

## Danube Day 2014 in Slovakia

### Active for a living Danube and Morava in Devín!

Close to where the Morava flows into the Danube, 20 years of international cooperation was celebrated in Slovakia. Devín, north-west of Bratislava, was the venue for this year's Danube Day organised by Vodohospodárska výstavba and the Ministry of the Environment.

Roman Bomboš, radio and TV personality, introduced a packed programme of **fun events both on and about the Danube**. Free boat trips were greatly enjoyed; as was the chance to try kayaking and come face-to-face with sturgeon and other 'monsters' of the deep. Local youngsters performed their hearts out in a dance show. Electric cars were demonstrated, along with emergency river rescue and first aid procedures, with search and rescue dogs delighting the crowds. For the young, and the young at heart, there were games, creative competitions, a giant sturgeon puzzle, face-painting, art and a photo shoot with a water sprite! The event was opened by the Minister of Environment, Peter Žiga, and the CEO of Vodohospodárska výstavba, Ladislav Lazár, and sponsored by Coca-Cola Slovakia.

The Devín Danube Day saw the climax of Slovakia's search to find the young **Danube Art Master** of 2014. Organised in Slovakia by BROZ, pupils from Rozmarínová school in Komárno won the national title for their striking beach mosaic: 'Danube - living water'. The girls went on to come second in the international GWP / ICPDR final held in Vienna. To view the wealth of creativity inspired by rivers across the Danube Basin, see Facebook and Flickr!

### Danube Day Partners

Vodohospodarska vystavba; Ministry of the Environment; BROZ Regional Association for Nature Conservation & Sustainable Development; Global Water Partnership GWP CEE; local schools and Coca-Cola Slovakia.

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

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