



Invitation

EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) Priority Area 4 “to restore and maintain the quality of waters” (PA4) and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) are inviting you to the workshop

New experience in implementation of Article 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the Danube Region

Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Bajkalská 25A, Bratislava

Date: 12 September 2018

Background:

Within the Common Implementation Strategy for the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive, the Guidance Document No. 36 on “Exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to Article 4(7) Water Framework Directive (WFD)” was endorsed by EU Water Directors at their meeting in December 2017. The document focuses on new modifications to the physical characteristics of surface water bodies, alterations to the level of groundwater, or new sustainable human development activities. In order to determine whether Article 4(7) WFD tests need to be applied, a checklist tool using a four-step approach to establishing project level WFD compliance has been developed by JASPERS. The tool is currently being tested on concrete cases, with a view to widen its application on project preparation assistance and future training activities.

Objectives and expected outcomes:

The workshop will provide a platform to discuss experience and challenges with the implementation of Article 4(7) WFD in EU Member States of the Danube River Basin. Session 1 will provide an overview of the Guidance document as well as a presentation of the JASPERS checklist tool. Methodological aspects related to Article 4(7) WFD implementation will be presented in session 2. Session 3 is dedicated to presentation of case studies related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation in different sectors such as hydropower, flood protection, navigation and infrastructure projects. Taking into account results of Workshop discussions, conclusions and recommendations will be drawn in order to further support the practical knowledge and application of Article 4(7) WFD.

Target audience:

Participants are expected from local authorities, ministries, decision making bodies, companies working in the field of construction and maintenance of highways and roads, water ways, railways and hydropower are envisaged to actively participate in the workshop.

Agenda

08.30 – 09.30 Registration of participants

09.30 – 10.00 Opening Session

Welcome speeches by EUSDR PA4, ICPDR, NC SK EUSDR

10.00 – 11.30 Session 1: State of play on the EU level – the new CIS Guidance on “Exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to the Article 4(7) WFD” and the JASPERS checklist tool

Moderated by: Vladimír Novák, PAC4, Slovakia

10.00 – 10.30 Raimund Mair, DG ENVIRO: CIS Guidance 36 “Exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to Article 4(7) WFD“

10.30 – 11.00 Ismini Kyriazopoulou, JASPERS: JASPERS checklist tool

11.00 – 11.30 Discussion

11.30 – 11.50 Coffee Break

11.50 – 13.00 Session 2: Experience and challenges related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation

Moderated by: Balázs Horváth, PAC4, Hungary

11.50 – 12.20 Anna Gaálová; MoE SR, Slovakia: Transposition of the Article 4(7) WFD into the Slovak legislation

12.20 – 12.50 Jana Gajdová, Ľuboslava Garajová, WRI, Slovakia: Implementation approaches resulting from requirements of the Article 4(7) WFD in the Slovak Republic

12.50 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00– 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.20 Session 2: Experience and challenges related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation – continuation

14.00 – 14.30 Veronika Koller-Kreimel, FMST, Austria: Experience and challenges related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation in Austria

14.30 – 15.00 Balázs Horváth, DGWM, Hungary: Implementation of Article 4(7) WFD in Hungary

15.00 – 15.30 Darko Barbalić, CW, Croatia: Croatian experience and challenges related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation

15.30 – 16.00 Sebastian Döbbelt-Grüne, Planungsbüro Koenzen, Germany: Assessment of deterioration according to the Article 4(7) WFD – Experiences from practical cases in Germany

16.00 – 16.20 Discussion

16.20 – 16.40 Coffee Break

16.40 - 18.30 Session 3: Examples and case studies related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation in different sectors; challenges and recommendations

Moderated by: Dejan Trifunović, Danube Commission

A/ Hydropower

16.40 – 17.00 Veronika Koller-Kreimel, FMST, Austria: Requirements and decision support tools regarding the Article 4(7) WFD test for new hydropower projects

B/ Flood Protection

- 17.00 – 17.30 Peter Čadek, SWME, Slovakia: Reparation, maintenance and reconstruction of waterworks from the viewpoint of the Article 4 (7) WFD implementation
C/ Infrastructure projects
- 17.30 – 18.00 NMC, Slovakia: Examples and case studies related to the Article 4(7) WFD implementation in the field of highway and motorway construction
D/Navigation
- 18.00 – 18.30 Cristian Rusu, Apele Romane, Romania: Application of the Article 4(7) WFD for coastal water bodies within the project on reducing coastal erosion in Romania
- 18.30– 18.45 Discussion
- 18.45 – 19.00 Conclusions and Recommendations**

Important deadlines

Not later than 7 September 2018

All participants:

- send a duly filled and signed obligatory registration form to the following e-mail addresses: alena.kurecova@vuvh.sk; dana.vrablikova@vuvh.sk

Not later than 10 September 2018

Speakers:

- send your presentation with a brief summary of the conclusions and recommendations to the following e-mail addresses: alena.kurecova@vuvh.sk, dana.vrablikova@vuvh.sk

Workshop languages

Workshop languages will be Slovak and English with simultaneous translation. Authors of presentations are kindly asked to observe the abovementioned deadlines when sending their presentations because interpreters need time to prepare for the event.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Transport

When you arrive at the Bratislava airport

You can use a taxi or the following bus lines: 61 (Hlavná stanica – Main Station Direction) takes you to the bus stop Bajkalska where you change the bus to 98 (Petržalka, Jasovská – Direction) or 74 (Direction Vlčie Hrdlo) until you reach the bus stop Mliekarenská.

