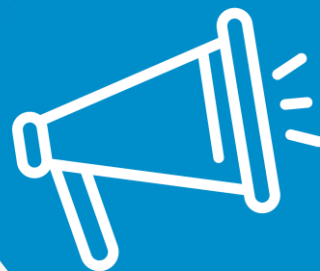


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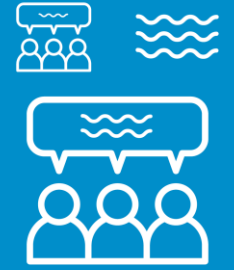


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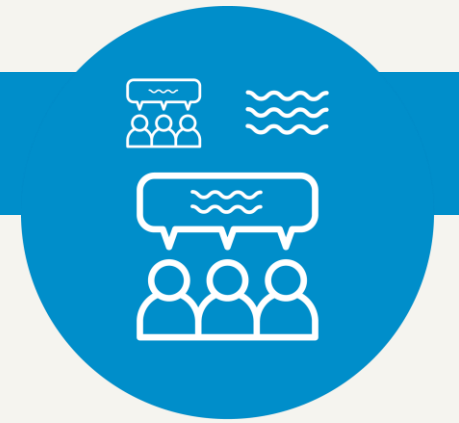
ICPDR – EUSDR Joint Session at OM-27



- ♦ Interactive, joint **special session** of the ICPDR and EUSDR
- ♦ Fostering **mutual inspiration and concrete steps** towards achieving common goals
- ♦ Aim: Intensify **cooperation and exchange**



Presidency Handover



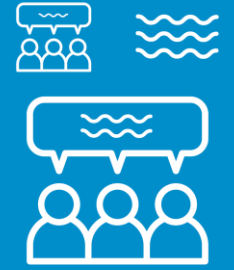
Slovakia to Slovenia (23 January 2025)



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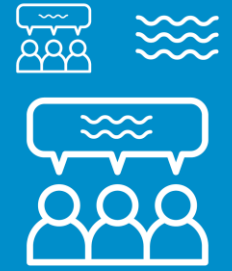
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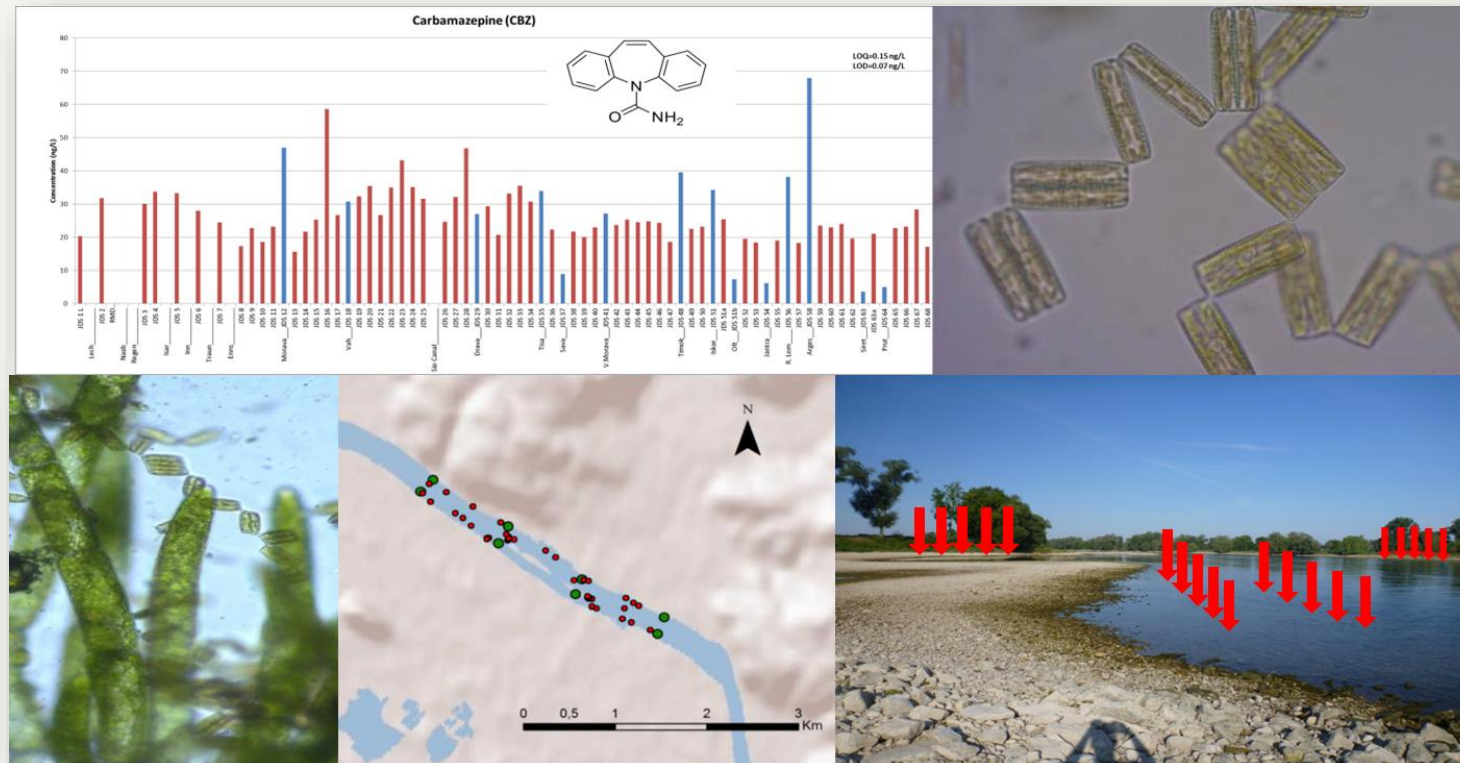


