

Danube River Basin Stakeholder Conference

Parallel Work Session III

Hydromorphological Changes

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Two main blocks of discussion

- **Feedback on the Roof Report (RR) (validity of information , gaps)**
- **Ways to minimise impacts from hydromorphological pressures:**
 - **Future infrastructure projects**
 - **Additional courses of actions proposed**

Feedback on the Roof Report (RR) I

- **Overall positive feedback**
- **A realistic picture on hydromorphological pressures is given**
- **Some information gaps and weaknesses**
- **Sediment issue needs to be considered in an integrated way**

Feedback on the Roof Report (RR) II

- **Assessment methodologies not clear**
 - esp. on HMWB, more precise and harmonised methods are needed (ICPDR role for further development of guidance)
- **RR was not adequately linked to the Flood Action Programme**
- **RR does not reflect that natural processes can also cause hydromorphological change**

Minimising impacts: Future infrastructure I

- **Discussion mainly on TENs (Danube navigation corridor no.7)**
- **Need for SEA on a basin level (potential role for the ICPDR)**
- **Need for EIAs and legal compliance of individual projects on a national level**
 - But some EIAs often questionable by stakeholders

Minimising impacts: Future infrastructure II

- **Need for a combined implementation of the WFD and TENs projects**
- **EU proposed a coordinator for the “Danube navigation corridor no. 7”**
 - **ICPDR and NGOs should establish contact with this coordinator**

Minimising impacts: Additional points

- **Flood protection projects often offer potential for win-win situations**
- **Flood Action Programme should be linked to the development of the PoM/RBMP**
- **River engineering project (Vienna) discussed as a model win-win scenario**
- **Need to improve fisheries (esp rheophilic)**
 - fish ladders, by-passes not a definitive solution

Some strategic follow-up proposed...

- **Need more integration of policies**
 - Energy-transport-flood policy-water policy
- **Need more focused technical discussions e.g. on fisheries (ICPDR as potential forum)**
- **Link Danube process to EU processes**
 - E.g. recent definition of “env. objectives” by water directors should be used



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