
Legal and Institutional framework **ICPDR** IKSD of the ICPDR



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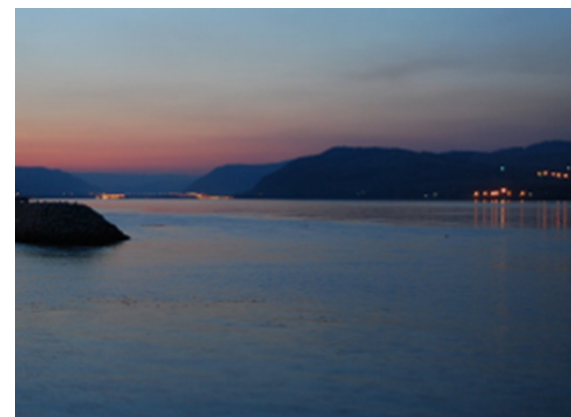
Welcome to the Danube River Basin!

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800 000 km², 2900 km, 6500 m³/s, 85 Mio PE, **19 countries**

From Black Forest to Black Sea



1, 2, 4, 6: wikipedia/GFDL; 5 ICPDR/Mello

Large variety of micro-climates and ecosystems

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The Danube River Basin anno 1990



environmental
degradation



environmental
awareness



19 countries

Human activities and their impact on the Danube



Water **pollution**, **hydromorphological** alterations

The Danube River Protection Convention (1)



- Full name:

Convention on Co-operation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the River Danube (Danube River Protection Convention)

- legal instrument for co-operation and transboundary water management in the Danube River Basin
- Signed on June 29 1994 in Sofia (Bulgaria)
- Came into force in October 1998 when ratified by the 9th signatory
- 11 Danube countries are signatories

The Danube River Protection Convention (2)



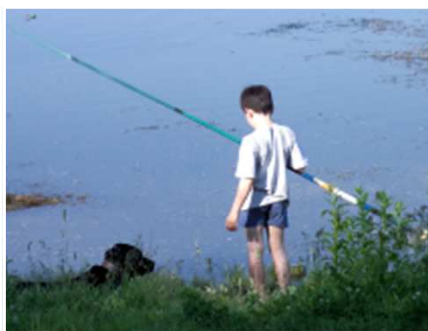
- Main objective:

ensure that surface waters and groundwater within the Danube River Basin are managed and used sustainably and equitably. It involves the following:

- the conservation, improvement and rational use of surface waters and groundwater
- preventive measures to control hazards originating from accidents involving floods, ice or hazardous substances
- measures to reduce the pollution loads entering the Black Sea from sources in the Danube River Basin

The DRPC as the legal mandate of the ICPDR

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Sustainable & equitable use of water



Protection of water & ecological resources



Reduce nutrients & hazardous substances



Manage floods & ice hazards

ICPDR: platform for **transboundary cooperation** on water management:

- Implementation of the **DRPC**(1998)
- Coordination of the implementation of EU **Water Framework** Directive (2000) & EU **Floods** Directive (2007)

The ICPDR as the main tool for the implementation of the Convention



- A cooperation on fundamental water management issues

The signatories agree to take “all appropriate legal, administrative and technical measures to at least maintain and where possible improve the current water quality and environmental conditions of the Danube river and of the waters in its catchment area, and to prevent and reduce as far as possible adverse impacts and changes occurring or likely to be caused.”

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Contracting Parties



Germany



Austria



Czech Republic



Slovakia



Hungary



Slovenia



Croatia



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Serbia



Montenegro



Romania



Bulgaria



Rep. of Moldova



Ukraine



European Union

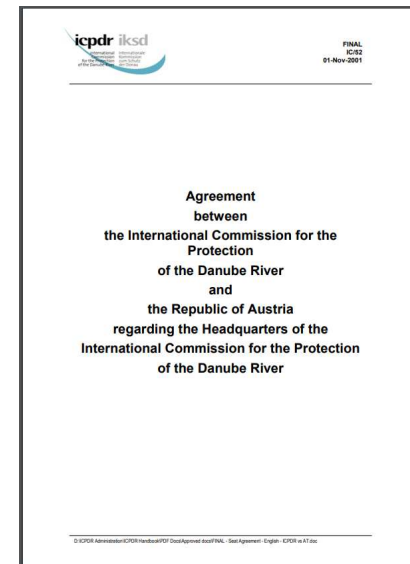
- **EU Member States (9)**
- **Non-EU Member States (5)**

Seat Agreement



Agreement between the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River and the Republic of Austria regarding the headquarters of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.