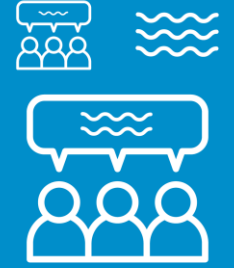
Priorities of the Slovenian ICPDR Presidency

- ◆ Enhancing **resilience** of/in shared River basin (local/national/transboundary/regional)
- ◆ Enhancing **cooperation »From source to Sea«**: Danube RB/Black Sea/Mediterranean to reduce pressure on large marine ecosystem
- ◆ Invest in **inter-generation cooperation** (young generations, schools, media, governments) to work hand in hand on local level to enhance climate resilience



Monitoring & Assessment EG



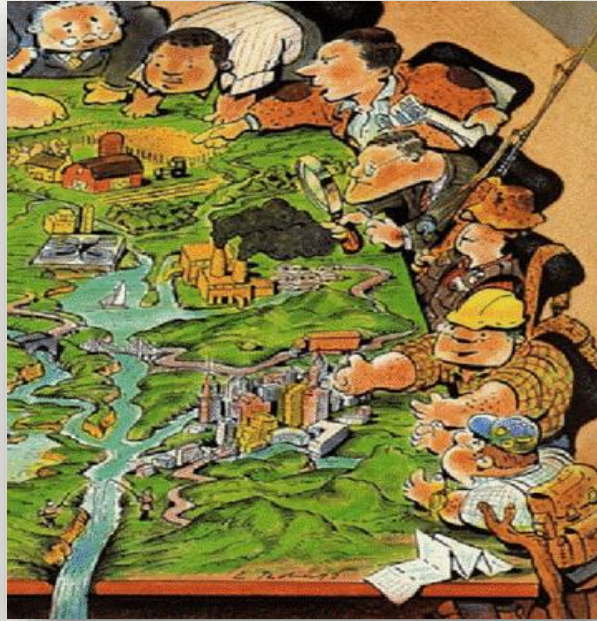


Activities in 2025

- ◆ **JDS5** preparation & organization:
 - ◆ 49 sampling sites
 - ◆ JDS5 Survey Plan finalized in spring 2025
 - ◆ Web-based JDS5 Survey Planner
 - ◆ Official start of JDS5 on 01/07/2025 (ongoing since April 2025)
 - ◆ On-going discussions on a social study (in cooperation with EUSDR and HU)
- ◆ Preparation of the ICPDR **Aquatic Biodiversity** Report
- ◆ **Groundwater** TG:
 - ◆ Update of the groundwater leaflet in cooperation with the PP EG

Pollution

Pollution Management EG





Activities in 2025

- ◆ Updating the **2025 SWMI Overview Report** (pollution-relevant chapters)
- ◆ Updating **templates** for the reporting to the DRBMP Update 2027
- ◆ Joint **workshop** with the World Bank in BA on wastewater (April 2025)
- ◆ Co-organizing the **sludge workshop** with PA4 (20 June 2025)
- ◆ Supporting **JDS5 investigations** on UWWTP sampling
- ◆ Contribution to the implementation of the **Tethys project**:
 - ◆ Supporting the chemical modelling and the scenario analysis
 - ◆ Developing an updated transnational strategy on managing chemical pollution
- ◆ Supporting the implementation of the **AQUATICPLASTIC project**:
 - ◆ Impacts on hydropower plant operation
 - ◆ Novel technologies to detect/trace plastic pollution and accumulation

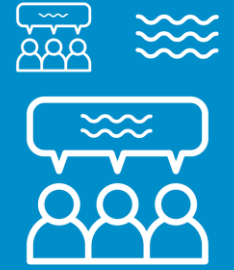


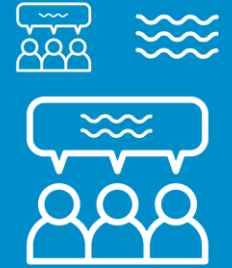
