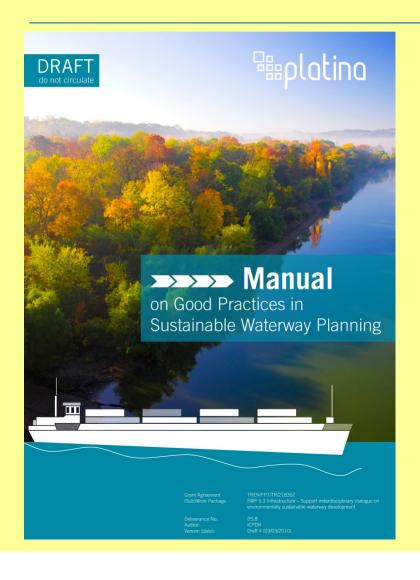
#### 2nd Meeting on the Follow-up of the Joint Statement on Navigation and Environment in the Danube RB







Sub-work Package 5.3
Interdisciplinary Dialogue on IWT infrastructure

Alexander Zinke, ICPDR Project Manager for Navigation Zagreb, 9-10 March 2010

### Preparation of the Manual



#### Preparatory Steps since 2008

Assessment of the status quo in IWT planning Identification of examples of best practise planning Identification of the concrete needs for better planning Drafting the Manual in 2009

#### Detail development

Discussion of first draft Manual at 2 stakeholder workshops (interdiscipl. dialogue using concrete model cases)

End 2009: Revision of the draft by ICPDR, VIA & BOKU Early 2010: Finalisation of a *user-friendly* Manual (incl. commenting of advanced draft) and publication/dissemination. 2011: Review workshop on experience with Manual application.



## Manual objectives

Illustrate the *Joint Statement* with its principles & criteria

Present **new legal framework conditions** for river management

Present new approaches in integrated planning

Provide a general practical guidance for integrated planning

**Examples** ecology-oriented waterway and river bed engineering



# Preparation of the Manual - Zagreb & Ruse workshop results



#### 1. Target groups

- + IWT Planners
- + Beneficiaries (various relevant government bodies, competent national and international stakeholders, experts and the EC)

#### 2. Manual contents

- + Suggested structure and subjects meet expectations & needs
- + Tool to find a well coordinated and balanced project result
- + Follow the JS and a "red line" of process and main themes
- + Add an exclusive list of "good practise" examples
- + A lean and living document (practical annex) to be translated
- + Links, contacts.



### Manual Structure

Part A: Introduction, benefits, policy & legal background

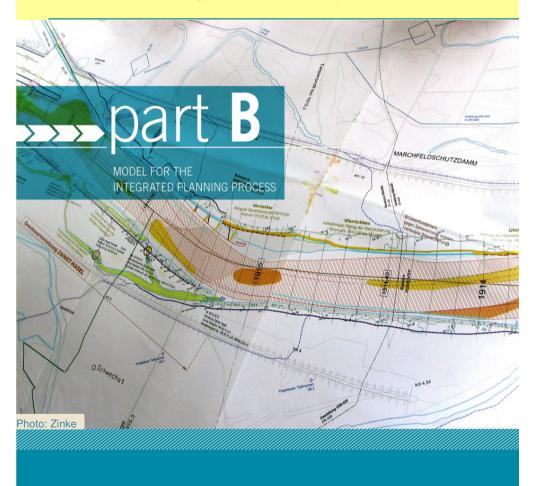
Part B: Illustration of key steps securing successful planning incl. preparation, organisation, result sustainability

Part C: Basics of river ecology and legal requirements
Illustrating examples of integrated planning and of
measures in- and outside the fairway

References, useful links

## Main guidance

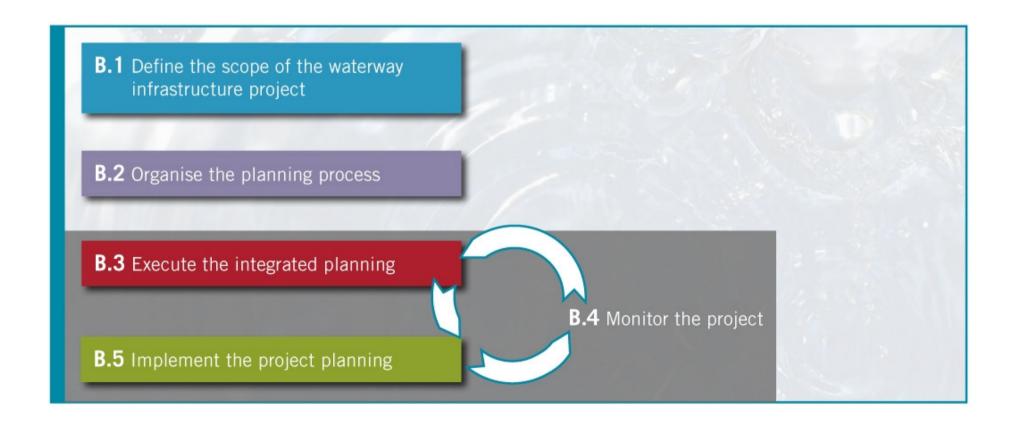
(based on other guidances and various experiences)