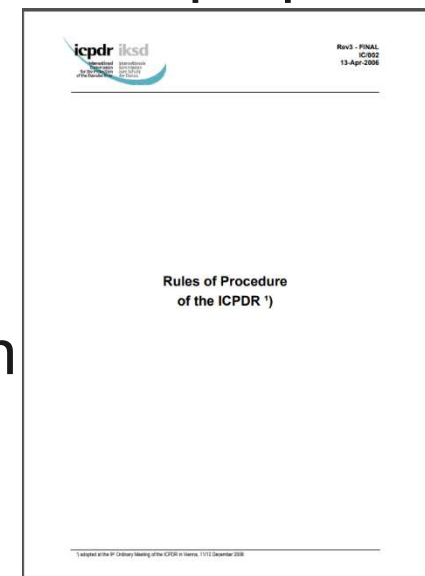
- Signed in December 2000
- Agreement to host the headquarters in Vienna



Rules of Procedure (1)



- The Standing Working Group:
 - Coordinating body of ICPDR work.
 - Consists of delegates (Heads of Delegation and/or their nominated representatives)
 - guides the activities of the Expert Groups and prepares the main strategic issues to be resolved
 - It may revise the Programmes of Work of the Expert Groups.
 - Reviews administrative and financial issues, which need urgent consideration



Rules of Procedure (2)



- The Presidency:
 - The President chairs the Commission for one year
 - Annual rotation occurs in alphabetical order
 - The President, as a rule, does not take the floor on behalf of his/her delegation within the meetings of the International Commission
 - The President may be supported by the previous President and by his/her future successor.



Rules of Procedure (3)



- Meetings:
 - Once a year convened by the President: Ordinary Meeting
 - Once a year held between Ordinary Meetings: Standing Working Group Meetings
 - Bi-annually: Expert Group Meetings
- The Executive Secretary: Executive Official responsible for administration and budget
- The Permanent Secretariat: consisting of technical experts in the relevant fields, communicates with their respective national focal points in the experts and task groups

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The ICPDR approach



Based on two governing **principles**:

- The basin-wide approach is the only approach to properly manage water resources
- River Basin Management is the only functioning water management mechanism

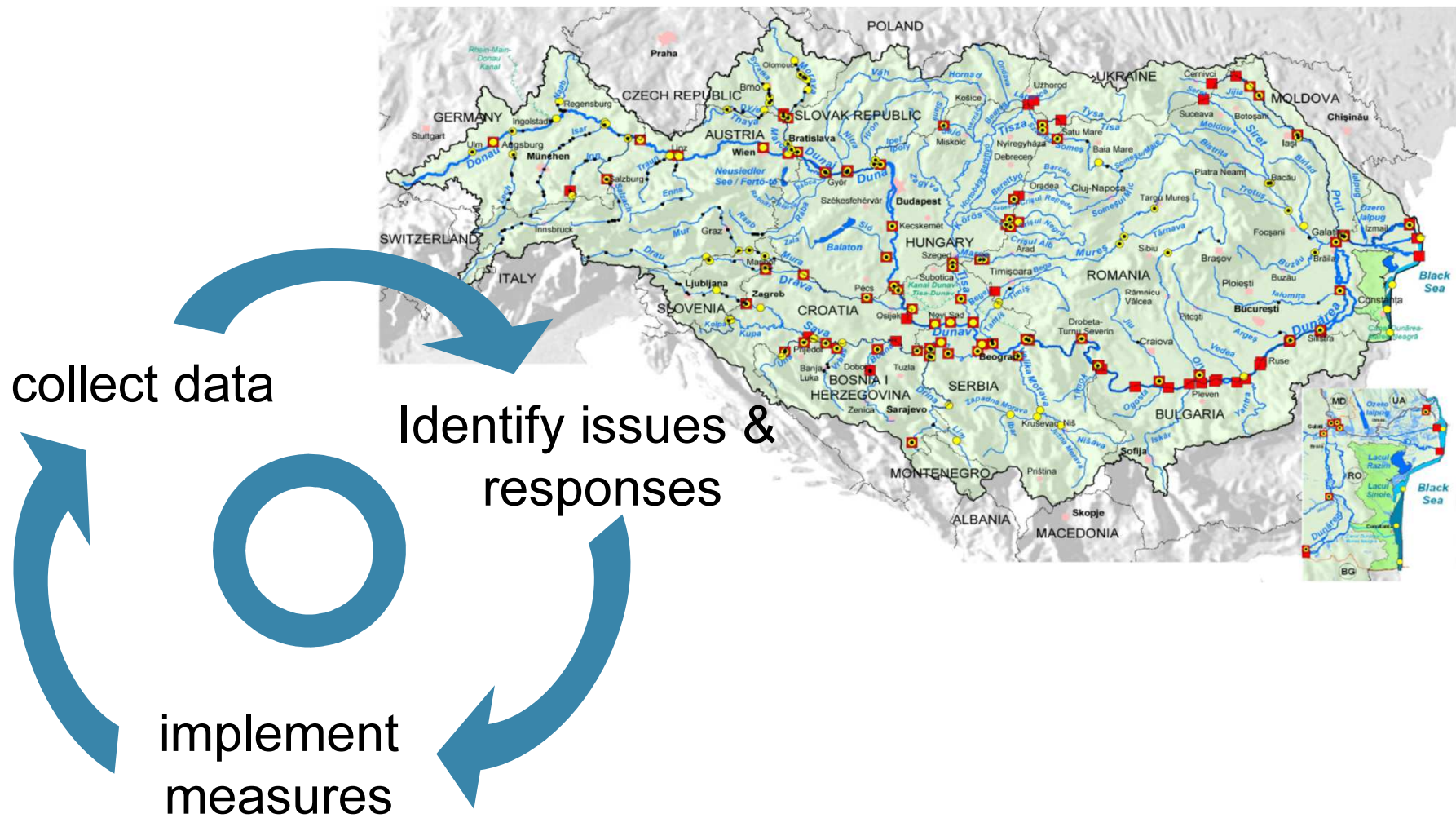
ICPDR's **backbone**:

