

ICPDR Status Report

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EUSDR PA 04 17th Steering Group Meeting



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ICPDR meetings and events



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- 48th **RBM EG** Meeting: 23-24 October 2018, Bratislava (SK)
- 21st ICPDR **Ordinary Meeting**: 11-12 December 2018, Vienna (AT)
- Presidency **handover meeting**: 31 January 2019, Vienna (AT)
- 29th **MA EG** Meeting: 28-29 March 2019, Prague (CZ)
- 11th **APC EG** Meeting: 02-03 April 2019, Bratislava (SK)
- 30th **PM EG** and 14th **NTG** Meeting: 10-12 April 2019, Budapest (HU)

- 49th **RBM** EG Meeting: 16-17 May 2019, Ljubljana (SI)
- 17th **StWG Meeting**: 26-27 June 2019, Budapest (HU)
- **JDS4** official launch: 27 June 2019, Budapest (HU)

ICPDR Presidential Handover Event 31 January 2019, Vienna



Hungary holds ICPDR Presidency for 2019



ICPDR President 2019



Mr. Peter Kovacs

Water Director at the
Ministry of Interior

The Hungarian Presidency

The **priorities** of the Hungarian Presidency in 2019:

- finding ways to **support the activities of the ICPDR** by improving the financial framework, sponsoring system and partnership
- strengthening water security in the Danube Basin by ensuring availability of a **sufficient quantity of clean water**
- taking the next steps in the **implementation** of the **Water Framework Directive** and the **Floods Directive**
- supporting **specific activities** like JDS4, guidance document on sustainable agriculture, accident prevention



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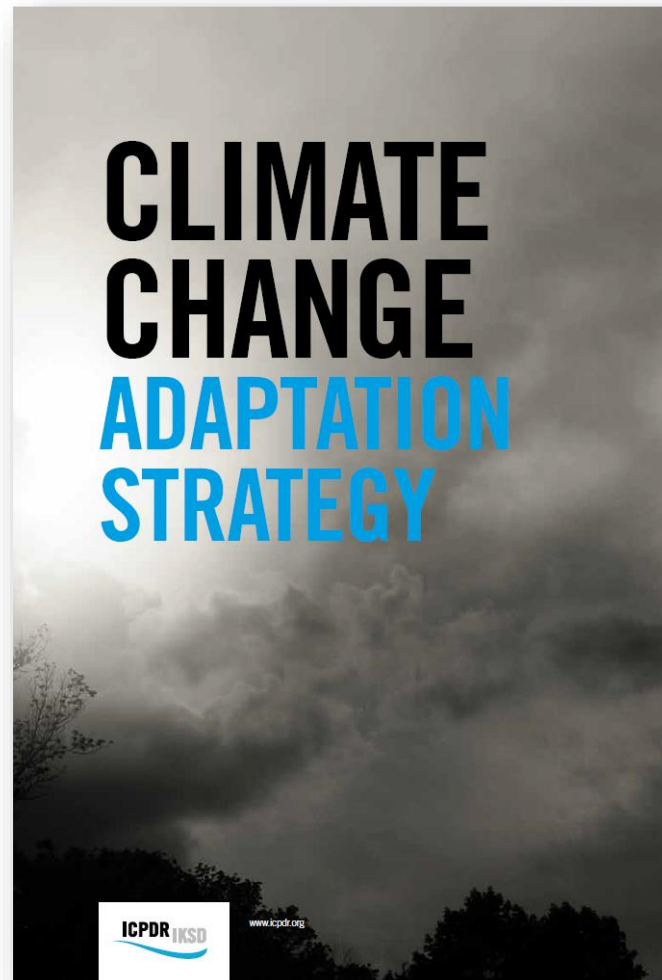


ICPDR publications – Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2018



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ICPDR activities – Social media



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ICPDR Family
#familyfriday

Issues
#wednesday
wisdom

People and
Participation

International
Days

Wildlife and
Biodiversity
#Monday
milestones

Publications

Facts and
Figures

Projects
#JDS4

Events

On 30th November we launched our official social media channels.
On 30th January we have **1,631 followers** on Facebook.

