

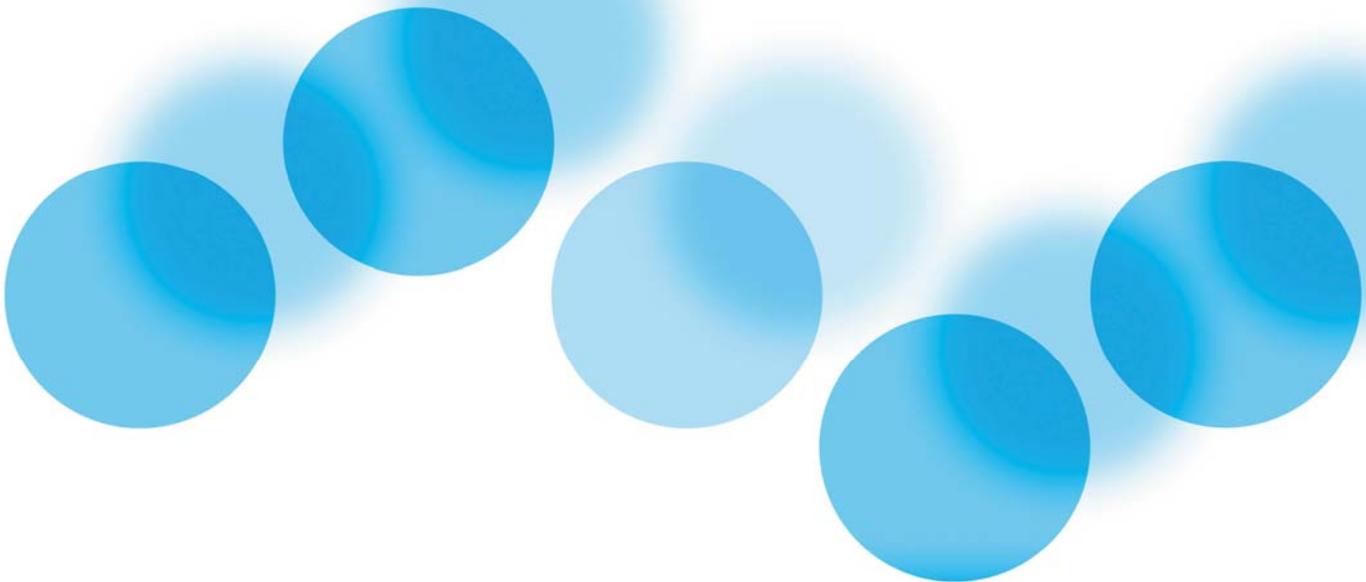


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## ICPDR OPEN-SPACE WORKSHOP

Book of Proceedings



WORKING FOR THE DANUBE AND ITS PEOPLE

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## **INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

### **What is the background to this workshop?**

The process of examining issues and opportunities for organizational development of the ICPDR was initiated at the Ordinary meeting of the Commission in Vienna in December 2003. Specifically the Commission mandated the Executive Secretary:

*“...to develop for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Working Group Meeting, proposals for restructuring the EGs and the Secretariat (with attention to budgetary limits) to meet the workload expected in 2006 and subsequent years.”*

Developing such proposals for ICPDR was thought necessary to ensure that the Commission had appropriate resources and structures in place to meet future challenges brought about by a number of key factors affecting the work of the Commission (enlargement of the EU, winding down of the UNDP DRP etc). It should be emphasized that this consideration was thought necessary not to correct major failures but to ensure that the existing successes would be sustainable.

At the Ordinary meeting of the ICPDR in December 2004 a proposal was made to convene a HOD workshop in April 2005 in order to provide the necessary input for further decision making.

The UNDP Danube Regional Project has agreed to support the costs of this workshop and to finance facilitation of change-related activities. In order to prepare this workshop a small planning committee with representatives of the Troika and the Executive Secretary formulated guiding principles allowing all of us to make use of this Open Space workshop in the most effective and innovative way. You will find these principles listed below under „The Givens“.