- the legal international mandate
- the Expert Groups
- public participation

Transboundary river basin Management

Illustration #1 TNMN:Monitoring Waters

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Transboundary river basin Management

Illustration #2 The DRBMP

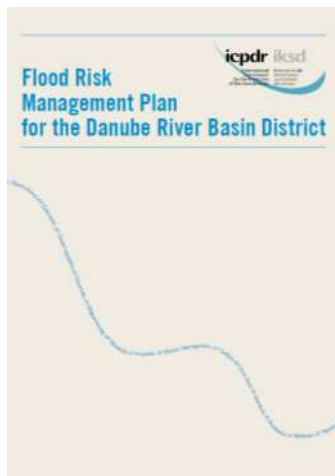
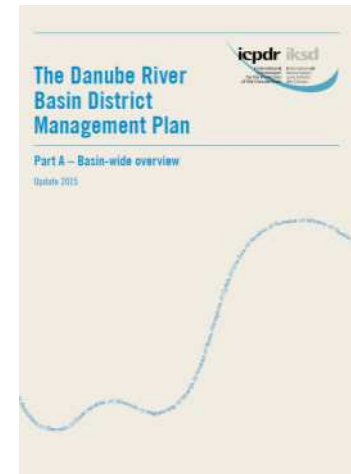


- Danube River Basin Management Plan:
 - Jointly developed by the countries of the Danube River Basin
 - Includes measures that ensure that at least good status is reached
 - Guides the way to achieving at least good status for all waters of the Danube River Basin.
 - Covers a 6-year period and updated
 - All countries of the basin (including non-EU member countries) work on national management plans. As these plans need to be established for each river basin, countries also cooperate on international level.
 - Countries use the ICPDR as a platform to discuss and agree on the transboundary aspect of the management of the water resources.
 - The plan is supplemented with thematic maps.

Two Management Plans for the Danube River Basin



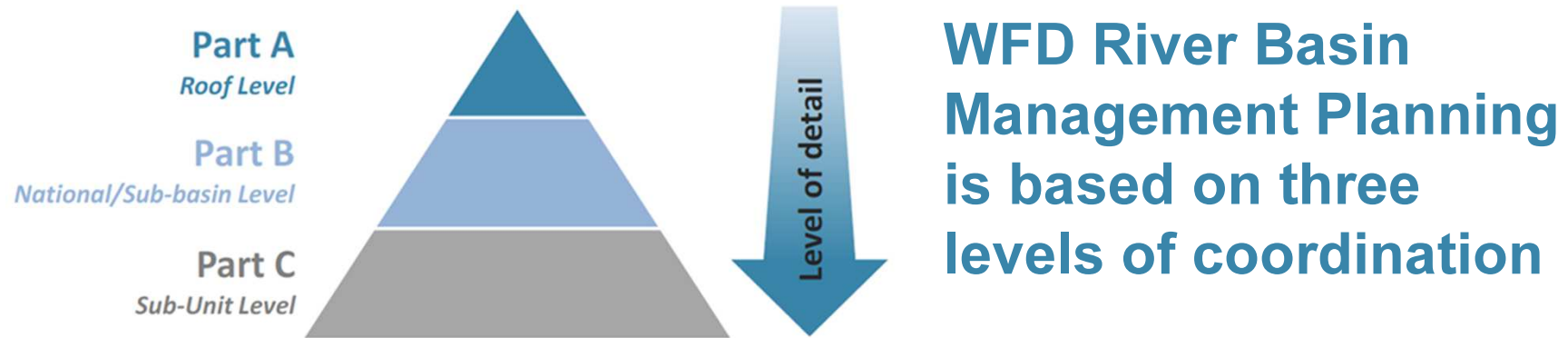
Danube River Basin Management Plan Update 2015