Activities in 2025

- ◆ Discussions on **broadening the scope** of the NTG (chemicals, droughts)
- ◆ Discussions on the next **nutrient emission modelling** for the DRBMP Update 2027 (MONERIS model), potential support from RO
- ◆ Reaching out the **agricultural stakeholders** (dialogue partners) in cooperation with the Danube countries & FAO
- ◆ Discussing the **content of the first webinar** on sustainable agriculture (good practices for sectoral cooperation, advisory services, water retention & smart irrigation, precision farming, best soil management practices)
- ◆ Exchanges with the **OPTAIN project** on water retention measures in agriculture and discussing future collaboration

Integrated Water Resources Management

River Basin Management EG





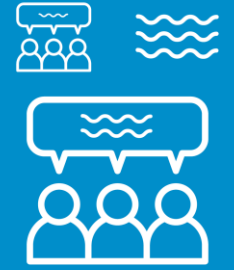
Activities in 2025

WFD cycle 2022 to 2027

- ◆ 2024 **Interim Report on the JPM Implementation** finalized by the end of 2024 and published in January 2025, the PP EG will start social media posts
- ◆ Updating the 2025 **SWMI Overview Report** in close cooperation with the relevant EGs and TGs
- ◆ Finalising the **reporting templates** to start the DRBMP Update 2027 data collection
- ◆ Discussions on **key aspects** of the DRBMP Update 2027 development (reference years, transboundary harmonization, progress between plans, exemptions, drafting rounds)

Special discussions

- ◆ Lessons learnt and recommendations from the **review of the RBMPs Update 2021**
- ◆ Impact assessments and applicability of **EU WFD Article 4.7** criteria on national level
- ◆ **Nature Restoration Regulation** implementation on national level



Activities in 2025

Sturgeon activities

- ◆ We Pass 2 final project report published
- ◆ **LIFE Boat4Sturgeons** project: floating hatcheries to maintain broodstock and release juveniles
- ◆ Two new projects approved: **MONSTUR** (Interreg) and **DanubeLifelines** (Horizon)