### **Who is invited to the HOD Open Space workshop?**

Participants at the meeting will involve:  
up to three representatives of each country delegation

- chairpersons of expert groups
- technical experts of the Secretariat
- senior UNDP/GEF DRP Staff

Please note that financial support for travel and accommodation is available from UNDP/GEF Danube Regional Project for only two representatives of eligible countries and expert group chairpersons.

## **What is an Open Space Workshop?**

When you arrive for the workshop the meeting room will be set up with a circle of chairs. Please take a seat wherever you like. There is no specific seating order. At the beginning our facilitator will guide us through instructions for the process. (For this reason we strongly recommend to arrive on time as important information will be given at the very beginning of the workshop.)

We will create the agenda for our time together during the first forty minutes. Through the creation of the agenda, leaders of topics will identify themselves. Participants will be invited to sign up for the topics they are interested in. Participants will manage their own time and energy, attending and

contributing to sessions which are of interest to them. Theme leaders will only be responsible for getting their topic going during the meeting, and ensuring that a written workgroup report is produced for entry into a book of proceeding.

There will be a 1 ½ hour break for lunch. During the Open Space workgroups there will be no formal coffee breaks, however, beverages and food will be available throughout the time and you are encouraged to be sure your needs are looked after.

At the beginning of Friday we will gather in a circle again to share the results of the previous days workshops. Finally we will be presented with a copy of the book of proceedings that has been created during the workshop. We will have time to read this book, and then we will have a chance to vote for those topics that we feel we have the most personal energy and commitment for. The final component of our meeting will be to gather in the big circle for closing comments.

## **How Long will our Open Space Workshop last?**

Our workshop will begin on Wednesday evening April 27 at 06:00 pm with an introductory session on the question:

**What are my personal experiences so far with ICPDR working arrangements and structures?**

A dinner will be arranged for all participants following the introductory session. The introductory session itself will last 2 hours the longest.

Open Space introduction will begin on Thursday, April 28 at 09:30 am. There will be a 1 ½ hour break for lunch. Conclusion on that day will be at 05:00 pm.

A joint dinner will be held that evening at the invitation of the UNDP Danube Regional Project.

The final day session on Friday, April 29 will begin at 09:00 am and end at 12:30 noon.

## Who is the facilitator?

Erich Poettschacher is an expert in large group interventions and was trained by internationally renowned Open Space pioneer Birgitt Williams. He has been using Open Space facilitation with cities, regions, NPOs and NGOs as well as cultural enterprises including participants from many different nations. Erich Poettschacher founded in 1994 his own firm Instinct Domain.

## What can not be changed?

### The Givens

During our Open Space workshop you have the chance to make practical proposals related to issues and opportunities optimizing ICPDR working arrangements and structures. If you want to become a theme leader there are only a few limitations for your inputs and ideas.

We call them **the givens**. You should know beforehand that the following givens are valid and will not be up **for discussion at this workshop**:

- We do not want to change the text of the convention.
- WFD-related timetables plus all existing commitments of Danube countries remain valid.
- GEF Funds phase out by mid 2007.
- Financial resources of the regular ICPDR budget will not change.
- Reports created during this meeting will be treated as working documents. These papers may also be read by people not taking part at the Open Space workshop.
- The ministerial declaration from December 2004 gives the main direction for ICPDR future development.

It is also important to keep the following **sign posts** and **milestones** in mind:

- We actively invite you to make proposals on different levels of activity. These levels are:
  - ICPDR Secretarial level
  - Expert Group level
  - Your own country level
- Please consider that latest by December 2009 the RBM plan should adopted. This plan ideally integrates other sectorial policy areas as well (agriculture, land use, etc.)
- ICPDR aims to achieve a manageable knowledge base which enables us to analyse the transboundary impact of water uses.
- Latest by December 2007 ICPDR is committed to have an operational mechanism for public information and involvement.



