WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN NON-EU DANUBE COUNTRIES

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800.000 km² | 80 Mio. people | 19 countries | Most international River Basin in the World



I GOALS AND CRITERIA

IMPORTANCE OF WATER IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND AVAILABILITY OF WATER RESOURCES AS INDICATORS OF THE STATUS OF WATER MANAGEMENT



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I GOALS AND CRITERIA

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2015 PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION USING IMPROVED SANITATION IN 2010

[UNICEF AND WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (2012)]



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POSITIONS, CRITERIA AND DIRECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2015 UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

In 2010:

≫88% access to improved water sources Achieved (89%)

> 75% access to improved sanitation Not achieved (only 63%)

Adopted at the UN Sustainable **Development Summit** September 25–27, 2015 in New York. **Goal 6: Ensure** availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

(8 targets)

EU Directives Legally binding

Water Framework Directive (2000) – roof directive

Urban Wastewater Directive (1991) Nitrate Directive (1991)

Groundwater Directive (2006) Floods Directive (2007) Etc.

Danube River Basin Management Plan (DRBM Plan) (1st DRBM Plan: 2009; 2nd DRBM Plan: 2015)

The Danube River Basin District Management Plan – Update 2015



Version: FINAL Date: 2015-05-15





ICPDR / International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River / www.icpdr.org

Reflects

- Significant Water Management Issues
- Water status in the basin

Includes

 Program of Measures for improvement of water status

Enables

- Conclusions on investment & funding
- Ex-post evaluation of measures taken

II DANUBE RBM PLAN

Danube River Basin Significant Water Management Issues



Organic Pollution



Nutrient Pollution



Hazardous Substances Pollution



Hydromorphological Alterations

+ Groundwater

- Priorities for actions defined via results of Analysis Report (pressures assessment) and public involvement
- Reviewed every 6 years (2 years before deadline for next River Basin Management Plan)



Groundwater

BELGRADE GROUNDWATER SOURCE



Change in TOC concentrations: Sava River and groundwater plants of the Water and Wastewater Utility of Belgrade





Pressures and Progress: Example of wastewater treatment

II DANUBE RBM PLAN

Share of the collection and treatment stages in the total population equivalents in the Danube countries (reference year: 2011/2012, absolute numbers on the top refer to PE)





Significant progress made in emission reduction:

Nearly 900 UWWTPs completed by 2015

Additional 1,000 plants to come - half under construction





PROGRESS AND FORESEEN STATUS OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT IN THE DANUBE RIVER BASIN

II DANUBE RBM PLAN

DOC and total nitrogen concentrations in water samples during JDS3: the Danube River and selected tributaries





ACHIEVEMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

MAIN WATER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT DRIVERS

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Main drivers:

- Strength of national economy
- Availability of renewable water resources
- Future (present) climate change
- Assimilation and spreading of technological skills
- Effective governance (internal framework and capacities)

External drivers

Internal drivers

MAIN WATER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT DRIVERS STRENGTH OF NATIONAL ECONOMY



MAIN WATER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT DRIVERS STRENGTH OF NATIONAL ECONOMY

Figure I.2. The capital/income ratio in Europe, 1870-2010

Thomas Piketty – Capital in the Twenty-First Century

III WATER MANAGEMENT DRIVERS

MAIN WATER SECTOR DEVELOPMENT DRIVERS STRENGTH OF NATIONAL ECONOMY

Country	External Debt Billion USD	External Debt/ GDP %	Country	External Debt Billion USD	External Debt/ GDP %
Greece	583.3	241	Bulgaria	69.3	131
Turkey	386.8	47	Lithuania	35.4	125
Poland	326	63	Serbia	34	80
Hungary	202	161	Estonia	22.2	91
Romania	132.1	70	Bosnia & Herz.	9.1	53
Ukraine	135	76	FYR Macedonia	7.5	78
Cyprus	106.5	468	Albania	6.9	53
Czech Rep.	90.2	45	Moldova	6.2	85
Slovakia	68.4	75	Montenegro	2.8	66
Croatia	64.3	112	Belarus	1.1	2
Slovenia	61.2	135	- 1		17

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MAIN EXTERNAL DRIVERS AVAILABILITY OF RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES

MAIN EXTERNAL DRIVERS EXPECTED CLIMATE CHANGE: RUNOFF

Projections and model consistency of relative changes in runoff by the end of the 21st century

Large-scale relative changes in annual runoff (water availability, %) at the end of the 21st century relative to 1980-1999. Values represent the median of 12 climate models using the SRES Scenario A1B [IPCC, 2007].

