

Dear TID friends,

Although it is terribly difficult for us, we have to face reality: due to the current and not yet foreseeable pandemic situation, we have to cancel the TID again. 125 participants have registered so far, of which more than 30 wanted to do the whole tour

As in 2020, the German TID Association, in agreement with the German Canoe Association, has to cancel the German section of the TID for 2021 and we also have to stop organisational work for the whole TID. All bus transfers have to be cancelled as well.

Our hosts on the German part see no chance to organise campsites and infrastructure for us, be it because they will not be sufficiently protected (vaccinated) by then, be it because official regulations (hygiene requirements in the sanitary areas etc.) will make it extremely difficult or even impossible to support TID.

Consultations with our partners in Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia and Romania show the same picture. It stays completely unclear when international travel restrictions and border closures will end this summer. The same applies to the ban on larger events in the participating Danube countries.

Although the average age of TID-participants is over 60, many of them will not receive a complete vaccination protection by the time of TID, which would, however, be a mandatory requirement for participating. Currently, in some countries the situation in the local medical and hospital sector is extremely tense, with unforeseeable consequences if one of the participants would need medical help of any kind.

As the organising association for the German section, we are responsible both for the participants and for the staff along the Danube who is looking after us. That is why we want to give everyone clarity and planning security, as well as opportunities for alternative plans, by cancelling TID at that early stage.

We are convinced that this decision will meet with your understanding.

Due to the unpredictable situation, no participant fees have been charged so far. Therefore, there will be no costs for those who have registered!

In addition, we would like to thank you very much for your active participation and a lot of positive emails and calls during the registration phase.

We very much hope that you all stay healthy in these difficult times and that we meet again next year.

Until then, we should stay in contact. Information will be provided via our homepage www.tour-international-danubien.de and you can contact us by e-mail at any time.

We wish you all the best and stay healthy!

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