# Workgroup Report

## Important notes for Theme Leaders:

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Dealing with Water Quantity Data (WQND) within ICPDR

**Theme Leader:** Mr. Karoly FUTAKI (Secretariat)

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Ms. Eva SOVJAKOVA, Ms. Maria GALAMBOS, Mr. Liviu N. POPESCU

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Obligations to deal with WQND (both for surface- and groundwater) comes from the DRPC (Art. 5 para (2) point (a))
- Currently TNMN DB constrains some WQND (water level, water temp., daily average water discharge) but these are related only to surface water (SW) and at the time of sampling, which will not be enough for RBMP in future
- WQND can be explored first at Observers responsible for WQND data collection in the DRB (e.g. DC, IHP, IAD, etc.) and agreement is needed on: (1) only link to those data shall be established, (2) data will regularly taken over into DANUBIS, or (3) ICPDR will use EC data
- in order to properly address water quantity issue, creation of an ad-hoc group within MLIM EG will be necessary
- issue of WQND should be discussed in a wider context: (a) information on water use; (b) needs for different kind of modelling at DRB level (e.g. hydraulic/morphological data)

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- (a) start bilateral discussions with basin-wide organisations responsible for WQND

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- (a) create a working (drafting) group to define: (1) purpose of WQND collection; (2) WQND to collect; (3) what data frequency is needed; (4) how to link external DBs, if possible or needed; (5) how WQND would be accommodated in DANUBIS
- (b) what are exactly the needs of RBMP in term of WQND
- (c) what are the needs of the EGs in term of WQND
- (d) start establishing Hydrology Eg/ESG (ToR)
- (e) define monitoring sites

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- define responsible institution at national level

**We need the following decisions from the:**

**a) ICPDR:**

- create an ad-hoc group within MLIM EG to deal with WQND issues

**b) Secretariat:**

- designate TE responsible for WQND issues

**c) Country Authorities (HODs):**

- identify responsible institution for WQND

d) other: in the discussion it also came out a question: what other results/products of the ICPDR partners (Observers) could be useful for the ICPDR, or how their capacity in any other form can be utilised for supporting the ICPDR objectives.

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Mr. Karoly FUTAKI

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

What needs to be defined top down at ICPDR level in terms of objectives, measures, methodological frameworks etc.?

## **Theme Leader:**

Thomas Stratenwerth

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Helmut Bloech, Peter Whalley, Livio Popesco, Zeljko Ostojic, Elizabeta Kos , Milan Dimkic, Reuf Hadzibegic, Eleonora Bartkova, Maria Galambos, Jasmine Bachmann, Philip Weller, Eva Sovjakova, Doubravka Nedvedova

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Roles of the ICPDR:
  - Providing basin-wide frameworks and information for action
  - Providing support, assistance to national and sub-basin level
  - Compliance monitoring (e.g. DRPC implementation)
- Cooperation with sub-basin initiatives: on this issue a general emerged on the necessity of such cooperation but different views were expressed on the extent of the involvement of ICPDR and in particular its secretariat into the sub-basin initiatives.

- Should ICPDR continue to play a role in promoting with a regional perspective financial support from donors and IFI for investments and projects?
- Is there a need for an ICPDR JAP complementing the future WFD related programmes of measures having in mind that there are Non EU countries for whom the DRPC is the legal basis for action?

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Unfortunately no specific proposals yet. There was a request\demand for improving the capacities of the secretariat for supporting sub-basins initiatives and Non-EU-Countries but no consensus emerged.

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- The need to review the data collection requirements and data bases in light of the new tasks was mentioned. Another comment referred to the need to develop or improve mechanisms for managing the corporate knowledge of the ICPDR

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

No proposals yet.