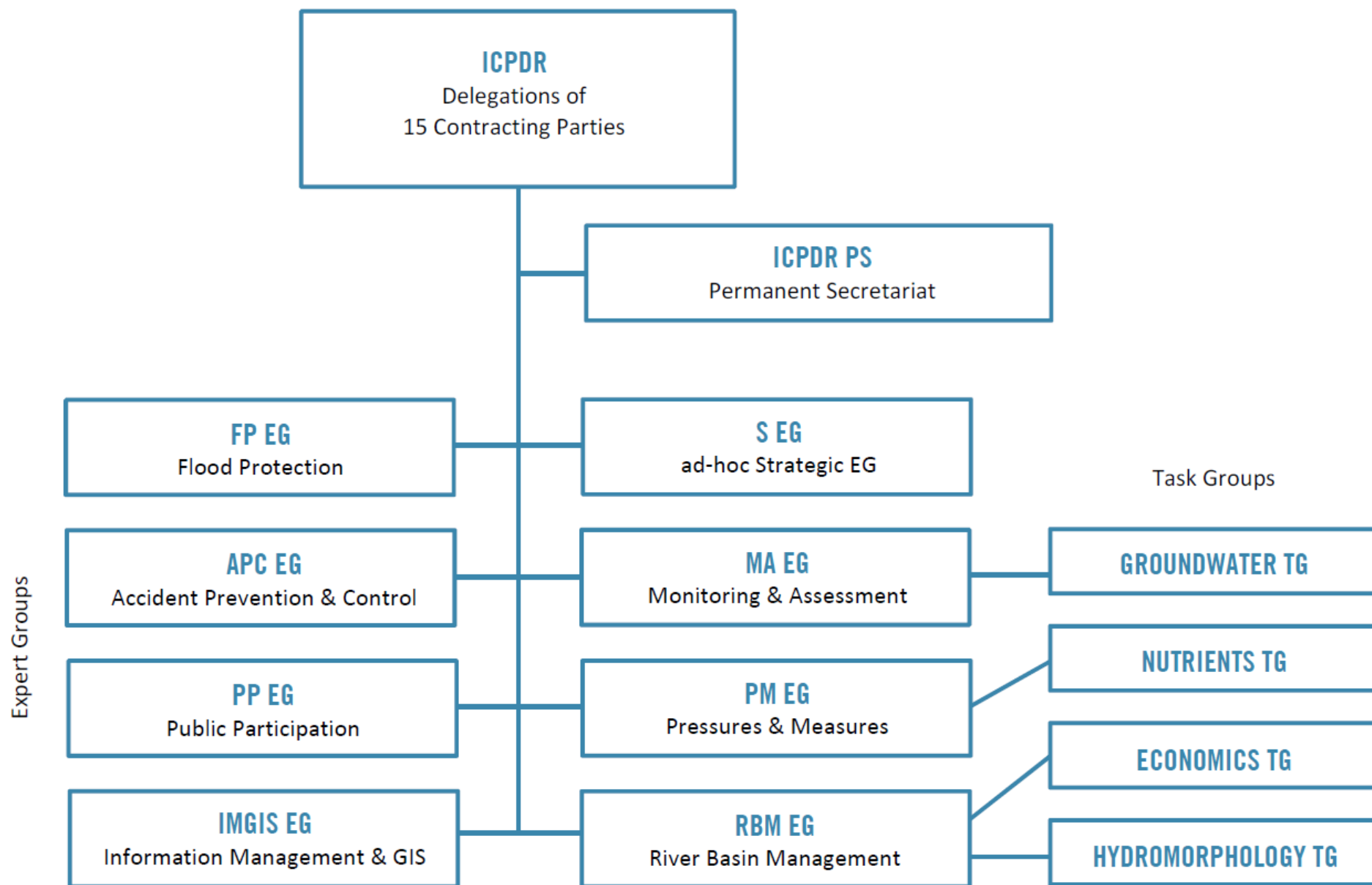
1st Danube Flood Risk Management Plan



Different levels of water management planning



- Part A** International, **basin-wide** level - the roof level (**ICPDR**), including rivers with catchment areas $> 4,000 \text{ km}^2$, lakes $> 100 \text{ km}^2$, transitional and coastal waters and transboundary groundwater bodies of basin-wide importance
- Part B** National level and/or the internationally coordinated sub-basin level for selected sub-basins (e.g. Sava and Tisza)
- Part C** Sub-unit level, defined as management units in the national territory (e.g. sub-catchment)