ICPDR activities – Our Online Community



 255 Followers

 1.631 Followers

 319 Followers

(Status 12 February 2019)



ICPDR activities – Community Feedback

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icpdr_org Wow! What a beautiful picture. If you care about the protection of the Danube river basin, take a look at our profile! 💧

5h Gefällt 1 Mal Antworten

Antworten verbergen



sokolina.art @icpdr_org Thank you a lot. Yes, Danube protection is my mission. I recommend to make collaboration. 🍷❤️💧

5h Gefällt 1 Mal Antworten



Well I surely do care about Danube, it is our biggest river there is a lot to care about! 😊



michalpastier @icpdr_org amazing, I didn't know about icpdr_org, happy to help;) 🐟

4m Gefällt 1 Mal Antworten



We are sport club in Belgrade on Danube river, we are kayak and rafting sport club, we have plans to organize cleaning the river but we need help like rafting boats with we can clean the river and make competition in cleaning river like eco paddling and clean.



DAREnet @DAREnet_EU · 21 Dec 2018

We would be happy to welcome the [#ICPDR](#) and Mr Gombás in the [#DAREnet](#) Annual Forum in Budapest next Year!



ICPDR @ICPDR_ORG

On today's #FamilyFriday we'd like to introduce you to Károly Gombás, Chairperson of the #ICPDR Flood Protection Expert Group. Károly has made major contributions to flood risk management in the Basin...

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The Danube Odyssey @DanubeOdyssey · 13 Dec 2018

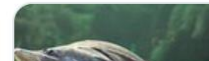
[@ICPDR_ORG](#) hi guys, i would like to work with you. [#danube](#) [#thedanubeodyssey](#)

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Stuart Orr @Stuart_Orr · 21 Dec 2018

Hope for sturgeons - European states adopts action plan to save continent's most endangered fish species tinyurl.com/yafpf5rw [@ICPDR_ORG](#) [@ADBWWFpship](#) [@WWFLeadWater](#) [@AndreasBeckmann](#) [@WWFEU](#) [@bart_geenen](#) [@MahseerTrust](#) [@SJC_fishy](#) [@fishconserve](#) [@CITES](#) [@HungaryinUSA](#) [@RomaniaTourism](#)



Hope for sturgeons as European states adopts act...

adopted in Strasbourg
Bern Convention

EU WFD Implementation: Roadmap towards DRBMP Update 2021



- **Significant Water Management Issues Report to be updated**
 - including new chapter on alteration of sediment balance (sub-SWMI under HYMO)
 - to be discussed: climate change adaptation, water scarcity and droughts potential SWMIs?
- **Danube River Basin Management Plan – Update 2021**
 - Data collection and preparation of plan input (structure and content of DRBMP-2021 to be discussed at RBM-49)
 - Questionnaires on EC national assessments with relevance for international level

Integration issues: Navigation

- **9th Joint Statement Meeting**, Vienna, 13th to 14th September 2018
 - Particular focus for next meetings should be on environmental monitoring activities to assess the status of water bodies (also taking into account Article 4.7 WFD implementation) and sustainable technological solutions
- **METEET activities (Mixed Environment Transport External Expert Team (METEET))** are ongoing
 - Training mission conducted in Croatia and Serbia (2017/2018)
 - Call for interested countries and environmental experts is re-opened
 - Next Training mission in SK from 16th to 17th April 2019 in Častá Papiernička
- **10th Joint Statement Meeting**, Budapest, 11th to 12th September 2019

Integration issues: Hydropower

- **Guiding Principles** available now in Bosnian, Croatian, Czech, German, Slovakian, Slovene and Ukraine language
- Draft Terms of Reference for **Knowledge Base on Key Social and Economic Drivers for Sustainable Hydropower** – first results will be available prior to RBM-49
- Planned **ICPDR Hydropower Workshop (2020)**

