

## GERMANY

Germany's Danube Day brought colour, fun and excitement to the river banks of Ingolstadt in southern Germany. At a family festival organised by the state and federal environment ministries, water management agency and partners, crowds gathered in the summer heat to cheer off intrepid canoeists embarking on a 2082km Danube Day adventure. This 50<sup>th</sup> **TID International Danube Tour** brought together the brave and the foolhardy in a river safari from Germany to Bulgaria.

The ***Our Danube: more than just water festival*** proved to be a highly successful and informative event, with young visitors enthralled by hands-on water experiments, watery musical instruments and thrilling motor boat rides. Others took the gentler option of a sedate cruise aboard the *Danubius* river cruiser: in all, more than 500 visitors enjoyed a trip on the Danube. Experts were on hand at Question and Answer sessions on everything you ever wanted to know about water, flood protection and the European Union Water Framework Directive. The event also saw the culmination of Germany's search for their young ***Danube Art Master of 2005***, with the crowning of an entire class from the Schanz School in Ingolstadt for their group collage.

As the day proceeded, the mix of balmy weather and sounds of live Big Band and Dixie, provided by the Gnadenthal School and Bourbon Jazz Band, produced a carnival atmosphere that got everyone celebrating their river.

### **Danube Day Highlights:**

- Family fun at the *Our Danube: more than just water festival* at Ingolstadt.
- Official start of the *TID Danube International Tour* canoe adventure from Germany to Bulgaria.
- Ceremonial crowning of class 6a from the Schanz School, Ingolstadt, who received a 500 Euro prize for their winning *Danube Art Master* entry.

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**“We need to treat and care for the Danube and its tributaries with great consciousness”**

Germany’s message for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *TID Danube Tour*.

**Danube Day Partners:**

Bavarian State Ministry of Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection • Bavarian Water Management Agency, Ingolstadt • Federal Ministry for Environment, nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety • F.U.Z. (Friends of the Center for Environment) • Ingolstadt Tourism and Congress GmbH • Public Utility Water Ingolstadt • Public Services Ingolstadt • German Canoeing Association • German Rowing Association • Haus im Moos, Karlshuld • Tour International Danubian 2005 (TID 2005)

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