

Public Participation Concept of the ICPDR

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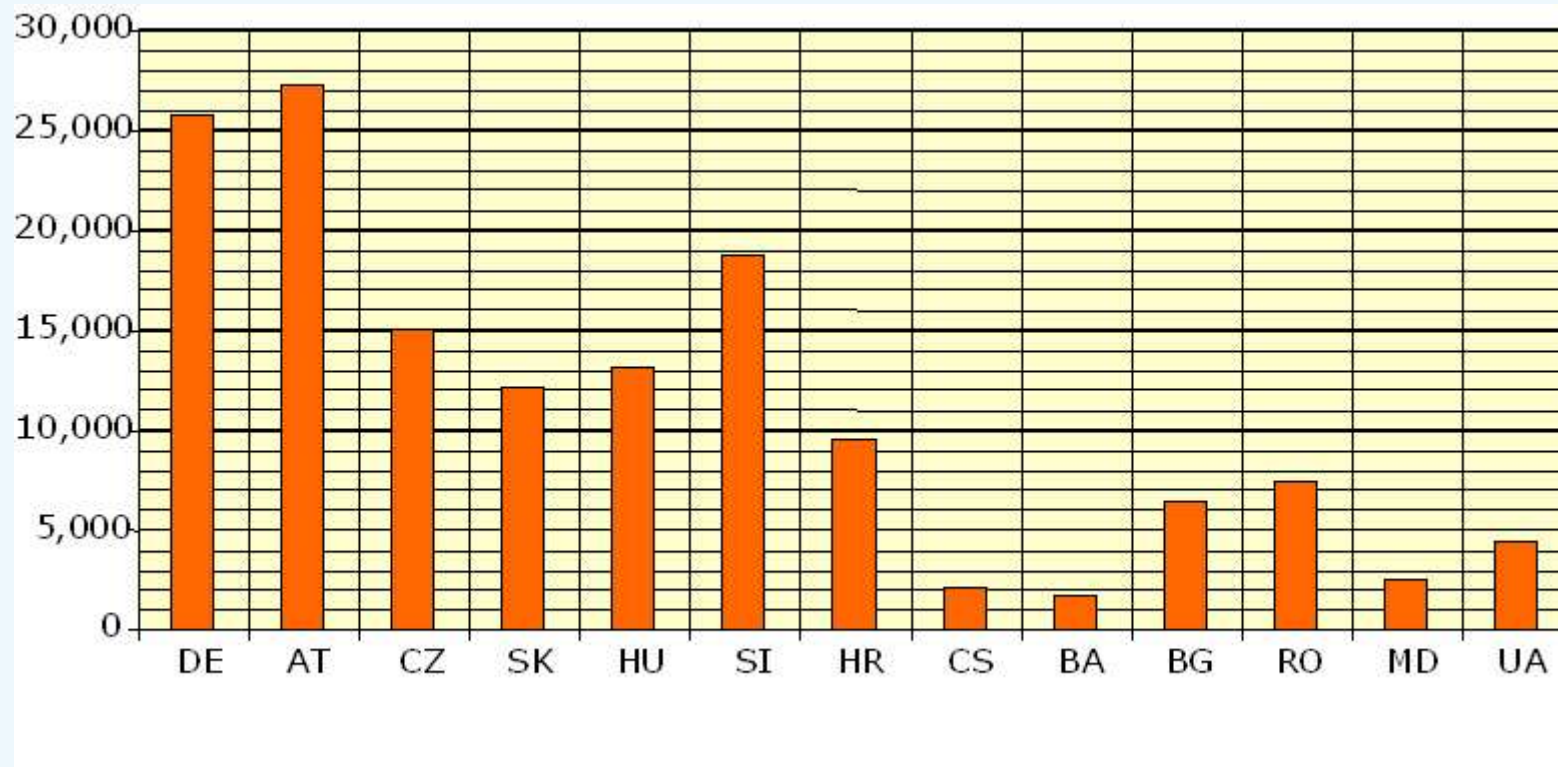
- 10% of Europe
- 81 Mio Inhabitants
- 18 Countries