**We need the following decisions from the:**

- ICPDR:
- Secretariat:
- Country Authorities (HODs):
- other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any): Thomas Stratenwerth**

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Setting priorities for the ICPDR

## **Theme Leader:**

Ursula Schmedtje

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Richard Stadler, Nikola Marjanovic, Naida Andelic, Lucia Varga, Mihaela Popovici, Alan Cibilic, Mitja Bricelj, Joachim Heidemeier, Igor Liska, Sylvia Kersch,

### **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Priorities result from DRPPC and WFD
- Ultimate goal is sustainable use of water resources in DRB taking into account ecological, economic and social aspects
- Priorities are:
  - Information exchange
  - Joint decisions on basin-wide level and transposition on sub-basin and national level (framework for cooperation)
  - River basin management
    - Should include water supply
    - More work on flood protection
    - Include cost estimations
    - Divided by sectors
  - Transboundary issues
- Take into account situation in different countries – needs framework / timetable for countries in transition
- Role of the ICPDR as facilitator to inform public about the work / results

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

no proposals yet

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

no proposals yet

### **We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

no proposals yet

### **We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Ursula Schmedtje

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

The role of the ICPDR in 2009 and 2015

## **Theme Leader:**

Mr. Wolfgang Stalzer

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Ivan Zavadsky, Dimitru Drumea, Fritz Holzwarth, Gyula Hollo, Kari Eik

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- The ICPDR recognizes the implementation of WFD as the main mechanism for meeting the goals and the objectives of the convention
- The ICPDR is the coordinating body for the development of the Programme of Measures and RBM and the implementation platform of the WFD
- ICPDR will play a role of maintaining external relationship and keeping up political commitments within the DRB
- the ICPDR is the driving force for creating ownership and identification of water-related issues in the DRB
- The ICPDR serves as a clearing house and knowledge center including providing information on water related issues for DRB
- ICPDR is a partner of the EU in organizing and supporting the implementation of WFD in DRB
- ICPDR serves as a coordinating partner to other donor activities related to water management in the DRB

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- the position of the RBM expert is maintained

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- The RBM EG sticks with its original mandate and serves as a roof for all activities related to the implementation of WFD in the DRB

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Contracting parties have at national level corresponding national mechanism for coordination of WFD implementation including external funding to it.

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- to agree on the opening sentence on focus of ICPDR on its basic functions and merit of activities

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any): Mr. Wolfgang Stalzer**

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Regional - subregional relations

## **Theme Leader:**

Mitja Bricelj

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

R. Hadzibegic, M. Dimkic, E. Kos, Z. Ostojic, N. Andjelic, D. Durmea, P. Weller, T. Stratenwerth, W. Stalzer, A. Cibilic, J. Bachmann

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- The ICPDR should ensure communication and cooperation with sub-basin initiatives via Secretariat as catalyst for dialog between the parties and IFI
- Sub-regional approach can address specific geographical conditions (socioeconomic and ecological) more flexible and develop oriented
- The sub-regional activities should contribute (bottom up approach) to the quality of ICPDR work

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- To recognise the sub-regional coordination as added value for Secretariat.

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- To pay an extra attention on sub-regional activities (specifics) regarding trans-boundary pressure and impacts.

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Need for active coordination national/transboundary/regional issues.

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- To welcome the sub-regional approach

b) Secretariat:

- To assist the countries as catalyst ONLY

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

- To take care and responsibility about national/trans-boundary coordination to reduce pressure and impacts on water environment.

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Mitja Bricelj

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Identify Synergisms within Secretariat and EG

## **Theme Leader:**

Richard Stadler

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Gyula Hollo, Maria Galambos, Karoly Futaki, Doubravka Nedvedova, Sylvia Kersch

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

Try to find best possible economy in meeting – work structures:

- Use of internet – based transmission of meetings for those unable to participate ( also to reach a wider audience)
- Representation of several observers/ countries by one representatives
- Role of secretariat:
  - a/** stays within mandate/ only supportive role
  - b/** proactive and initiative

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- responsibility for minimizing travel costs
- Responsibility for careful preparation of meetings well in advance and to give a clear picture of the results to achieve.
- Optimize timetable of meetings in order to achieve minimum of time/ costs for meetings of expert groups but also for secretariat
- Responsibility to look for best choice of meeting locations:
  - a/** Minimize overall costs
  - b/** rotation of host countries because sharing of burden and rotational involvement and enhancing wider participation of the host country