STIC III WATER MANAGEMENT DRIVERS

MAIN EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL DRIVERS SCIENCE, EDUCATION & SKILL-RAISING

Research and development expenditure (% of GDP)

III WATER MANAGEMENT DRIVERS

MAIN INTERNAL DRIVING FORCE WATER GOVERNANCE

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WM goals in Serbia:

- To solve numerous current problems
- To achieve sustainable and adaptive WM
- To meet the requirements of EU water directives

Required spending – new investments:10billion EurosRequired spending (new+O&M) in 20 years:21billion EurosCurrent GDP:30 - 35 billion EurosCurrent operating budget:350M. EurosNeeded budget:1000M. EurosCAPITAL ADJUSTMENT OF WATER GOVERNANCE NEEDED

WATER GOVERNANCE APPROXIMATE WATER PRICES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES

Country/City	Price of	Wastewater	Total price of water
	drinking water	disposal charge	(€/m ³)
	(€/m³)	(€/m ³)	
Germany/Munich	1.73	2.33	3.96
Austria (average)	1.50	2.00	3.50
Hungary/Budapest	1.70	0.76	2.46
Slovenia/Ljubljana	0.75	0.47	1.22
Romania/Bucharest	0.98	0.22	1.20
Croatia/Zagreb	1.12	0.76	1.88
Bulgaria/Sofia	0.61	0.15	0.76
Serbia/Belgrade	0.40	0.16	0.56
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Herzegovina/Banja Luka	0.42	0.50	0.92
Montenegro/Herceg			
Novi	0.91	0.16	1.07

BELGRADE CONFERENCE WATER MANAGEMENT IN TRANSITION COUNTRIES BELGRADE STATEMENT

IV EVENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WORLD WATER FORUM 7 CONCLUDING SESSION 3.4 SMART IMPLEMENTATION OF IWRM

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Developing and transition countries (non-EU Danube countries) often have poor water resources management (economy, expertise, capacity, etc.).

The needs of these countries and the goals placed before them (Millennium Development Goals and even more stringent regional goals), compounded by climate change impact, impose additional challenges to already fragile water governance.

To achieve water management objectives, water governance in these countries needs to be substantially strengthened.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Water governance strengthening comprises upgrading of a state's ability to further develop financial, technical, and administrative capacities.

This involves:

- Institutional strengthening and greater effectiveness of water governance
- Effective and straightforward legislation
- Dedicated Water Fund and adequate and independent financial accumulation
- Dynamic and productive cooperation with all scientific and technical institutions
- Suitable private public partnerships (PPP)
- Suitable balance of cenralized and decentralized water governance approaches
- Strengthening of scientific and professional skills and ability of developing and transition countries to improve such skills on their own

IV EVENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WRAP-UP DISCUSSION RELATED TO TRANSITION COUNTRIES AND WATER MANAGEMENT

1. In order to implement IWRM, transition countries (NON-EU DANUBE COUNTRIES) need to be able to adapt to conditions and changes: **CLIMATE**

CLIMATE ECONOMIC SOCIAL POLITICAL

2. It is necessary to:

- ALLOCATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE
- DEVELOP THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND ACCUMULATION IN THE WATER SECTOR
- BUILD APPROPRIATE CAPACITY: GOVERNMENT
 - TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS
 - OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

3. The nature of governance may differ in various countries, depending on key parameters

4. Economic policy needs to be adequately addressed when determining the nature of governance.