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Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Philip Weller, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River delivered to the Plenary Session 1 - Fostering water co-operation: international and regional experiences, Second Preparatory Conference to the 15th OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, Zaragoza, Spain, 12 - 13 March 2007.

Fostering Water Co-operation: Experience in the Danube River Basin



Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Water Management

*Second Preparatory Conference to the
15th OSCE Economic and Environmental
Forum
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The Danube Experience



Co-operation in Water Management



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Danube River Basin- Overview

The Danube River Basin is the most international river basin in the world

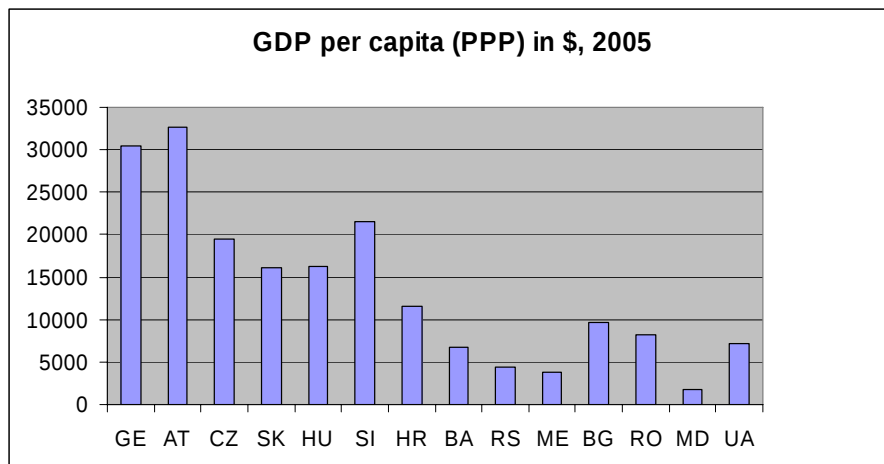


- 19 countries sharing the basin
- EU members, accession countries, non EU countries
- very different social, economic and political situation

- catchment area ~ 800.000 km²
- Danube River length - 2.875 km
- population ~ 81 mil

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Economic indicators



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Danube River Protection Convention



Legal frame for co-operation to assure protection of water and ecological resources and their sustainable use in the Danube River Basin.

signed: 29 June 1994, Sofia

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Contracting Parties



 Germany	 Bosnia & Herzegovina
 Austria	 Serbia
 Czech Republic	 Romania
 Slovakia	 Bulgaria
 Hungary	 Republic of Moldova
 Slovenia	 Ukraine
 Croatia	 European Union
 Montenegro (under discussion)	

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ICPDR -

International Commission for the
Protection of the Danube River



implement the Danube River Protection Convention:

- ➔strengthen international cooperation
- ➔ensure sustainable water management
- ➔ensure conservation, improvement and rational use of surface waters and ground water
- ➔reduce inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances
- ➔control floods and ice hazards
- ➔reduce pollution loads of the Black Sea

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Implementation of EU WFD

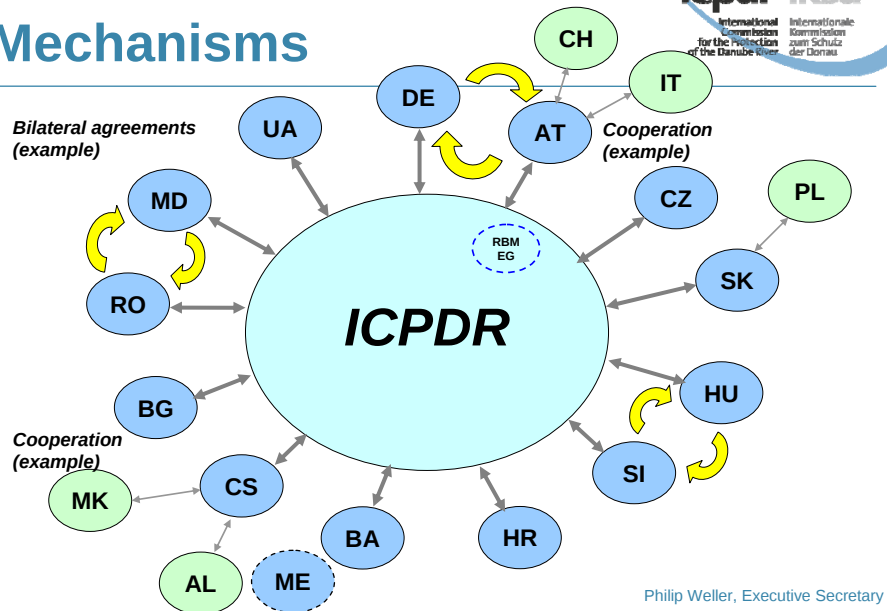


3rd Plenary Session of the ICPDR 27-28 November 2000, Sofia - BG

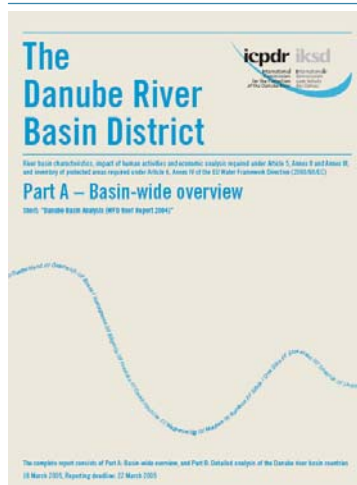
- ➔implementation of WFD has highest priority for ICPDR
- ➔ICPDR is platform for coordination
- ➔Contracting Parties will make all efforts to achieve a coordinated river basin management plan for the Danube River Basin