Adaptation to climate change

- ◆ Supporting the **Danube Water Balance** project by providing necessary input data

ECON TG

- ◆ **SWMI report**, preparation of **economic template** for the DRBMP Update 2027, relevance of economic instruments in RBMP reporting, cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analyses

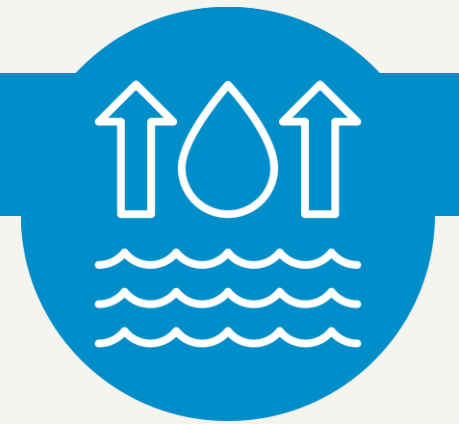
HYMO TG

- ◆ **SWMI report**, **HYMO templates**, NBS solutions, **JDS5 HYMO activities** jointly coordinated with the Danube4all and Danube Sediment Q2 project, HYMO JDS5 workshop (April 2025)

Droughts

Drought risk management

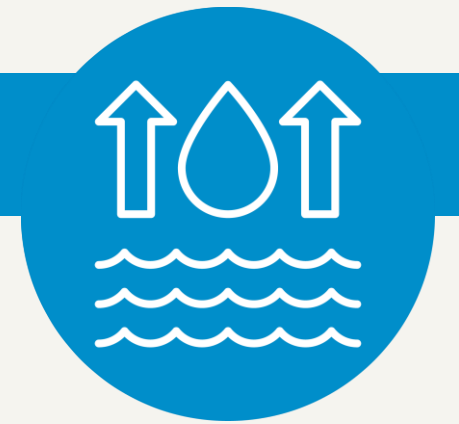




Overview Report on Droughts in the DRB

- ◆ Draft **Overview Report** developed in cooperation with GWP-CEE and DMCSEE
- ◆ Analysis of **drought management** approaches and tools of the DRB countries
- ◆ Detailed **investigations** carried out based on:
 - ◆ Available **international literature** and project results
 - ◆ **EU questionnaires** on droughts
 - ◆ **World Bank studies** on drought policies and impacts (non-EU MS)
 - ◆ **ICPDR questionnaire** targeting information gaps
- ◆ Comments received from Delegations, Observers and EGs, **positive feedback**