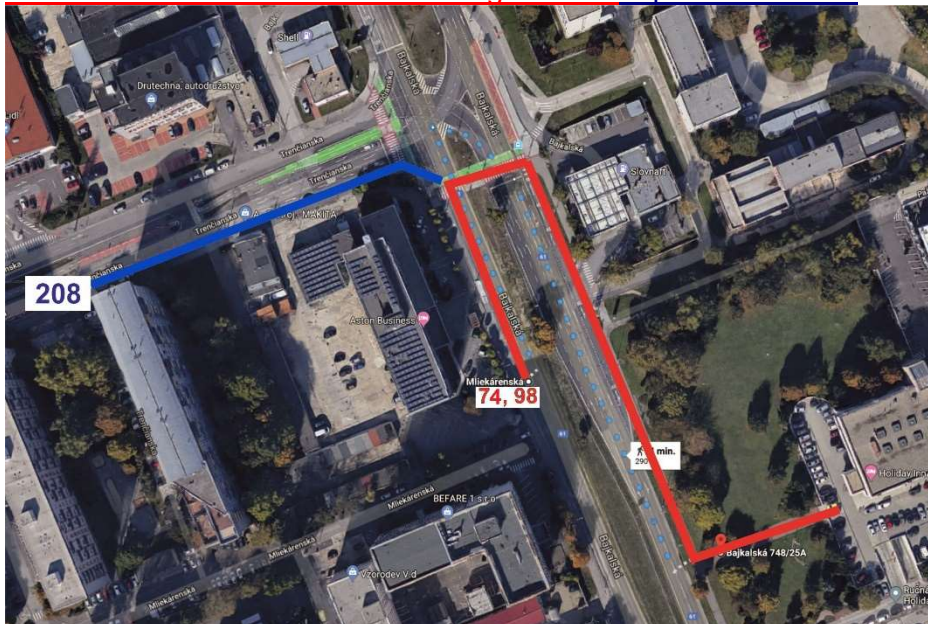
When you arrive at the Vienna airport

You get on the bus Slovak Lines or Regio Jet to Bratislava Bus Station (Mlynské Nivy). There you can use the following connections: trolleybus 205 (Direction Trnávka, Rádiová) until you reach the bus stop Bajkalská where you change the bus to 98 (Petržalka, Jasovská – Direction) or 74 (Direction Vlčie Hrdlo) until you reach the bus stop Mliekarenská. The other option from Mlynské Nivy is to take the bus 70 (Direction ŽST Podunajské Biskupice) or trolleybus 202 (Direction Dolné hony, Čiližská) until you reach the bus stop Novohradská. Here you get on the trolleybus 208 (Direction Ružinov, Ružová dolina) until you reach the bus stop Mliekarenská.

When you arrive by train (Bratislava Main Train Station Hlavná stanica)

You can use a taxi or the bus 74 (Direction Vlčie Hrdlo) which takes you to the bus stop Mliekarenská.

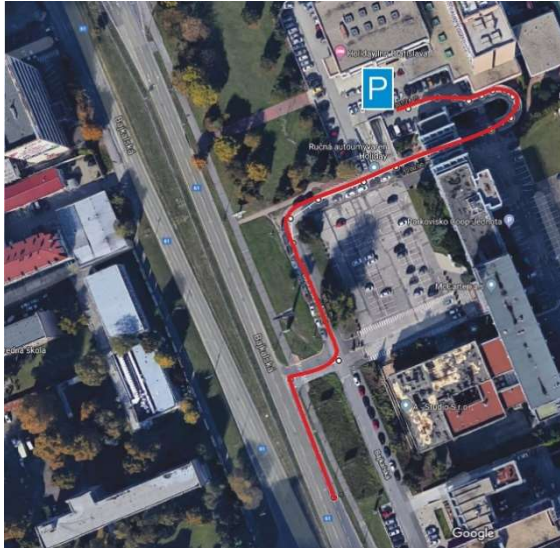
For more information see the following website <https://imhd.sk/ba/>



Bus stop Mliekarenská

When you come by car:

Within the hotel there are provided 50 parking places (in front of the hotel, see the picture below) for the speakers. In case this capacity is not filled up, these places will be offered to workshop participants free of charge. Otherwise, the parking price in front of the hotel is 1 Euro per 1 hour (maximum day tariff is 8 Euro). Parking in the hotel garage is 1,5 Euro per 1 hour (maximum day tariff is 15 Euro).



Attention: traffic situation in Bratislava will be complicated in September- exit road from the Prístavný most (bridge) to Bajkalská will be partially closed.

2. Venue and recommended accommodation

Hotel Holiday Inn

*Bratislava
Bajkalská 25/A,
825 03 Bratislava
Slovak Republic*

*GPS: 48°09'10.4"N
17°08'54.7"E
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*Email: holidayinn@holidayinn.sk
www.holidayinn.sk*

Price for accommodation is 79 euro per night per room. Please, refer to Water Research Institute when booking. Book the room as soon as possible.

Another option for accommodation

*City Hotel Bratislava, s.r.o.
Seberíniho 9,
821 03 Bratislava*

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17° 9' 59.8337746" E*

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