ICPDR – a forum for technical cooperation

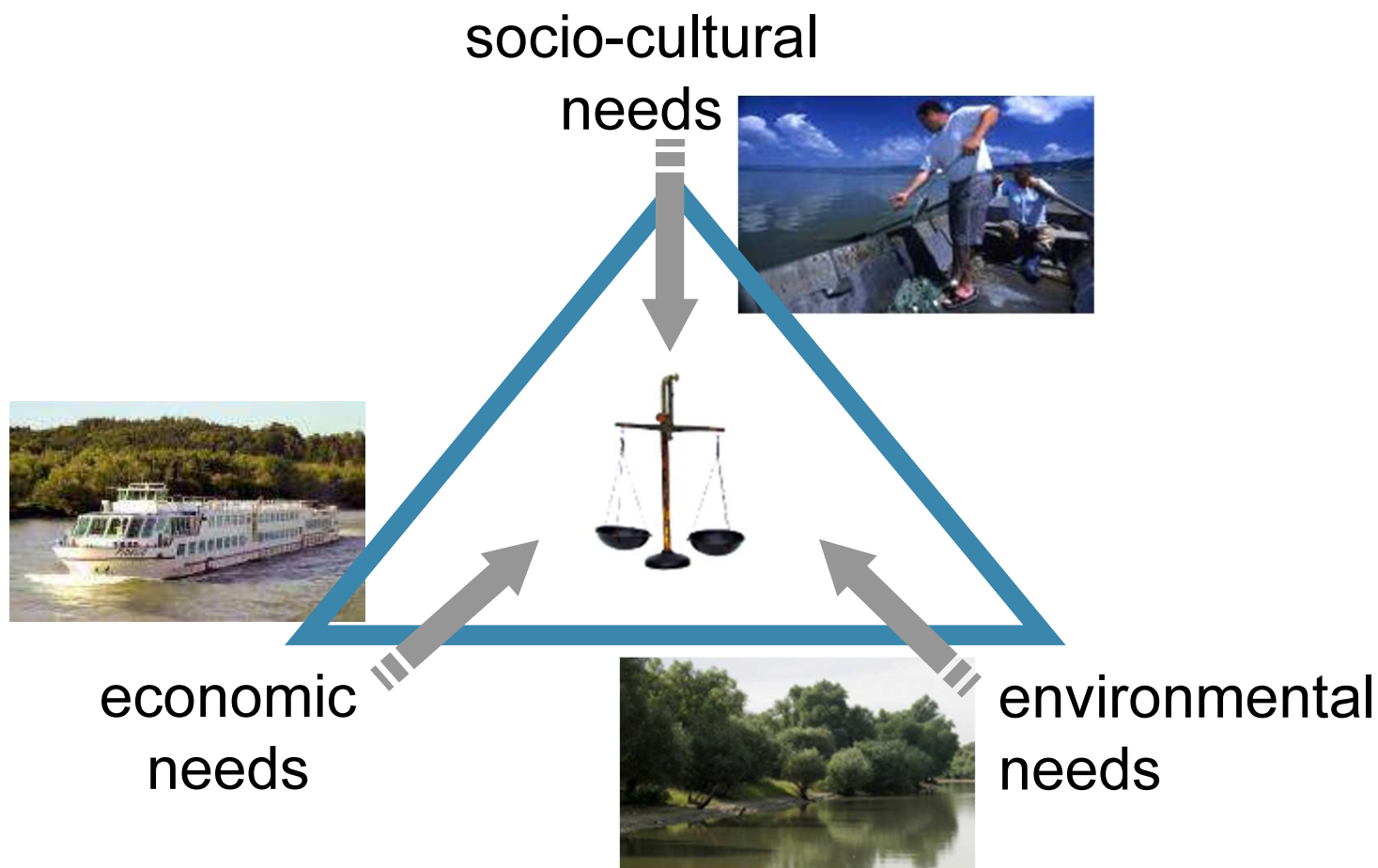


Common
understanding
of water
conditions
(TNMN)

First-hand
data on
pollution
inputs
(Pollution
Inventory)

Accident
early
warning
system
(AEWS)

