

Panel Abstract

Name of Session: Session IX: Multicountry, National, Local, NGO, Private Sector Participation in IW Programmes

Panel Title: UNDP/GEF Danube Pollution Reduction Programme - Participatory Approach in Project Implementation

Moderator: Chidi Ibe, Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP/UNIDO Guinea Current LME Project

Panelists: Joachim Bendow, Executive Secretary, ICPDR

Panel Background

Text - 1 paragraph executive summary describing the panel and its objective
(prepared by ~~Moderator~~/Panelist)

The panel gives an overview on participatory approach used in the implementation of the UNDP/GEF Danube Pollution Reduction Program. Particular attention is given to activities involving participants from government, local administration, NGOs, scientific institutions and cooperating agencies. The organization of training workshops and consultation meetings at national and regional level facilitated the effective participation of all stakeholders. The implementation of community based projects under the "Small Grants Program" strengthened local NGOs initiatives and contributed essentially to raise awareness at all levels.

Summary of Key Issues and Best Practices/Lessons Learned

Text - Bullet points summarizing the key points to be made and best practices and lessons learned referenced in your panel :

- Capacity building and training of national experts and NGO activists;
- Strengthening of NGO initiatives in creating local and regional NGO structures;
- "Applied" awareness raising through implementing community based projects in the frame of a "Small Grants Program";
- Reinforcement of planning activities at the national level, forming national expert teams (National Reviews) and organizing national Planning Workshops;
- Organizing regional consultation meetings to develop regional policies, strategies and actions (Transboundary Analysis, SAP, Pollution Reduction Program, etc.);
- Strengthening inter-regional cooperation between the Danube and Black Sea Commissions to define common goals for nutrient reduction.

Key References

Text - List of references and related web sites, publications, articles, etc that provide the reader with additional resource on your panel topics :


- Reports of the UNDP/GEF Pollution Reduction Program 1997-1999 (Transboundary Analysis, Revised SAP, Pollution Reduction Program Report, etc);
- Project Brief and Annexes for the Danube Regional Project 2001-2005;
- Annual Report of the ICPDR 1999
- ICPDR Information System (DANUBIS) : www.icpdr.org

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UNDP/GEF Danube Pollution Reduction Programme

Participatory Approach in Project Implementation

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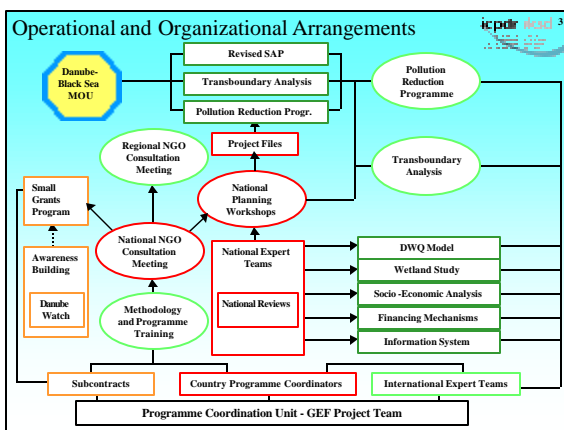


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Pollution Reduction Programme in the Danube River Basin

PROJECT OBJECTIVE :

Definition of policies, strategies and actions for pollution reduction and sustainable management of international waters and ecosystems in the Danube River Basin and the Black Sea

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THE ACTIONS

1. Capacity building and training
2. Reinforcement of NGO participation and awareness raising
3. Reinforcement of national planning activities
4. Support activities and development of regional policies, strategies and actions
5. Inter-regional cooperation between Danube and Black Sea PCU/Commissions




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ACTION 1

Capacity building and training to assure full participation of public and private sectors, local governments, NGOs and scientific institutions in the planning process through :

- Organizing a Project Inception Workshop to discuss the methodological approach and to define the work programme,
- Organizing a Training and Consultation Workshop for national consultants to define the scope of work and to assure a coherent approach in all activities,
- Conducting a Training Workshop for Facilitators in Target Oriented Planning Methodology




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ACTION 2

Reinforcement of NGO Participation in pollution reduction activities:

- Organizing of consultation meetings to facilitate NGO participation in the planning process at national and regional level,
- Creating a central structure / umbrella organization of all national NGOs in the Danube River Basin: "Danube Environmental Forum"
- Implementing a Small Grants Programme to reinforce community based pollution reduction activities initiated by national NGOs



ACTION 3

Reinforcement of planning activities at the national level concerning:

- The elaboration of National Reviews (sector studies):
 - Water quality and analysis of nutrient loads ,
 - Identification of “hot spots” and development of project files,
 - Socio-Economic Analysis,
 - Analysis of Financing Mechanisms.
- The organization of National Planning Workshops with participation of government, local administration, NGOs, and scientific institutions (integrated approach):
 - Situation analysis and problem identification,
 - Analysis of objectives and definition of actions
 - Definition of assumptions and impact indicators



ACTION 4

Support activities and development of regional policies, strategies and actions :

- Support Activities :
 - Elaboration of Wetland Study
 - Development of Danube Water Quality Model
 - Development of Financing Mechanisms
 - Development of Thematic Maps
 - Establishment of ICPDR Information System
- Regional policies, strategies and actions:
 - Summary Reports based on National Reviews
 - Transboundary Analysis
 - Pollution Reduction Programme Report
 - Project Files



ACTION 5

Inter-regional cooperation to prevent further degradation of Black Sea ecosystems through:

- Creation of an Ad-Hoc Danube -Black Sea Joint Technical Working Group
- Elaboration of five reports on ecological indicators and changes over time of the Black Sea ecosystems (Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey)
- Development of the Memorandum of Understanding on common policies and joint actions between Danube and Black Sea Protection Commissions



HOW MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATED ?

- National Experts for elaboration of National Reviews : 60
- Participants in National Planning Workshops : 345
- Participants in national NGO Consultation Meetings : 218
- 2 Workshops for capacity building and training : 147
- Regional NGO/DEF Consultation Meeting : 50
- 4 Regional consultation and coordination meetings: 245
- Implementation of community based activities (SGP) : 800

TOTAL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS	1,865
INDIRECT THROUGH INFORMATION	12,815
TOTAL DIRECT / INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS	14,680