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- optimize tasks/ size and composition of expert bodies
- Employ staff members with ability to cover several/ many sectors responsibility for minimizing travel costs
- Responsibility for careful preparation of meetings well in advance and to give a clear picture of the results to achieve.
- Optimize timetable of meetings in order to achieve minimum of time/ costs for meetings of expert groups but also for secretariat
- Responsibility to look for best choice of meeting locations:
  - a/** Minimize overall costs
  - b/** rotation of host countries because sharing of burden and rotational involvement and enhancing wider participation of the host country

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

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**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR: /

b) Secretariat: /

c) Country Authorities (HODs): /

d) other: /

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Richard Stadler

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

How to develop the Programme of Measures

## **Theme Leader:**

Ursula Schmedtje

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Nora Bartkova, Nikola Marjanovic, Violeta Royatschka, Eva Sovjakova, Joachim Heidemeier, Liviu Popescu, Igor Liska, Peter Whalley, Fritz Holzwarth, Helmut Bloech, Ivan Zavadsky, Sandor Toth

### **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Build on existing measures
- Build on established corner stones,
- Define what means basin-wide importance
- Define objectives for basin-wide issues, e.g. define nutrient levels for the Black Sea
- Basis for planning of PoM:
  - compliance with EU directives (UWWT, Nitrates, Drinking Water, Ground water)
  - compliance with Aquis Communautaire
  - Measures from Accession Treaty of the new EU member states
  - Define programme of other 4 DRB countries (non-accession)
- ICPDR cannot go beyond EU requirements
- Combined approach (emission control – quality standards)
- Assess gap: current status versus standards set by Aquis Communautaire + WFD
- Get overview as basis for planning – avoid double planning / double investments

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Develop Programme of Measures for A and B level in parallel
- RBM EG should prepare "Road Map"
  - Identify milestones
  - Identify data gaps

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

no proposals yet

### **We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

no proposals yet

### **We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Ursula Schmedtje

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

ICPDR (Ordinary Sessions) Resolutions Implementation Control Scheme/System

## **Theme Leader:**

Aurel Varduca

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Aurel Varduca, Gyula Hollo

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Two main groups of resolutions should be considered:
  - (i) general
  - (ii) specific
- There are more than 100 adopted resolutions
- Not any system to control the feedback/efficiency/difficulties occurred during the implementation process at the national level

## **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- beside of the existing records (inventory) of the inputs from the head of delegations and/or chair persons a system regarding the efficiency or difficulties should be considered
- a specific mechanismus should be developed

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- reporting scheme for this specific EG proposed resolutions after the adoptions has to be (re)considered

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

The reporting system has to be provided with two major information streams:

- (i) from the ICPDR (ordinary sessions) to the national level and
- (ii) from the national level to the ICPDR (feedback) during the implementation process, the (ii) could be via EG and /or directly in the plenary sessions

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- to promote (if this is advisable) the proposed system after the HoDs approval

b) Secretariat:

- to develop (might be the ICPDR internet website/Danubis) the proper logistics

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

- to nominate a contact person

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any): Aurel Varduca**

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### **Theme of the Working Group:**

ICPDR working groups of the future / for the future

### **Theme Leader:**

Helmut Blöch, EU

### **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

L. Popescu, U. Schmedtje, R. Stadler, K. Futaki, G. Holló, N. Marjanović, I. Zavadsky, S. Tóth, I. Liska, P. Weller, M. Galambos, M. Bricelj, D. Nedvedova, N. Andjelić, E. Kos, Z. Ostojic, V. Roiatchka, M. Dimkić, Mihaela Popovici

### **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Decisions of 2004 Plenary (Danube Declaration, Roof Report, Flood Action Plan) have set priorities as well as a sound point of departure for future ICPDR work; priorities set (WFD; floods) require optimisation of working structure, at ICPDR level, sub-basin level and in the individual Danube basin countries;
  - Resources (staff, budget) will continue to be limited, at ICPDR as well as national level, and GEF funding will be phased out – making optimisation of working structure even more urgent to meet the mandatory deadlines set;
  - Future structure must ensure basin-wide coordination in all fields of activities by a river basin management group, i.e. WFD as well as floods; at the same time maintain the network of excellence and experience, and ensure in-depth expertise (e.g. in making operational biological, chemical and quantitative parameters for 'good status')