Most international River Basin in the World



Economic Indicators

GDP on PPP, 2002, €/capita/year



Danube River Protection Convention

The legal frame for co-operation to assure protection of water and ecological resources and their sustainable use in the Danube River Basin.

signed: 29 June 1994, Sofia



Contracting Parties

 Austria

 Bulgaria

 Bosnia & Herzegovina

 Croatia

 Czech Republic

 European Union

 Germany

 Hungary

 Moldova

 Romania

 Serbia & Montenegro

 Slovakia

 Slovenia

 Ukraine



Observers



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Danube Navigation Commission



WWF - Danube Carpathian Programme



Int. Ass. for Danube Research



Ramsar – Convention on Wetlands



Danube Environmental Forum



Regional Environmental Center



Black Sea Protection Commission



Global Water Partnership



UNESCO – International Hydrological Programme



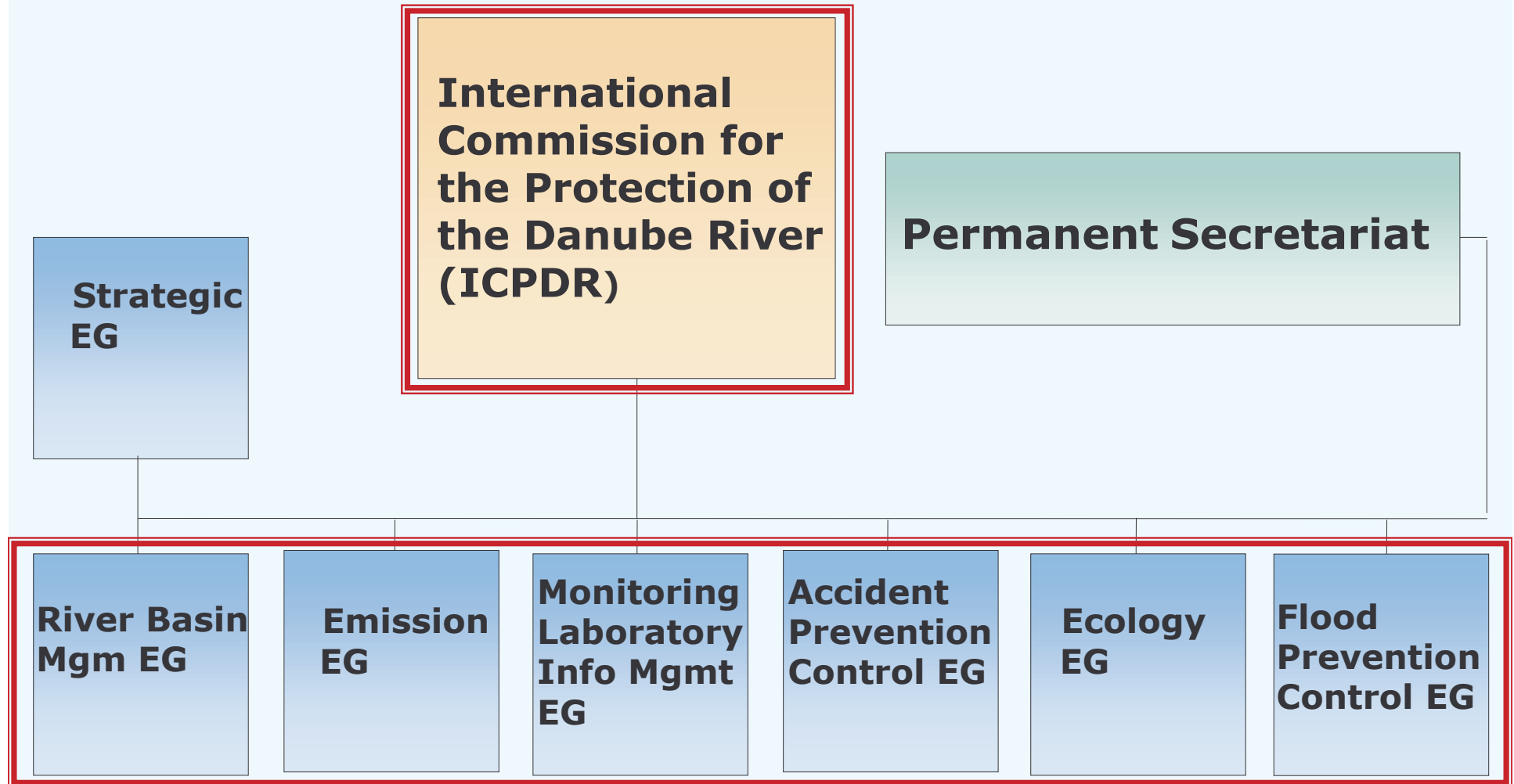
Int. Ass. for Water Works in Danube Basin



