

The contribution and opportunities of the EUSDR in relation to the basin wide flood management

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Background

- **Scientific Committee** of Central Flood Management Board (OMIT)
 - Better data exchange for flood forecasting
 - Information on flow control structures
 - Exchange of experience with new FP structures etc.
- **HE Michael Spindelegger** vice chancellor
 - Internationally coordinated actions → EUSDR
 - Strengthen the rapid disaster response capacities
 - Good practice in the use of mobile dams
 - Target the not fully utilized funds of the EU programs
- **HE János Áder** president
 - Solidarity Fund (interest free loan, increased fund, quick response to applications)

Background

- **Commissioner Johannes Hahn**
 - Requests for assistance from the Solidarity Fund
 - The best framework to tackle current and future challenges is EUSDR (Priority Area 5; FLOODRISK, EFAS, SEERISK)
 - Ready to reprogram the running EU funds (not too optimistic)
 - Plan for the most strategic deployment of funds available from 2014 on
- **ICPDR Flood Protection Expert Group**
 - Report on floods in June 2013 (3-4 Oct.)

PA5 Action Plan

- **Action 1:** To develop one single overarching floods management plan at basin level
- **Action 2:** To support wetland and floodplain restoration as an effective mean of enhancing flood protection
- **Action 3:** To extend the coverage of the European Flood Awareness System (EFAS) system to the whole DRB
- **Action 4:** To strengthen operational cooperation among the emergency response authorities
- **Action 7:** Anticipate regional and local impacts of climate change through research
- **Action 8:** To develop spatial planning and construction activities in the context of climate change and increased threats of floods

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- **The aim**
 - Multilateral evaluation of experiences (not only 2013)
 - Draw conclusions
 - Develop an action programme and an implementation plan to improve our capabilities in coping with extreme floods
- **Implementation**
 - Visit the concerned decision makers and institutions

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- **Topics for discussion**

- Hydro-meteorological characterisation of the 2013 flood
- Operative flood management issues
 - Lead time to be prepared
 - Institutional organisation etc.
- Experiences during the 2013 flood
 - Flood forecasting including the early flood warnings of the EFAS
 - Have the operative flood protection organisations been efficient?
 - Communication among the flood protection units
 - New flood protection methods and structures (mobile dams, mobile flood protection walls, etc.)
 - Experiences with international assistance
 - Use of solidarity fund

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- **Tentative proposals for actions**
 - Improved information exchange (data for forecasting; operation of reservoirs etc; ICPDR Flood Action Programme – 2004)
 - Exchange of experiences (new flood protection equipment and methods etc.; ICPDR – 2004)
 - Development of common flood risk management plans for trans-boundary rivers (EU Floods Directive)
 - Coordination of financial resources to accelerate flood protection investments
 - R&D

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- Time is pressing
 - Floods are forgotten fast
 - End of 2013 end of unused budget
 - OP programming is being finalized
 - 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework
 - New projects & investments are needed!
 - Coordinated, harmonized flood protection development & investments

Thank you for your attention!