#### The essential features for integrated planning are:

- Identify integrated project objectives incorporating IWT aims, environmental needs and the objectives of other uses of the river reach such as nature protection, flood management and fisheries;
- Integrate relevant stakeholders from the initial scoping phase of a project;
- Carry out an integrated planning process to translate the IWT and environment objectives into concrete project measures securing win-win results;
- Conduct comprehensive environmental monitoring prior, during and after the project works, enabling an adaptive implementation approach if necessary.

## Five planning stages



## 1. Prepare the planning



**B.1** Define the scope of the waterway **B.1.1** Identify transport needs **B.1.7** Identify and involve relevant stakeholders; communicate with the public infrastructure project **B.1.2** Identify environmental needs **B.1.3** Identify other land and water uses and **B.1.4** Identify potential transboundary issues **B.1.5** Identify the integrated project objectives and benefits **B.1.6** Ensure financial means for the project **B.2** Organise the planning process **B.3** Execute the integrated planning **B.4** Monitor the project **B.5** Implement the project planning



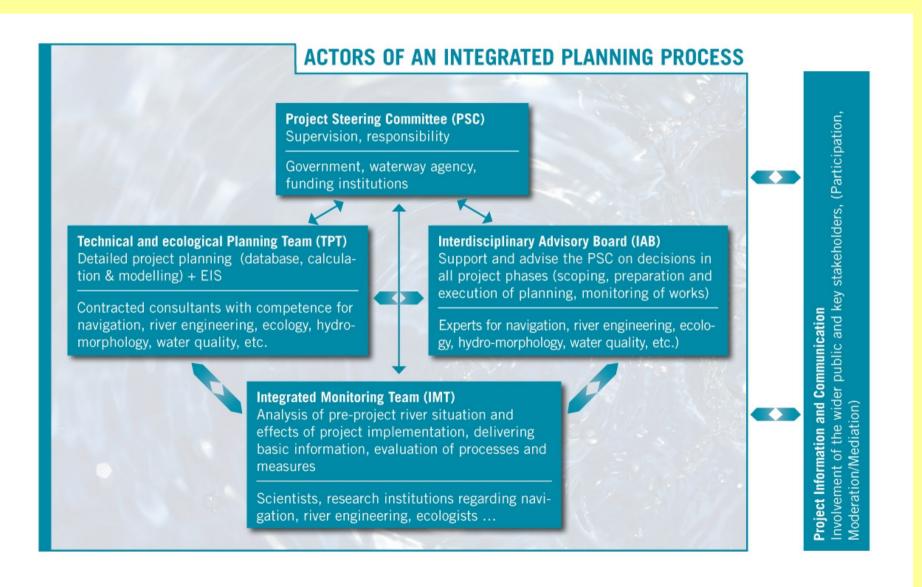


## 2. Set up the planning teams





## Recommended planning bodies



### 3. Do integrated planning





**Define joint Planning Objectives and Principles** 



#### Carry out the detailed planning of measures

- · technical and ecological options
- plan alternatives
- · variants of chosen alternatives
- local examination and/or testing
- · priority ranking



Conclude the integrated planning process (communicate and adopt results)



Execute the EIA process and apply for environmental permits

Project developers should use these steps to create a dedicated **Road Map** for the planning process of their IWT project.

