

## **Danube Day 2014 in the Czech Republic**

## Farewell to the flag!

2014 saw the Czech Republic wave goodbye to the Danube Day United flag as it resumed its 14-year journey through the Danube Basin. Featuring 14 fish in the national colours of each Danube country, the flag is officially passed between countries on Danube Day, a symbol of crossborder solidarity.

Having spent the last year in the Water Protection Department of the Czech Ministry of the Environment, staff gathered outside their office for a farewell to the flag. Heide Jekel, ICPDR Head of Delegation for Germany, accepted the flag from her Czech counterpart, Karel Vlasak.

2014 celebrates 10 years since the very first Danube Day and also the first Danube Art Master competition. During this time, young Czechs have entered more Danube artworks than any other country. Organised in previous years by the Union for the Morava River, Czech children were awarded overall international winners in 2011 and 2012. To view some of the 1000s of sculptures, mosaics and installations that have lined Czech rivers since the competition first started, see Facebook and Flickr!

## **Danube Day Partners**

Ministry of the Environment.

## Danube Day 2014: Get active for a living Danube!

For general information about the 14-country Danube Day celebrations, view <u>www.danubeday.org</u> or email the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR): <u>benedikt.mandl@unvienna.org</u>