Danube Tourism Commission



Active participation of observers

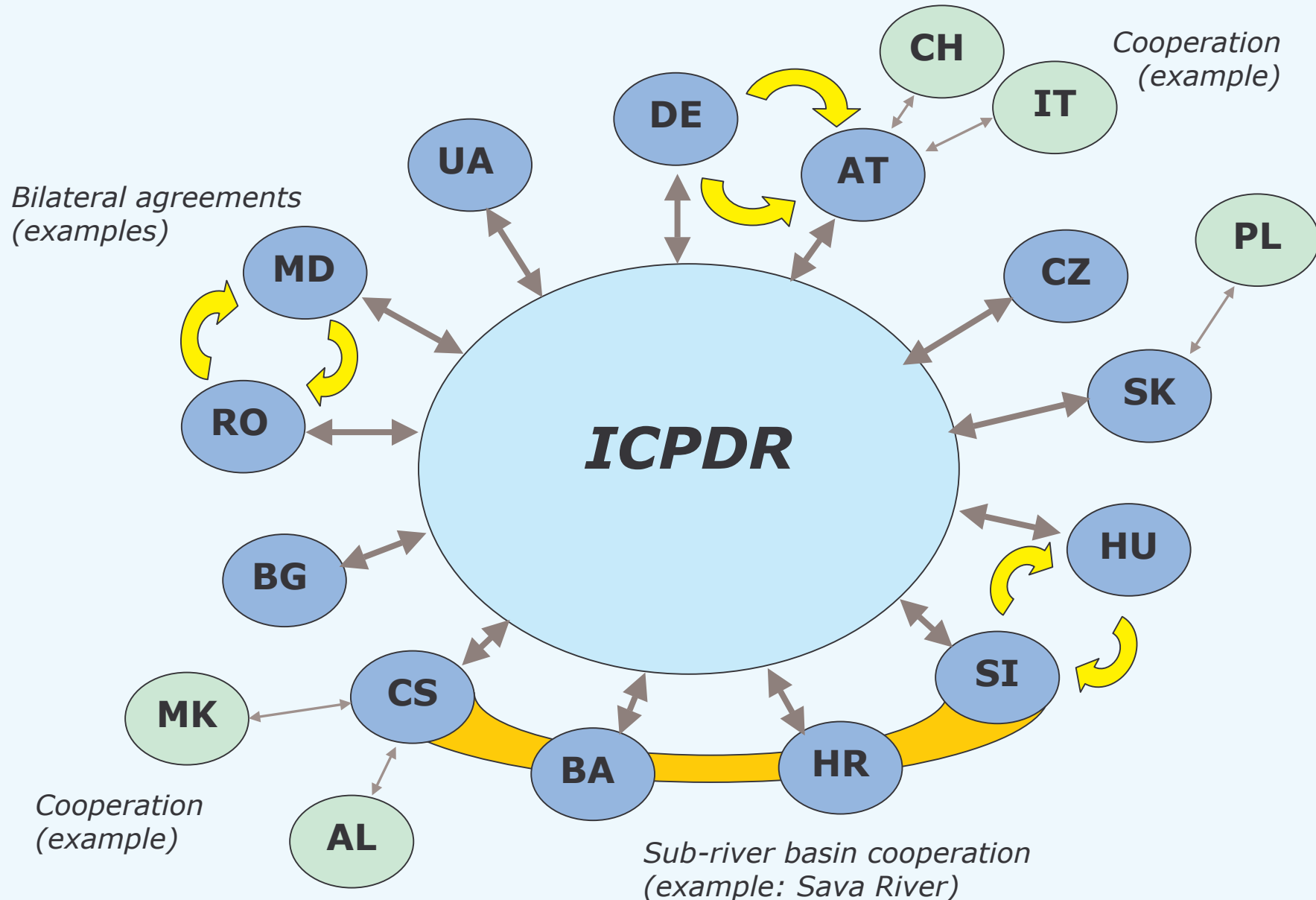


EU Water Framework Directive

**ICPDR has been nominated the platform
to develop the Danube River Basin
Management Plan.**



WFD Implementation



What is Public Participation?

Allowing the public to influence the outcome of plans and working processes.

It IS NOT about:

- everybody joining
- always participation
- achieving consensus at all costs
- everybody deciding

It IS about:

- two-way communication
- flexible process
- no pre-determined outcome
- management of expectations



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ICPDR PP process



April 2002: „Issue Paper on PP for the Implementation of the WFD in the DRB“ by WWF and GWP

April 2003: PP Workshop in Bratislava with 50 participants from all over the Danube River Basin

Jun/Nov 2003:- Danube River Basin Strategy for PP in RBM Planning (short PP Strategy)

- ICPDR Operational Plan 2004, 2005



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ICPDR Operational Plan (1)

Phase I („information“)

- Stakeholder analysis
- Communication Network between countries
- Public Participation Network between countries
- Launching of International Danube Day - June 29
- Update of the ICPDR website (under way)



ICPDR Operational Plan (2)

Phase II (“facilitate active participation”)

- WFD Brochure (outcomes of the Roof Report 2004) in English/national languages
- Revision of the Guidelines for Participants with Consultative Status and for Observers to the ICPDR
- Stakeholder Forum 2005 – June 2005
Hearing for stakeholders; presentation of Roof Report 2004; discuss pressures and impacts