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

a) Secretariat to further develop the findings of this group, leading to adoption of the new Working Group Structure by the December 2005 ICPDR Plenary; b) staff of Secretariat to reflect the defined priority needs, to ensure optimal support of the working groups

### **We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

New working group structure to reflect the challenges identified in the Danube Declaration:

### 1. River Basin Management Working Group

Responsible, within the time frame set, for

- Coordination/integration of WFD- and floods-related work, and their linkages
- coordination between basin-wide and sub-basin activities (Tisza, Sava, Prut)-

### 2. Permanent Working Groups

Responsible, within the time frame set, for key issues under WFD and floods, e.g. "assessment/monitoring/impacts", "pressures/measures", "flood action plan"

### 3. Regular coordination meeting between working group chairs

### 4. Ad-hoc Working Groups

Responsible, upon specific decision, and within a set time frame, for defined tasks.

Note: This working structure reflects the almost unanimous opinion of the group; an alternative solution with only temporary ad-hoc groups at ICPDR level (and all other activity at sub-basin level), received the support only of its promoter.

In the work programme, inter alia the following challenges need to be addressed:

Distribution of tasks between ICPDR and sub-basin activities, and their coordination; public participation (distribution of tasks between ICPDR, sub-basin and regional/local efforts); making 'good status' operational by parameters (biology, chemistry, quantity); facilitate transfer of knowledge and experience; checking cost-effectiveness of environmentally possible options for measures; maintain storage and accessibility of available data and experience

### **We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- resources: maintain network of knowledge developed within ICPDR bodies, and ensure adequate input to the work of the ICPDR and sub-basin activities on WFD as well as floods (e.g. shared responsibilities between regional and national administrations whilst improving the flow of information between both)
- funding: GEF funding to end, therefore prepare for optimal use of available funding tools (Cohesion Fund, ISPA, CARDS etc); key steps from the current pressure and impact assessment & Roof Report to the River Basin Management Plans & Programmes of Measures are eligible for funding under these tools;
- exchange of knowledge and experience: ensure flow of information on experiences gained, and make best use of experiences in other regions / sub-basins, those on cost-effectiveness of environmentally possible solutions; identify knowledge gaps and request action to be coordinated at ICPDR level;

### **We need the following decisions from the:**

- a) ICPDR: Decision, at the 2005 Plenary, on future working group structure
- b) Secretariat, c) Country Authorities (HODs), d) other: none for the time being

### **Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):**

Helmut Blöch, Phil Weller, Joachim D'Eugenio

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

What is the ICPDR to the outside world?

## **Theme Leader:**

Jasmine Bachmann

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Wolfgang Stalzer, Dimitru Drumea, Fritz Holzwarth, Ivan Zavadsky, Kari Eik, Thomas Stratenwerth, Eva Sovjakova, Reuf Hadzibegic, Zeliko Ostojic, Elisabeta Kos

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- The ICPDR is already internationally recognised as a “trademark” and has an important role to play: “institution with a high credibility in international water management in the Danube River Basin”
- The 2 main roles of the ICPDR are: **Service role**, providing reliable information and being a platform for discussion (e.g. Bystroe), **outreaching organisation** addressing different groups to get their support and to stimulate actions that support the goals of the ICPDR
- The ICPDR should embark a process in adapting its visual image so that it fits to its current roles

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Develop an outline for the next Standing Working Group, about the next steps to clearly describe a) the target groups of the ICPDR, b) its mandate and c) its adapted visual branding.
- Contact the right external experts (creative people) to receive help in this process and securing the funding from the DRP for this undertaking

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Actively think about the image of the ICPDR and provide feedback to the Secretariat

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- OK to embark on this process and mandate the Secretariat to carry out the different tasks

b) Secretariat:

- Carry out the tasks as mandated by the ICPDR

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Jasmine Bachmann

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

How best to create cooperation between ICPDR and NGO (WWF)

## **Theme Leader:**

Philip Weller

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

**Kari Eik , Liviu Popescu, Wolfgang Stalzer, Nikola Marjanovic, Zeljko Ostojic, Elizabeta Kos, Phill Weller**

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- ICPDR level cooperative with NGO is positive, but is national level is greater
- ICPDR should find to cooperative with NGO together (Danube day) and help to dialog country and NGO
- ICPDR will support to conflict to meaning and education people

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- Public participation and train to promote and education people.

