

ACHIEVEMENTS OF PA4 AND UPDATE OF THE WORKPLAN SINCE SG8 – NEXT STEPS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TISZA RIVER BASIN

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Structure of the Workplan



- DEVELOPMENT OF Policy documents, technical reports, studies, databases
- WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL MEETINGS (not exhaustive list)
- MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
- DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES
- Project activities (1): CORE projects - Observership and participating in project meetings
- Project activities (2): RELEVANT projects / project ideas

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(1)



MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Achievements

- ❑ Organisation of SG meetings – continuous;
- ❑ Update of the workplan and development of the PA4 yearly report (annual report - ongoing);
- ❑ Organisation of meeting between PA4-ICPDR-ISRBC (19 February 2015, Budapest); - see also technical mtg.
- ❑ Facilitating project proposal preparatory meetings and arranging bilateral meeting between project leader and financial program related to the sediment issues (26 May 2015 – Sediment-DTP mtg) – see also technical mtg.

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(2)



DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENTS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, STUDIES, DATABASES

Achievements:

- ▣ Joint document between PA4-PA5-ICPDR adopted in 2014;
- ▣ *Examination of the biodiversity and environment status of sediment, water and biota in the Sava River Basin (START – STAWA project started);*
- ▣ JDS₃ technical paper published by the ICPDR;

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(3)



DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENTS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, STUDIES, UPDATES IN THE WORKPLAN

- Danube Delta Analysis Report development ongoing (prolonged – see also later target 3 to be changed);
- The national plans for the Prut are merged into one plan, action expected to be finalised end of the year (prolonged);
- The development of the 2nd ITRBMP will be incorporated into a planned Tisza project proposal – LoR will be requested as soon as the proposal is available (written procedure);

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(4)



DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENTS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, STUDIES, UPDATES IN THE WORKPLAN

- Study development ongoing in line with the agreement with the ICPDR and ISRBC as follows:
 - Study related to buffer zones will be further investigated from 2016 in harmony with the ICPDR work on the ‘Guidance Document on Agriculture’
 - Regarding the *solid waste* issue it was stressed that this topic should focus first on a pilot area (e.g. Tisza River Basin) and then according to the results the issue can be further expanded if needed. The relevant Danube basin wide activities should also be taken into account.

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(5)



DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENTS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, STUDIES, UPDATES IN THE WORKPLAN

- Study development ongoing in line with the agreement with the ICPDR and ISRBC as follows:
 - The topics of P-free detergent (P-ban) and the alternative collection and treatment of wastewater in small rural settlements were agreed to be further investigated in the frame of the study – discussion visits. The organisation of study visits are ongoing and will be organised in Non-EU countries.
 - Preliminary study on early warning water quality monitoring system has been introduced to the Tisza Group – further steps according to available funding

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(6)



WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL EVENTS, MEETINGS

Achievements

- ▣ National Tisza Office has ceremonially handed over in November 2014;
- ▣ Two ICPDR Tisza Group meetings have been organised since the last SG mtg (November 2014 and May 2015 – more information will be given in the coming slides);
- ▣ Organisation of meeting between PA4-ICPDR-ISRBC (19 February 2015, Budapest);
- ▣ Sediment project proposal preparatory workshop has been organised in April 2015, in Budapest;
- ▣ 26 May 2015 – Sediment-DTP mtg

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(7)



WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL EVENTS, MEETINGS

Achievements

- ❑ 8 May Brussels - PA4 actively participated at the DTP programming discussions;
- ❑ SK organised a conference on Water Resources Protection in April 2015. No additional conference is planned in 2015;
- ❑ World Water Day - block of presentations devoted to Danube Strategy – The PA4 was promoted by a banner placed in the room;
- ❑ PACs participation in main ICPDR EG mtgs and HoD mtgs.

Current achievements and updates since the SG8 (8)



WORKSHOPS, TECHNICAL EVENTS, MEETING

Update of the workplan

- HYMO WS will be organised in Autumn 2015 (ICPDR)
- Workshop with ICPDR on P free ban – pending - WS will happen according to the outcomes of the DRBM planning process and ongoing study visits in Non-EU countries and the outlined needs

Current achievements and updates since the SG8(9)



DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Achievements

- Reprint of the brochure on PA 4 activities in English. The brochure was updated, printed and distributed on Bratislava conference;
- Article to the Water Management Journal - Effective and sustainable utilization of water sources;
- Article in the Danube Watch '*Regional efforts to restore water quality*' issue 2015/1;
- Website – new website launched in January 2015;
(<http://www.danubewaterquality.eu/news>)
- Printed A4 folder for papers have been prepared.

Planned Next steps (1)



- Development of the **4th Annual Report of PA4**. Suggestion to the procedure (in line with the previous year): the PA4 will develop the document in close cooperation with the ICPDR and ISRBC and then in line with joint agreement within the three organisations the document would be submitted to the EC. The final document will also be uploaded to the website.
- Facilitating **project proposal preparatory** meetings and arranging bilateral meetings between project leader and financial program related to the Tisza issues and also related to other project proposal development.
- Organising **study visits** in the topic of WWTP and P-free detergents.
- Preparation for the **Annual Forum**.

Planned Next steps (2)



- Development and organisation of **dissemination** documents and activities.
- Decision to be made about the next round of START projects;
- Organisation of the next SG meeting.

PA4 targets – update of target 3



- ❑ **Target 1:** Achieve the management objectives set out in the Danube River Basin Management Plan;
- ❑ **Target 2:** Reduce nutrient levels in the Danube River to allow the recovery of the Black Sea ecosystems to the conditions similar to 1960s by 2020;
- ❑ **Target 3:** Elaborate a Danube Delta Analysis Report by **2013** as a step towards completion of the Delta management Plan, which shall be adopted **by 2015**;
- ❑ **Target 4:** Secure viable population of Danube sturgeon species.;
- ❑ **Target 5:** Elaborate, adopt and implement the sub-basin management plans, such as Sava, Tisza and Prut sub-basins;

Activities related to the Tisza River Basin (1)



- Ceremonial hand over event of the National Tisza Office
 - 4 November 2014, Szolnok
- Two Tisza Group meetings have been organised since October 2014:
 - 26-27 November 2014, Szolnok, National Tisza Office, HU;
 - 12-13 May 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- The meetings were organised with active contribution of the PA4 team and the National Tisza Office-Szolnok, with the involvement of the ICPDR

Activities related to the Tisza River Basin (2)



The main outcomes of the discussions were the following:

- Joint updated Tisza Analysis Report (TAR) and Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan will be prepared;
- the outline of the update of Tisza Analysis Report (TAR) and Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan was discussed;
- Information on the Danube Transnational Program by EUSDR expert;
- Tisza Project concept as a first steps towards the development of a project proposal to be submitted in to the Danube Transnational Program has been introduced;
- Information on the utilisation of the fund allocated by the ICPDR via EUSDR PA4 Technical Assistance budget has been discussed..

Activities related to the Tisza River Basin (3) – next steps



The main outcomes of the discussions were the following in the ICPDR HoD level (resolutions):

The STWG

- a) Took note on the steps achieved in the process of the development of the joint document of the up-dated Tisza Analysis Report and updated ITRB Management Plan;
- b) Took note of the draft Tisza Project Proposal Concept and asked the Tisza Group to develop a project proposal from the funds allocated via ICPDR Technical Assistance to also support the preparation of the updated ITRB Management Plan in coordination with the ICPDR Expert Groups.

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