Balancing of interests



Areas of inter-sectoral work



Navigation



Climate Adaptation



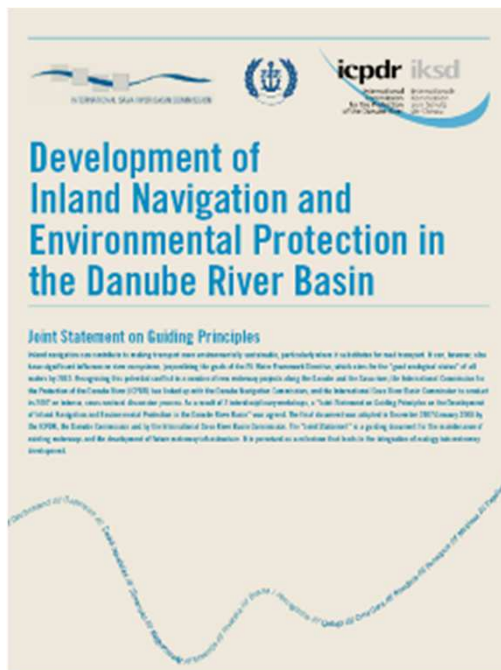
Agriculture



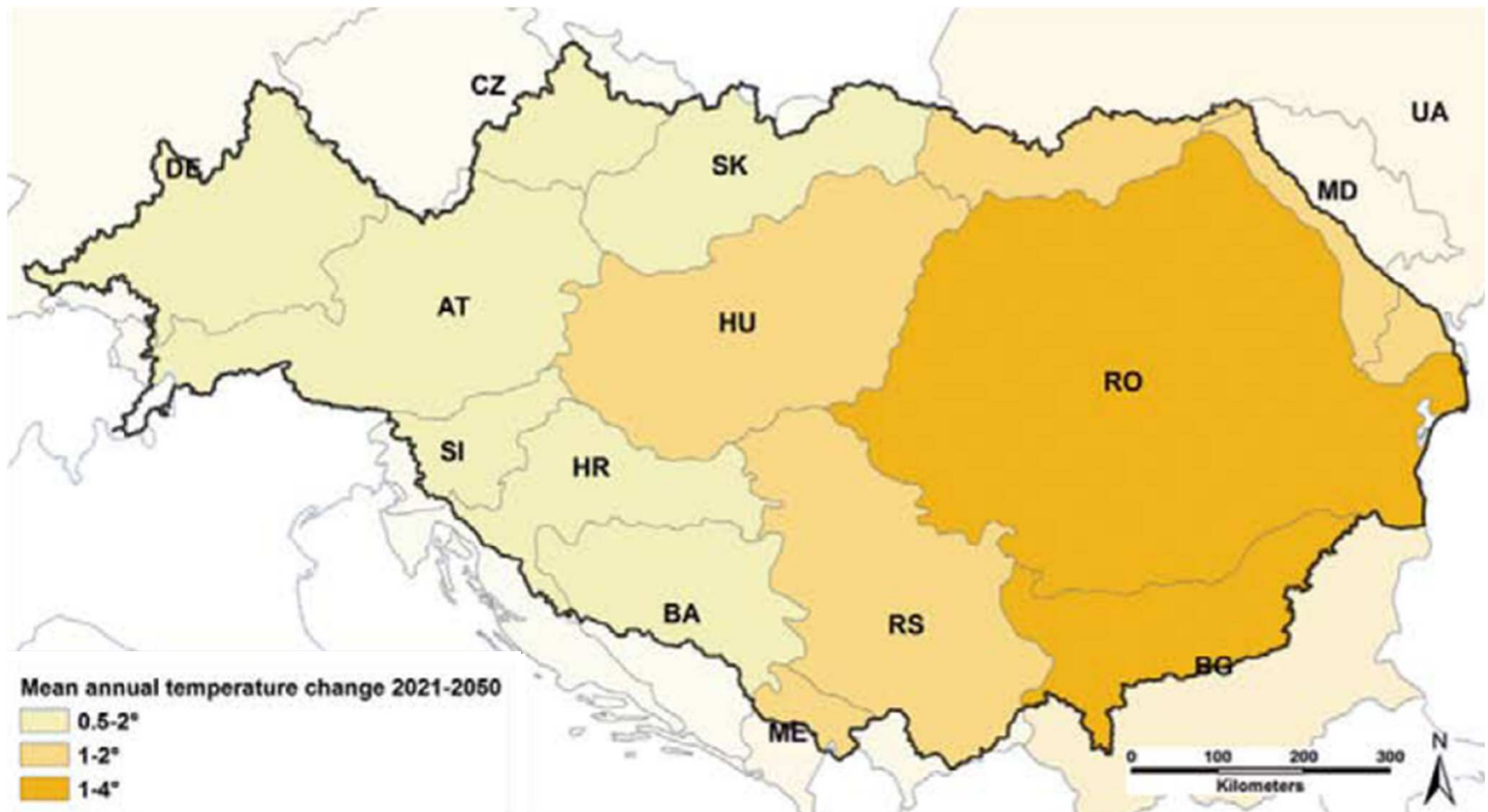
Hydropower

Inland Navigation

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Climate Adaptation



Guiding Principles on Hydropower



Wikipedia/GFDL

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Public participation

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The instruments of Public Participation



- ☐ 23 Observer Organisations
- ☐ A dedicated Public Participation Expert Group
- ☐ Outreach activities accross a broad spectrum
- ☐ Educational tools
- ☐ Public information
- ☐ Stakeholder consultation
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Intersectorial dialogue
- ☐ Branding campaigns



Stakeholder Involvement: 23 Observers

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Danube Strategy
Civil Society
Forum



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DANUBE PARKS
network of protected areas



Danube Tourist
Commission



dcc | danube
competence
center

“Voice of the Danube and to the Danube”



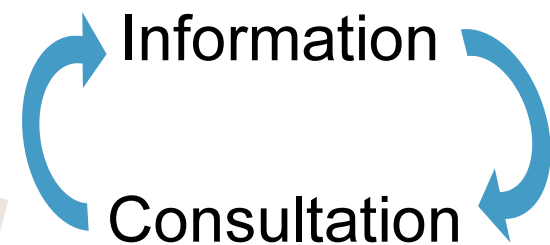
The ICPDR approach to Public Participation



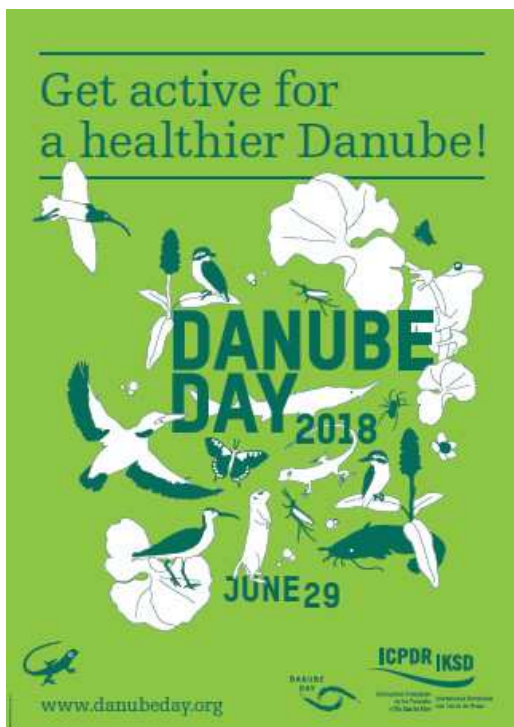
- A commitment to active public participation in decision-making
- A belief that PP facilitates broader support for policies and leads to increased efficiency in implementation efforts
- Understanding that stakeholders should be consulted in the entire cycle of activities – from conceptualisation to implementation

