

ROADMAP FOR AN ACTION

Action 2: *“To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level”*.

Action - “To greatly strengthen cooperation at sub-basin level”. The Danube has a number of important, international tributaries. For those, it is particularly important to develop specific river basin management plans (Tisza, Sava and Prut rivers). Where institutions are already established (e.g. the Sava Commission, Tisza Group), cooperation and exchange of information should be strengthened. Where this is not sufficiently the case (e.g. Prut), the process should be initiated or promoted. This also applies to necessary work in the Danube Delta where joint management agreements are necessary.

→ *Example of project - “To complete and adopt Danube Tributaries' River Basin Management Plans”* – this project is currently on-going for the rivers Tisza and Sava. For the Tisza, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine and Serbia are currently cooperating on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2004 and coordinated by the Tisza Group established in the framework of the ICPDR. The first draft of the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan is under public consultation and should be finalised by the end of 2010. As regards the Sava, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia have signed a Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin and established the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC). A full River Basin Management Plan is under preparation, with financial support from the European Commission, and should be completed by the end of 2011 (Lead : relevant river management body; Deadline : end 2011)

→ *Example of project - “To complete and adopt a Management Plan for the Danube Delta”* – the delta is one of the sub-basins identified within the wider Danube area. Much still needs to be done to develop joint data collection, joint research and joint initiatives in terms of delta water management. Despite complex socio-economic and political issues affecting the area, the three countries concerned (Romania, Moldova and Ukraine) have started cooperating more closely, with the support of the ICPDR. A full management plan should be prepared and agreed, possibly with the support of a project to be funded by the ENPI CBC Programme Romania-Ukraine-Moldova. (Lead: Romania, Ukraine and Moldova)

Milestone n°1: Strengthening of cooperation in the Tisza River Basin and implementation of the 1st ITRBM Plan

Work: Tisza River Basin wide cooperation according to the MoU `Strengthening of Tisza River Basin cooperation Towards the implementation of the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan supporting the sustainable development of the region` signed by ministers of the countries of the Tisza River Basin on 11th April 2011 in Uzhgorod (UA) in the frame of the Tisza Ministerial meeting.

Output: Interim Report on the Implementation of the ITRBM Plan

Responsible: UA, SK, HU, RO, RS, (ICPDR Tisza Group)

Deadline: End 2012

Project: Case studies on Tisza sub-basin

Output: Tisza case study on climate change, Tisza case study on Agriculture and water management

Status of the project: ongoing

Funding: EU Grant

Responsible: ICPDR Tisza Group (HU, RO, RS, SK, UA)

Deadline: End 2012

Project: ProTisza (Promoting Strategic Partnership Enabling Cooperation in the Tisza River Basin)

Output: To build a lasting partnership between riparian countries by increasing knowledge and applying and coordinating expertise on integrated water management approach across the Tisza River Basin. The project will (i) facilitate and strengthen

institutional and technical cooperation between the five Tisza countries, (ii) support implementation of the ITRMP and other relevant initiatives, (iii) support development of documents for future tendering procedures and (iv) increase absorption capacities for using EU available funding opportunities.

Status of the project: planned project (project proposal submitted in the frame of the 4th Call of the SEE Programme)

Funding: EU

Responsible/Lead organisation: REC

Deadline: 2014

Project: Early warning water quality monitoring system on transboundary rivers

Output: The project provides a new security for transboundary rivers in case of any kind of accident or not detectable contamination not only for downstream countries. For upstream countries information can be obtained on quality of leaving water courses as proof.

Status of the project: planned project

Funding: EU (preferably ETE/CBC project)

Responsible/Lead organisation: Water Boards on sub-region

Deadline: 2020

Milestone n°2: Development of the 2nd ITRBM Plan

Work: Development of the 2nd Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan according to the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive. The updated Plan will be developed based on the strengthened cooperation in the Tisza River Basin (output Milestone n°1).

Output: Updated information inter alia on Tisza relevant pressures, water status and an updated and jointly agreed Programme of Measures

Responsible: HU, RO, RS, SK, UA

Deadline: End 2015

Milestone n°3: Danube Delta Sub-basin Analysis Report

Project: Development of a Danube Delta Sub-basin Analysis Report between the three countries Romania, Moldova and Ukraine, based on the principles of the EU Water Framework Directive –

Output: Updated information inter alia on pressures, impacts, risk assessment and improved harmonisation of monitoring activities through accomplishment of a Joint Danube Delta Survey

Status of the project: project ongoing

Funding: Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)

Responsible: MD, RO, UA, ICPDR

Deadline: 2013

Milestone n°4: Danube Delta Management Plan

Project: Towards integrated river basin management and a joint monitoring system in the Danube Delta sub-basin, Romania-Ukraine-Moldova.

Output: Harmonised standards of and common approaches to water policy; Harmonisation and modernisation of the RO, UA and MD systems of environmental monitoring; Development of a River Basin Management Plan for the Danube Delta sub-basin;

Public access to information about the state of the environment and to encourage public participation in decision making related to the environment.

Status of the project: planned project

Funding: 2nd call of the ENPI CBC Programme Romania-Ukraine-Moldova

Responsible: RO, MD, UA

Deadline: 2015

Milestone n°5: Prut Management Plan

Project: The Development of the Prut River Basin Management Plan

Output: River Basin Management Plan for the Prut sub-basin based on WFD requirements.

Status of the project: planned project

Funding: Joint Operational Programme RO, UA, MD (concept note was handed in by 30 January 2012; Applicant: Prut River Basin Administration - Romania)

Responsible: MD, RO, UA

Deadline: 2015

Milestone n°6: Implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan

Work: The 1st Sava RBM is expected to be adopted in December 2012. The Parties to the FASRB will implement measures as agreed upon Programme of Measures (PoM). ISRBC will assist in facilitation of the process on the basin level towards the IFIs for allocating funds for implementation of measures. The reporting will be coordinated by the ISRBC on the basis of information submitted by the Parties.

Output: Report on implementation of PoM

Responsible: ISRBC

Deadline: End of 2014

Milestone n°7: Update of the Sava River Basin Analysis

Work: Development of 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis (characterization report) according to Article 5 of the EU WFD.

Output: 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis

Responsible: ISRBC

Deadline: 2015

Milestone n°8: Development of the 2nd Sava River Basin Management Plan

Work: Development of updated Sava River Basin Management Plan according to the requirements of the EU WFD.

Output: 2nd Sava River Basin Management Plan

Responsible: ISRBC

Deadline: 2017