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Enhancing Access to Information and Public Participation in Water Management in Romania



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National and international legal frame for public information and consultation

National:

- Law 112/2006 and Law 310/2004 amending Water Law 107/1996
- Ministerial Order 1012/19 October 2005 concerning the **Procedure for public information access** related to the water management field
- Ministerial Order 1044/27 October 2005 concerning the **Procedure for water users, riparians and public consultation** in the decision making process related to the water management field

International:

- European accession requirements:
 - Article 14 of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC :
...to encourage the **active involvement of all interested parties** ...seek comments from public on river basin management plans
- The Convention on Co-operation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the River Danube (Danube River Protection Convention)



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Basin committees – “Water Parliaments”

Organized at the level of 11 water directorates of the National Administration
“Romanian Waters”

Each committee has 15 members :

- water management responsible,
- representatives of prefectures,
- representatives of county councils,
- users (industry, agriculture, localities),
- NGOs.

Are involved in the decision making process

- to provide advise to national government
- to promote PP concerning the RBM process
- to inform other key stakeholders about PP possibilities and structures



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Strategies/Plans on informing and educating peoples

- two communication strategy (for kids and grown-up people) which have been disseminated at national level, as a framework for local activities (depending on the local situation)
- 2007 Communication Plan of the MoEWM
- MoEWM website – an important and cost efficient tool/“Kids Corner” – ecologic education for children (based on the idea that children are excellent multipliers of the message)
- national TV spots (2 weeks before the events - on 3 channels of the National Romanian Television) for celebrating:
 - Danube Day / every year starting of 2004
 - International Black Sea Day / starting of 2006 – public awareness: the necessity of the protection and the conservation of the marine environment
- Two national campaigns in 2007 on rising public awarness and informing people(1) and (2) authorities /industries about the provisions of WFD



Activities performed in pilot projects:

1. *Enhancing Access to Information and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making UNDP-GEF Danube Regional Project-Component 3.4*

Under this project, in Romania, it were developed two national activities:

- **Public Access to water management Information/Public Participation in decision making process in water management field – Manual for authorities** which has been written for the authorities, especially for those not involved in the water management issues; it was printed under the coordination of the Regional Environment Center and with the Ministry of Environment and Water Management support
- **Elaboration of a brochure for the public and NGO's as target groups, on the same topic printed**



Activities performed in pilot projects

2. *Support for the future preparation of a harmonised Körös/Crisuri river basin management plan in a participative process (French technical and financial support under the coordination of ICPDR).*

Expected results:

- **Strengthening** the Hungarian and Romanian **cooperation between transboundary organisations** in charge of and water management including public participation
- **Enhance stakeholder consultation** and prepare a test joint public consultation based on the timetable and WFD work programme and the main issue in the Körös/Crisuri basin (as a pilot test for the Tisa basin/region consultation) – on going



Activities performed in pilot projects

3. "Clean Crisuri" pilot basin project (based on two education strategies developed by MoEWM for children and people over 18 years old) – on going

- Expected results: information and raising people's involvement in elaborating the water protection and management strategies
- Questionnaires
- Printed information/education booklets/leaflets
- Web site (www.crisuricurate.go.ro)
- Public meetings
- Education/Awareness campaigns



Activities under ICPDR

▪ Danube Day, June 29

Promoting „Danube Solidarity“
Connecting people
Joining forces
Facilitating discussions & work sessions



- **Danube Box** - an education tool - assisting teachers in bringing the Danube closer to the minds and the heard of the future generation





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Thank you for your kind attention!