Outreach, education & public information

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Danube Day, 29 June



Danube Art Master

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Danube Box

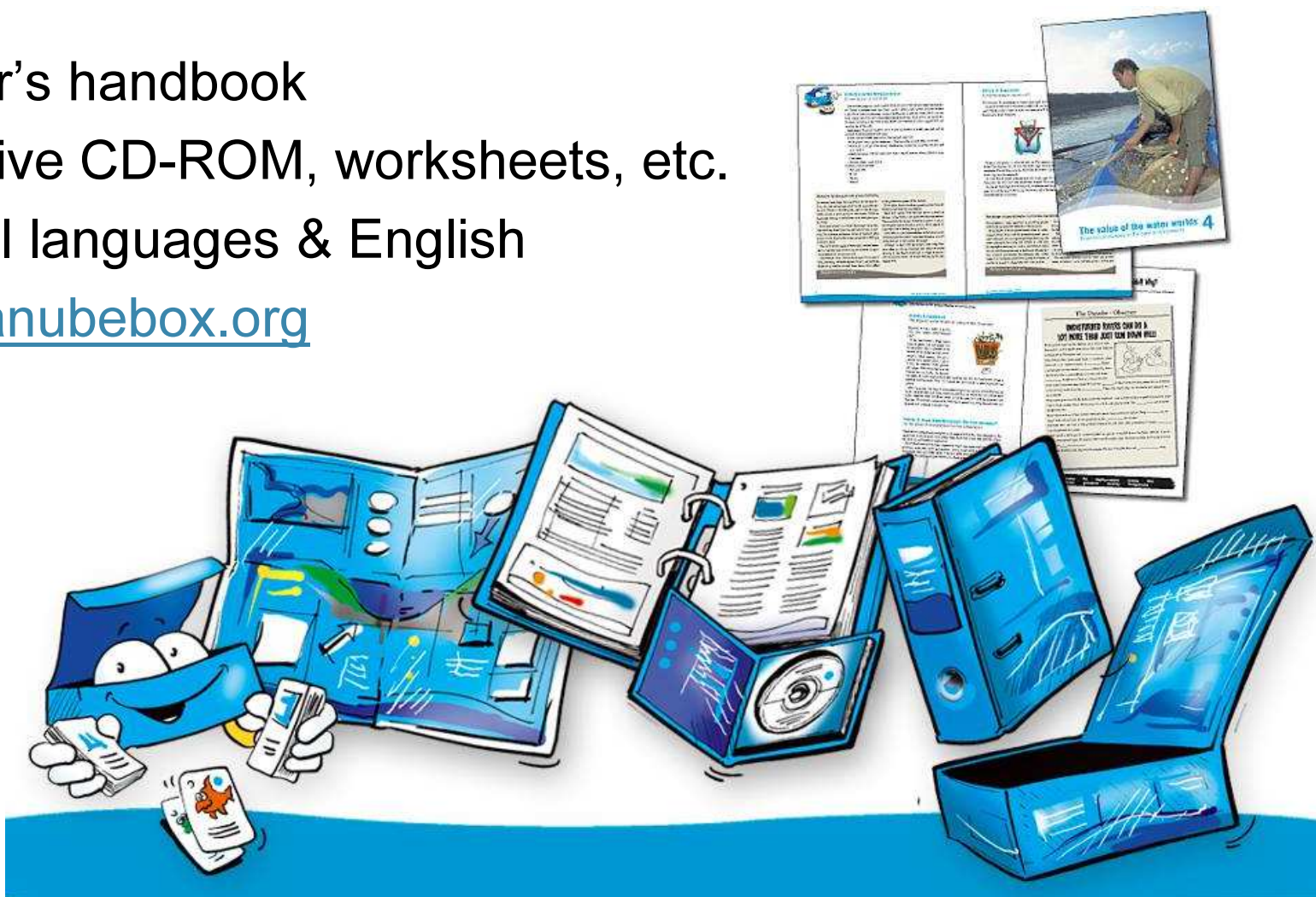
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Teacher's handbook

Interactive CD-ROM, worksheets, etc.

National languages & English

www.danubebox.org



Ad-hoc Public Consultation (Management Plans)



Four sets of activities:

- (1) collection of comments directly given
- (2) stakeholder consultation workshop
- (3) social media campaign
- (4) online questionnaires