Integration issues: Sturgeon activities

- **EU Grant Feasibility Study Iron Gates** to support for the Implementation of the Feasibility Study analysing options for fish migration at Iron Gate I & II (DG REGIO)
- **AT Grant Ex-situ Facility Upstream Danube** to finance an ex-situ feasibility study for the upstream Danube with a Grant of 95.000 EUR including the identification of potential locations for the “ex situ facility” in Austria/Slovakia/Hungary
- **“MEASURES: Managing and rEstoring Aquatic bio-corridors for migratory fiSh species in the danUbe RivEr baSin“** project
- **DSTF Draft rules and procedures:** DSTF has drafted revised Danube Sturgeon Task Force Rules and Procedures, which were open for comments by HoDs until end of September 2018; the ICPDR Secretariat compiled all comments in a consolidated version and shared it with the DSTF

Wastewater management

- **Wastewater** strategy for the DRB
 - World Bank specific activity on water management in the DRB, implementation supported by **DWP 3rd phase**
 - Funds allocated to develop a **wastewater management strategy**
 - Need for identifying other **co-funding institutions and co-implementers** beyond the core partners (EUSDR is welcome!)
 - **Capacity building** courses and training events on several topics for WWTP operators, municipality regulators and national administration people (financial and technical/operational aspects)
 - Mechanism for **utilities** (D-Leap of the DWP) potential activity for local and national **administration** (ICPDR, EUSDR is welcome!)

Sustainable agriculture

- **Guidance document** on sustainable agriculture
 - Elaboration in **two steps** (analysis of the knowledge base and guidance with recommendations) by end of 2019
 - **First draft** elaborated, updated version to be submitted to HoDs
 - Position paper on **water & agriculture developed**, consulted with HoDs and to be submitted to the RO EU Presidency
 - Participation in the **EC water-agri workshop** (February 2019, Bucharest)
 - Agri **regional workshop with Sava Commission** under DG ENV LIFE Grant, February 2019
 - ICPDR **workshop** in autumn 2019 in Budapest (5-6 November)

Hazardous substances

- WWTP **effluent monitoring**
 - Successful **WWTP sampling campaign** with SOLUTIONS, on-going sample analysis (heavy metals: done, organic chemicals: in progress), finalization in summer 2019, joint reporting
 - Planned point source effluent sampling within **JDS4**, on-going planning, follow-up/complementary with SOLUTIONS
- **Project development** on HS emissions
 - Prep project (**DSPF**) implemented to develop a project proposal
 - Consortium, draft technical proposal and EoI elaborated and submitted to **DTP3** (with EUSDR support)