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Coordination Mechanisms



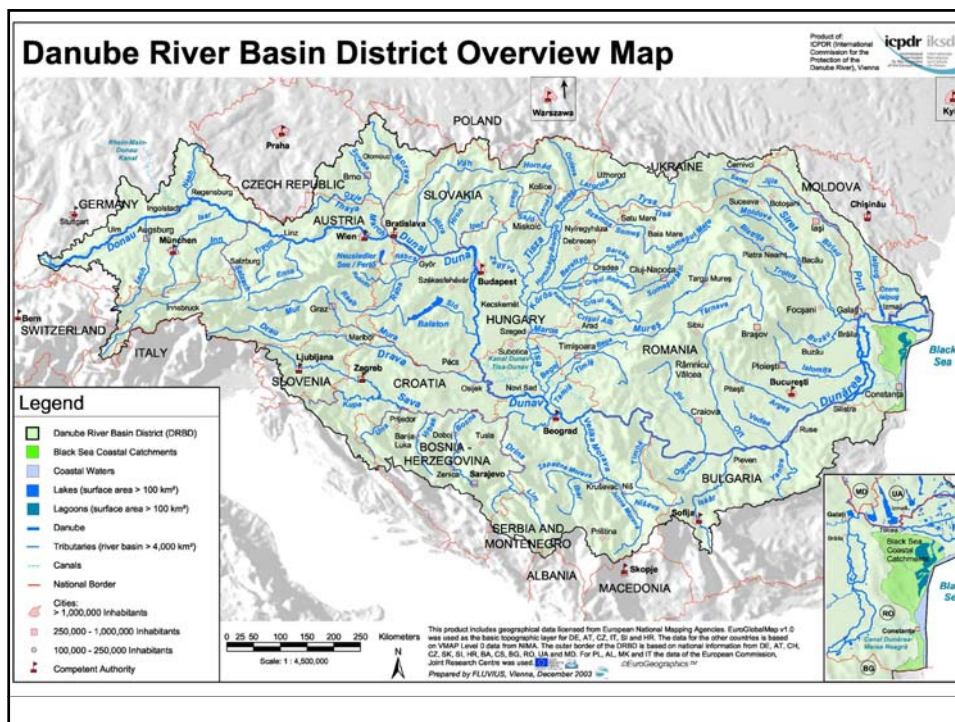
EU Water Framework Directive



Danube Basin Analysis (WFD Roof Report)

Approved at the Ministerial Meeting – Vienna, 13 December 2004

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Key Water Management Issues



Based on the Danube River Basin Analysis:

1. Organic pollution
2. Nutrient pollution
3. Pollution resulting from hazardous substances
4. Hydromorphological alterations

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River Basin Management Plan



to be compiled by 2009/10

- Road Map and Work Plan
- Issue Papers on significant water management issues
- Stakeholder Consultation Process
(navigation, hydropower, agriculture)
- Joint Programme of Measures

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Action Programme on Sustainable Flood Protection in the Danube River Basin



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Danube Day, June 29

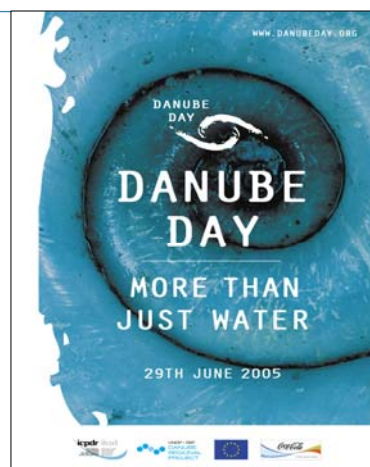
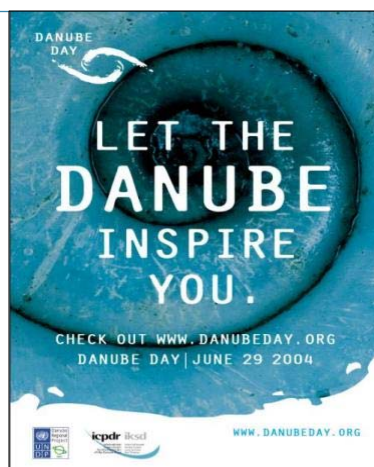


DANUBE DAY



„Danube Solidarity“
- connect people
- joining forces

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Cooperation with the Black Sea



"Towards stronger partnership in water management
Danube Black Sea countries", Feb 23, Bucharest

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Thank you for your attention 😊

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