ensure full transport safety and highly reliable lock operations.

To us, transport safety spells DoRIS: Donau River Information Services. DoRIS supplies detailed data of all transportation activities on the Danube in real-time. More transportation efficiency, pro-active timing at locks and a superior safety level, similar to aviation, are the results. Because we are constantly seeking to improve DoRIS, viadonau know-how is highly sought after internationally.



We also aim for sustainability within

Efficiency and sustainability determine the way we think and act at viadonau. We enhance the expertise of our staff; we create a friendly working atmosphere; we connect all operational units; we use state-of-the-art information technology; we employ innovative management systems and monitor all processes closely. In short: viadonau stands for constant, sustainable progress.



Efficiency and transparency are the main keys to our lasting success. Both characterize our approach to the market and the open exchange of views within the viadonau community itself.

Transparency and risk management characterize our external approach. As a public company, we are a role model. viadonau consistently plans, decides and acts in a comprehensible and responsible way. We take only sensible risks and disclose details of procurement as well as facility management. Thus, viadonau has grown to be an appreciated partner in business, politics, research and society.

Did you know that ...

... viadonau cleans and maintains 800 km of riverbanks?

... more than 1 mio. cyclists per year travel the Danube cycle paths from Donaueschingen to Budapest?

... the Danube measures some 350 km in Austria?

... viadonau locks through some 100,000 ships per year?

... the Danube is 2,857 km long, 2,415 of which are passable for cargo ships?

... the revitalisation of the Danube embankment to the east of Vienna has attracted the densest population of sandpipers in Europe?

... viadonau takes care of 250 km asphalted cycle paths?

... viadonau keeps 500 km of towpaths intact?

... from 9 to 12 mio. tons are transported on the Austrian section of the Danube each year?

... the gradient of the Danube within Austria is 155 m?

... the flood control facilities from Vienna to the Slovakian border protect more than 600,000 residents?

... more than 300 bird species live along the Danube?

... viadonau looks after 300 km of flood control facilities?

... hydropower is the most important energy source and supplies more than 60% of the electricity generated in Austria?

... 1 inland waterway vessel can take 1 ton 4 times as far as a truck consuming the same amount of energy?

... viadonau manages 15,000 ha (more than 37 acres) of real estate?





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