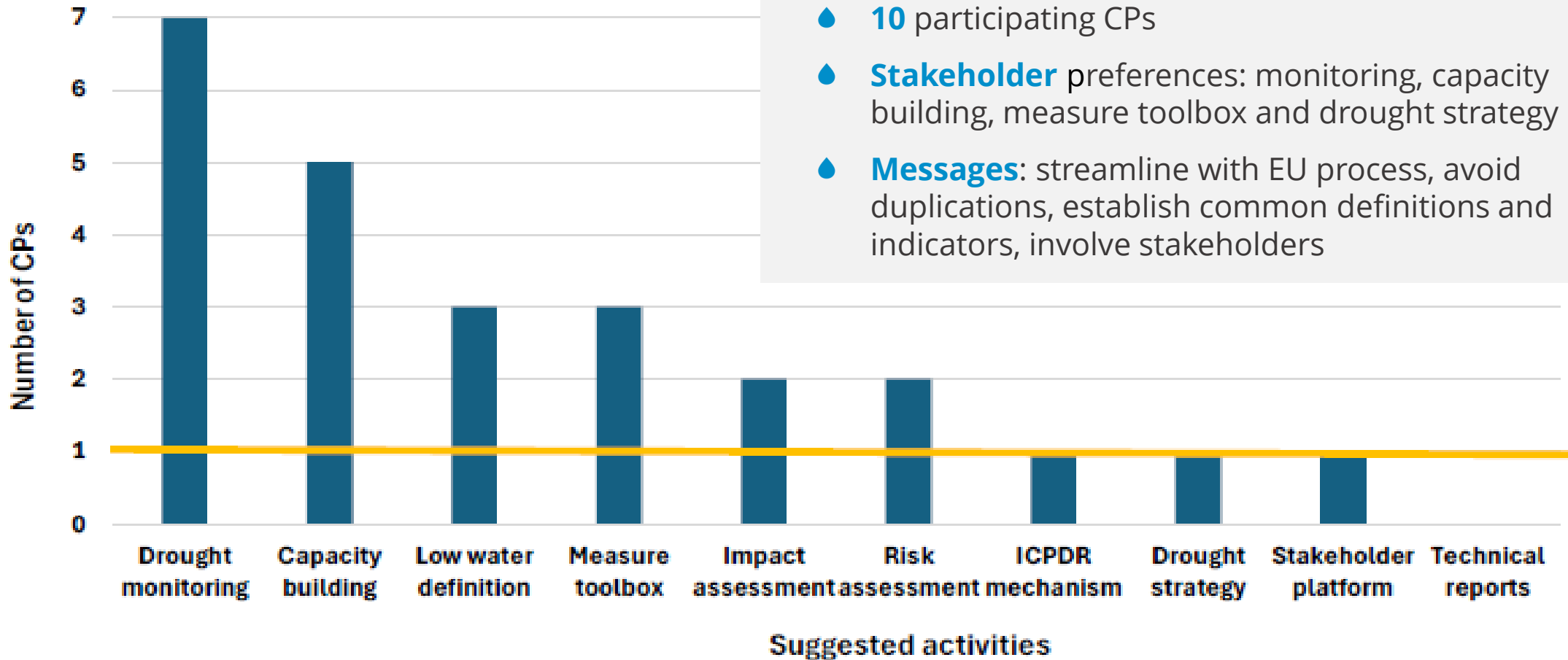


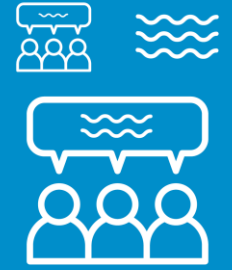
Prioritization of basin-wide activities

- ◆ Key outcome of the Overview Report: **list of 10 suggestions** for possible basin-wide actions to be tackled by the ICPDR
- ◆ Covering **all relevant aspects of drought management** (policy, monitoring, risk and impact assessment, measures and stakeholder engagement):
 - ◆ ICPDR **mechanism**/Task Group, Danube **Drought Strategy** based on IDM
 - ◆ Define **low water** level in the DRB, initiate harmonized **drought monitoring**
 - ◆ Develop harmonized drought **impact database** & drought **risk maps**
 - ◆ Develop a catalogue of **adaptation measures**
 - ◆ Establish **exchange platform**, organize **workshops**, develop **drought reports**



Shortlist of initial preferences (OM-27)





Final priorities & Next steps

- ◆ **Follow-up discussion** in May 2025 with Delegations and Stakeholders to finalize the prioritization and agree on the priorities
- ◆ **Three priorities** proposed (to be adopted at StWG-23):
 - ◆ Define common **drought indicators**
 - ◆ Develop harmonized **basin-wide drought monitoring** systems
 - ◆ Organize **capacity building** events
- ◆ **Next steps** towards implementation:
 - ◆ Identifying an **ICPDR mechanism/approach** to tackle droughts
 - ◆ Organizing an **expert workshop** to discuss technical aspects of the 3 priorities
 - ◆ Developing a detailed **workplan** on implementing the prioritized activities

Thank you very much for your attention!



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