Danube Day, June 29



- „Danube Solidarity“
- connect people
 - joining forces





More than 300 events
throughout the Danube
with wide participation



Danube River Basin Stakeholder Conference



- Inform the international stakeholder groups about the possibility to participate in ICPDR
- Discuss the strategic documents of the ICPDR
- Get a feedback on findings of the Roof Report 2004 (issues of concern)
- Discuss the ICPDR Flood Action Programme and the next steps
- Celebrate Danube Day 2005



Danube River Basin Stakeholder Conference



- Draft Conference Report by mid July
- Feedback round for participants until mid Sept.
- Feedback forms for interested stakeholder groups
- Conference Report ready by end September
- Conference outcomes will be taken into account when developing the DRB Management Plan
- Regular feedback to interested stakeholders



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WFD Timetable

- 2003 - Transposition into national legislation
- 2003 - Identification of River Basin District
- 2004 – Danube Analysis (Roof & National Reports)
- 2006 - Monitoring programmes operational
- 2006 - Start public participation process
- 2006 - Publish work programme of RBM Plan
- 2007 - Publish report on important water issues
- 2008 - Publish Draft RBM Plan



2 ways to be active

- Providing feedback to published documents (conferences, feedback forms, through website)
- Become accredited observer to the ICPDR (active involvement in the development of the DRBM Plan, Expert Groups)



**We are looking forward
your questions
your feedback
your input**

