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STEAM TUGBOAT ŽUPA

Steam tugboat *Župa* carries this name from 1945. The ship was made in Budapest in 1913 for DDSG from Vienna and originally was named *Una*. She became a part of the Austro-Hungarian Danube Flotilla in April 1915. As an armed ship, she took part in bombing and occupation of Belgrade in October 1915. During 1916 she was used as a guard ship around Corabia in Romania (km 630,000 of Danube) and in 1918 she was the leader of mine detachment.

After WWI the ship belonged to Hungary and her name was changed to *Munka*. She was sunk in June 1919, to be taken out from the Danube and repaired the next year. The reconstruction was carried out in the shipyard Ganz és Társsa-Danubius Villsmossági-, Gép-, Waggon- és Hajógyár Rt. in Budapest, in 1920. The same year the ship was sold to Romanian company "Societate Anonima Romana de Navigatie pe Dunare" from Bucharest, which changed her name to *Cosia*. In 1944 the ship was seized by Soviet troops and included in the fleet as a minesweeper. At the beginning of the same year she was sunk by mine at Stari Slankamen (km 1219,000 of Danube). In 1945 she was renewed and assigned to the Yugoslav River Shipping Fleet under new name *Župa*, the name that she still carries. From 1955 *Župa* belongs to the company "Ivan Milutinović-PIM" from Belgrade. The same year she was reconstructed in the shipyard "Boris Kidrič" in Apatin, and her steam boilers were repaired in 1959 in the company "Šinvoz" from Zrenjanin. General overhaul of the ship was done in 1961 in the shipyard in Novi Sad. From 1971 *Župa* is out of service.

Steam tugboat *Župa* was registered as a cultural asset of the Republic of Serbia by the decision of the Museum of Science and Technology – Belgrade no. 215/1 of November 28, 2005. In 2015 *Župa*'s owner, the company "Ivan Milutinović-PIM", donated this historical ship to the Museum of Science and Technology – Belgrade.