Accident prevention

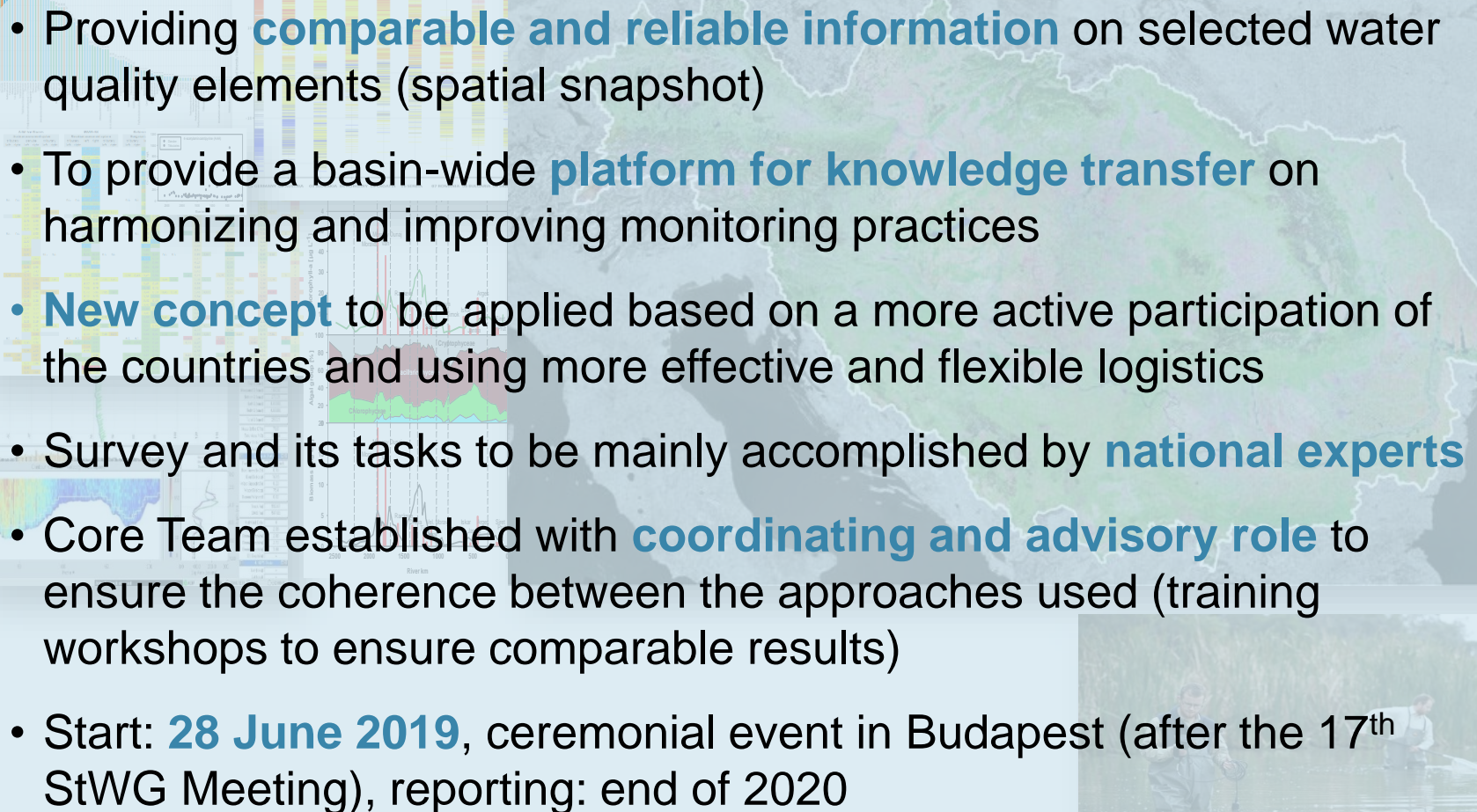
- Accident **Hazard Sites**
 - Data revision and **fine tuning** is on-going (imbalances of reported data), harmonized reporting criteria, to be published in 2019
 - **Public documents** (technical report and brochure) being elaborated on accident prevention & control with the PP EG
- **Tailings** management facilities
 - Project from LIFE Grant, **risk assessment** to develop a TMF inventory, data collection and evaluation finished, being approved
 - UBA Germany Grant Project started on capacity building, **training event** in RO in 2019-2020 – regional demonstration events to be organized for operators and inspectors, second phase in 2020-2021 in the Sava region, follow-up national programs (EUSDR!)

Joint Danube Survey 4

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- Providing **comparable and reliable information** on selected water quality elements (spatial snapshot)
 - To provide a basin-wide **platform for knowledge transfer** on harmonizing and improving monitoring practices
 - **New concept** to be applied based on a more active participation of the countries and using more effective and flexible logistics
 - Survey and its tasks to be mainly accomplished by **national experts**
 - Core Team established with **coordinating and advisory role** to ensure the coherence between the approaches used (training workshops to ensure comparable results)
 - Start: **28 June 2019**, ceremonial event in Budapest (after the 17th StWG Meeting), reporting: end of 2020

Thank you for your attention!

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