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Try to promote dialog and strategy which will definitive in ICPDR.

**We need the following decisions from the:**

- a) ICPDR:
- b) Secretariat:
- c) Country Authorities (HODs):
- d) other:

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

ICPDR and industries: should we cooperate and how?

## **Theme Leader:**

Jasmine Bachmann

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Mitja Bricelj, Richard Stadler, Lucia Ana Varga, Nedvedova Doubravka, Aurel Varduca

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- ICPDR should cooperate with industries, but we should be very careful not to be bound up and check all the preconditions carefully
- Specific funding of projects is OK, but there should also be a special fund for free budgeting for the ICPDR, this free money could be used for the travel support of special countries (UA, MD) or for the support of local initiatives (school initiatives)
- Specially regarding the cooperation with Coca-Cola, the ICPDR should make sure that the cooperation tends not to be exclusive for this company, but open to other partners as well the ICPDR should even explore the possibilities to include Coca-Cola to identify new partners from the industrial sector and to establish the cooperation

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Develop and define clear criteria for the cooperation with industries (precondition is that the industries can not influence the decision making of the ICPDR)
- Actively address possible industry partners (with the active support of Coca-Cola as well as the countries)
- Checking the environmental performance of the potential partners of the industrial sector and report to the ICPDR
- Explore the possibilities to develop a ICPDR fund for the industries (free money)

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Actively cooperate with the Secretariat

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- OK for working together with industries and mandate the Secretariat to carry out the tasks as described above

b) Secretariat: carry out the tasks as described above

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Sustainable Financing of ICPDR activities

## **Theme Leader:**

Thomas Stratenwerth

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Maria Galambos, Ivan Zavadsky, Michaela Popovici, Karoly Furtaki, Alan Cibilic, Joachim Heidemeier, Peter Whalley, Gyula Hollo, Fritz Holzwarth

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- In addition to regular coverage of the costs for staff and infrastructure of the secretariat demands for financial resources for external technical assistance and support to the EGs in implementing ICPDR`s work programme will continue to exist beyond 2007
- Support and assistance to Non EU-Countries for contributing to ICPDR activities (in particular WFD/RBMP), because they are not legally bound by the WFD, and also for ensuring their participation in ICPDR activities may still be necessary
- Severe constraints for using the regular budget for covering these needs have to be taken into account, therefore early planning is necessary to allow for applying for external financial support in time (be aware of the time needed for preparing applications and for the respective decision making processes)
- Further financial needs are related to communication and public relations activities and to maintaining GIS and Danubis

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Mid term planning of financial needs which can not be covered by the regular budget based on proposals from EGs
- Identifying possible sources of financial support (EU-funds, sponsoring, national funds, research programmes)

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- Early identification of demands for external technical support and assistance related to their work plan with estimation of costs taking into account experiences gained with the implementation of the GEF-UNDP Project

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Take commitment seriously and ensure the necessary capacities at national level to assist the activities of the ICPDR and its EGs (qualified people, external support)

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

- Request to EGs and Secretariat to embark in a mid term planning of the needs for external support and assistance to implementing the work programme
- Request to RBM EG to assess what kind of assistance to Non EU Countries might be necessary in order to ensure that they can at least meet minimum requirements with regard to contributions to the RBMP taking into account the experience from producing the roof report 2004
- An amendment of the contribution key could be considered keeping the contributions of A and GER at current levels whilst rising the contributions of other countries step by step to the same level until equal shares are achieved.

