

UNDP/GEF DANUBE REGIONAL PROJECT Final Seminar

Institutional Strengthening

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INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF DANUBE RIVER

- » Legal and institutional platform for transboundary cooperation
- » Coordinating implementation of the DRPC and EU WFD at basin-wide level
- » Ensuring sustainability of the UNDP/GEF projects results



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ICPDR CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

- » Support of the high level and working meeting of the ICPDR and its institutional structures;
- » Facilitation and communication skills
- » Support to optimizing of the ICPDR structures and organisation;
- » Media and communication.



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ICPDR INFORMATION SYSTEM - DANUBIS

- » Computer equipment and users training in all Danube countries;
- » Analysis and re-design of internal working area;
- » Improving of user interface;
- » System structure, orientation and system and user administration;
- » Support of the Secretariat.



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DEF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

- » Strengthening and direct support to the DEF Secretariat
- » Support of national networks and National Focal Points in 11 countries
- » Meeting support General Assembly / Board Meetings



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DEF INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

- » Capacity building / trainings
- » Publications and information materials
- » Corporate identity, visual branding and communication



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DEF PRESENT AND FUTURE

- » International organisation
- » DEF Secretariat relocated to Hungary
- » Fund-raising strategy
- » DEF partner to ICPDR
- » Sustainability – manageable challenge



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INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATING MECHANISM (OBJECTIVE)

- » Effective IMCM to address pollution prevention and control, which requires decisions and activities of more than one government ministry in order to reinforce development, implementation and compliance with national policies and legislation for nutrient reduction and sustainable water management



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INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATING MECHANISM

- » Analysis of existing structures/needs in the Danube countries;
- » Set of recommendations:
 - » Minimal improvement
 - » Strengthening of existing structures
 - » Substantial assistance in establishing of IMCM and capacity building activities
- » Execution of final steps jointly with the Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project



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INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATING MECHANISM

- » Completion of analysis and documentation of existing IMCMs including examples from other jurisdictions
- » Country specific work plans developed agreed and implementation assured
- » specific workshops and capacity building activities focusing primarily on non EU countries



DANUBE/BLACK SEA COOPERATION

- » ICPDR/BSC MoU on implementing common strategic goals signed in 2001;
- » JTWG as a joint tool to create a common understanding and agreement on the changes over time to the BS ecosystem and to provide both commissions recommendations re-vitalised;
- » Data and information exchange facilitated;
- » The first ever report on improving the understanding of the Danube's impact on the BS developed and presented to both Commissions.



DRP PHASE-OUT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RESULTS

- » Sustainability of funding for core ICPDR activities, supported by the DRP
- » Transfer of activities and responsibilities from the DRP to the ICPDR Permanent Secretariat and Expert Groups



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DRP PHASE-OUT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF RESULTS

- » Identification of financial and technical gaps opened after DRP phase out;
- » Strategies for the ICPDR and member governments to bridge the financial and technical gaps after the DRP concludes;
- » Recommendations on actions to make up for the drop of external assistance;



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