See: icpdr.org/main/activities-projects/consultation-2015

Outreach:
making people aware & advocates of water
resources issues



We act on all levels

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Community

National

Regional

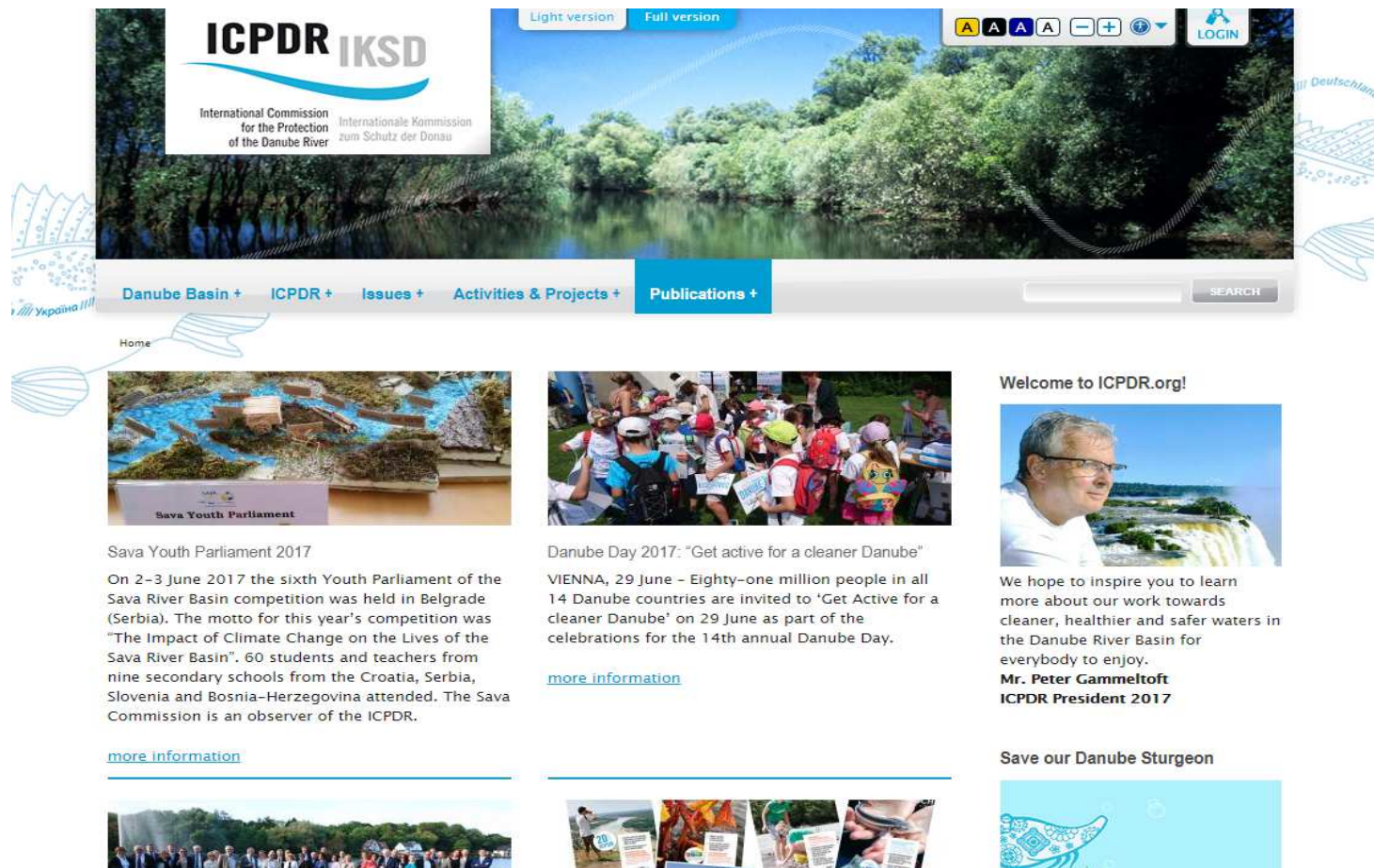
Conclusions



1. The ICPDR has a very sound scientific and technical basis
2. People must be reached because we deal with issues that matter to them in their daily lives
3. There can be no progress in water resources management without transboundary cooperation
4. The basin-wide approach has a proven track record of success in water resources management
5. Involving the public is a fundamental requirement

Further information

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The screenshot shows the ICPDR website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ICPDR IKSD logo and the text "International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River" and "Internationale Kommission zum Schutz der Donau". Below the navigation bar, there is a large banner image of a river with trees. The banner includes a "Light version" and "Full version" toggle, a "LOGIN" button, and a search bar. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column features a "Home" link and a section titled "Sava Youth Parliament 2017" with a photo of a model of the Sava River Basin. The middle column features a section titled "Danube Day 2017: 'Get active for a cleaner Danube'" with a photo of a group of people and a link to "more information". The right column features a section titled "Welcome to ICPDR.org!" with a photo of Mr. Peter Gammeltoft, ICPDR President 2017, and a link to "Save our Danube Sturgeon".

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International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
Internationale Kommission zum Schutz der Donau

Light version Full version

LOGIN

Danube Basin + ICPDR + Issues + Activities & Projects + Publications +

SEARCH

Home

Sava Youth Parliament

Sava Youth Parliament 2017

On 2-3 June 2017 the sixth Youth Parliament of the Sava River Basin competition was held in Belgrade (Serbia). The motto for this year's competition was "The Impact of Climate Change on the Lives of the Sava River Basin". 60 students and teachers from nine secondary schools from the Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina attended. The Sava Commission is an observer of the ICPDR.

[more information](#)

Danube Day 2017: "Get active for a cleaner Danube"

VIENNA, 29 June – Eighty-one million people in all 14 Danube countries are invited to 'Get Active for a cleaner Danube' on 29 June as part of the celebrations for the 14th annual Danube Day.

[more information](#)

Welcome to ICPDR.org!

We hope to inspire you to learn more about our work towards cleaner, healthier and safer waters in the Danube River Basin for everybody to enjoy.

Mr. Peter Gammeltoft
ICPDR President 2017

Save our Danube Sturgeon

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Time for questions