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

- Ensure necessary capacities at national level to assist the activities of the ICPDR and its EGs (qualified people, external support)

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Thomas Stratenwerth

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## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Regional cooperation on the tributaries basin level

## **Theme Leader:**

Dumitru Drumea

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

1. Eva Sovjakova
2. Eleonora Bartkova

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Support initiation and development of common tributaries basin level projects in the DRB
- Facilitate implementation of the EU funded program “New neighbors” in the DRB tributaries basins related to the implementation of the WFD provisions
- Promote sustainability in the implementation of the WFD provisions on the tributary basin level

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

Coordination of activities in different tributaries basins in order to achieve objectives of the WFD in the DRB

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

Promote creation of the Ad-hoc expert group for concrete tributary basin (if necessary)

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

Creation of the River Basin Council, especially in case when tributary basin is shared by EU and Non EU countries

Initiate relevant projects

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR:

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

- **Support capacity building in respective basin for implementation of the WFD**
- **initiate and promote cooperation on bilateral and regional (tributary basin) levels**

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Dumitru Drumea

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Coffee/Lunch Session

## **Theme of the Working Group:**

Cultural Differences

## **Theme Leader:**

Violeta Roiatchka

## **Names of Participants in this Workgroup:**

Naida Andjelic, Nikola Marjanovic, Milan Dimkic, Philip Weller, Jasmine Bachmann, Aurel Varduca, Lucia Varga, Mihaela Popovici

## **Three most important Highlights of our Discussion:**

- Insufficient knowledge about culture and traditions in other countries
- Need for a change in current planning practices regarding timing of meetings

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR Secretariat level:**

- Establish a full list (for all the countries) of:
  - Main religious holidays
  - National holiday
  - Official holidays
- Update the list annually

**We propose the following Measures on ICPDR (expert group) level:**

- Plan meetings on the basis of the *Holidays List* provided by the Secretariat
- Try not to schedule meetings on dates in the *Holiday List*
  - If not possible – keep a record of holidays “destroyed” for each country and observe those countries’ holidays in subsequent conflicting meeting date options

**We propose the following Measures at the national level:**

- Provide the Secretariat with the national *Holiday List* and update it annually
  
- Provide other relevant information how holidays are organised (e.g. 2-3 days put together; which holidays are most important)

**We need the following decisions from the:**

a) ICPDR: Decision

- No meetings organised or coordinated by the ICPDR should be scheduled in the week before and the week after the 2 most important (religious) holidays for any country, unless an agreement by this country has been obtained.

b) Secretariat:

c) Country Authorities (HODs):

d) other:

**Contact Person for follow-up steps (if any):** Violeta Roiatchka

## **ICPDR WORKING GROUPS OF THE FUTURE / FOR THE FUTURE**

- Basic understanding on main elements achieved , certain elements to be further elaborated (number of WGs, attributed tasks & time frame)
- First paper to that end to be elaborated by Secretariat (permanent groups; ad-hoc groups) for StWG June 2005 for discussion and guidance by Heads of Delegations
- After StWG further elaboration; Secretariat + Troika plus probably one meeting open to all delegations, leading to:
  - Adoption of news structure by the 2005 Plenary
  - Preparation at national / regional level to best support, and make best use of this new working structure

## **REGIONAL / SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION**

Three aspects for successful implementation

1. Develop principles for cooperation and coordination
2. Appropriate personal involvement (bottom-up, top-down)
3. Sustainable development oriented approach

## **DEVELOP PROGRAMME OF MEASURES (POM)**

1. RBM EG will develop road map for development of PoM incl. individual national plans for non - accession countries w/DRP
2. ICPDR will endorse road map in December 2005 (ordinary Meeting) and letter of ICPDR President to all Contracting Parties
3. ICPDR agrees on appropriate working structure for development of PoM with RBM EG as leading expert body

## **SUSTAINABLE FINANCING**

- Mid term planning for matching identified needs and external funding options
- Explore innovative options for fundraising (sponsoring ....) look for examples from other organizations/ promotion
- Responsibilities:
  - EG's: identify needs when elaborating workprogramme
  - Sec: prioritizing (proposals to ICPDR)
    - Identify sources
    - Matching
    - Practicalities
    - Evaluation
  - Parties: explore possibilities for voluntary contributions

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