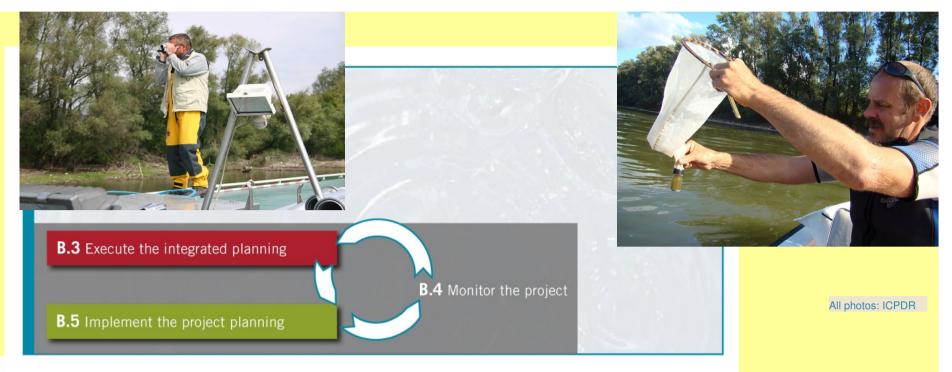
# 4. Monitor5. Implement

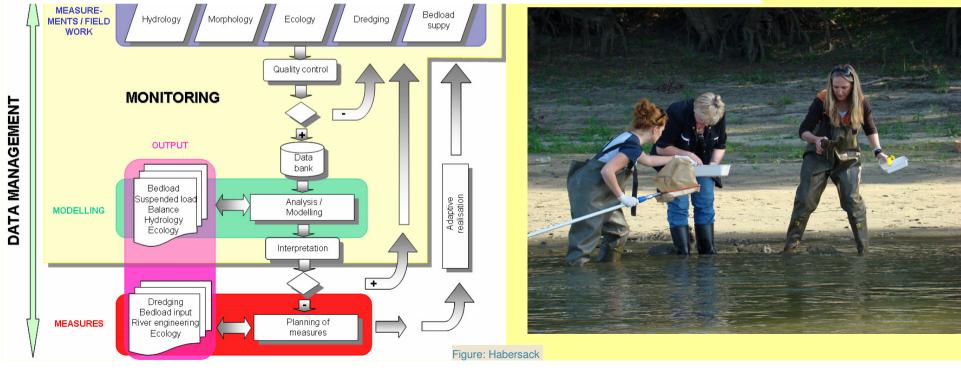




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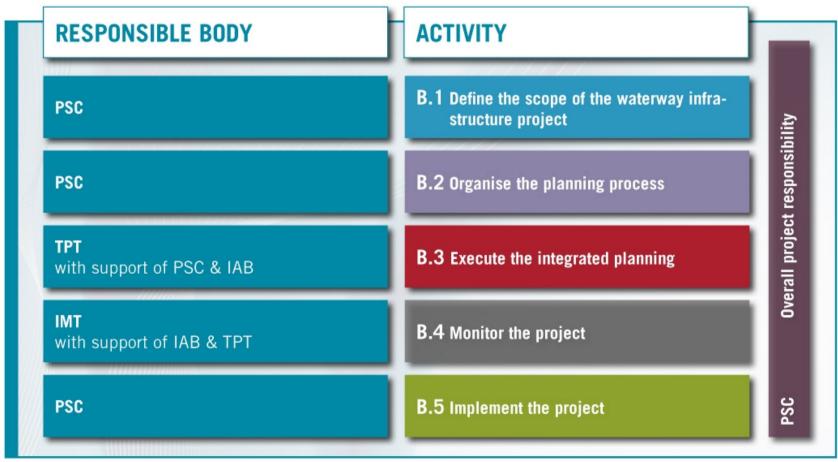






# Keep an eye on responsibilities and tasks





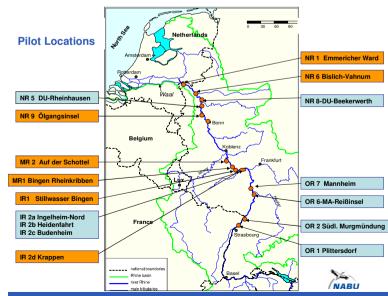
# Take important aspects into account





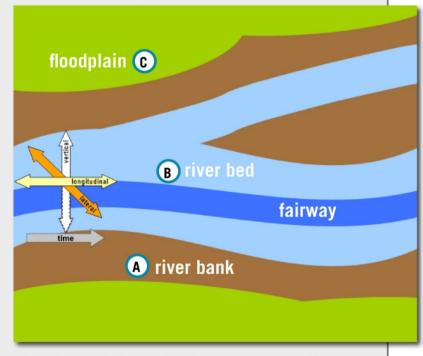
Make use of available knowledge & practical experiences

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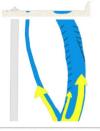
#### A RIVER BANKS / NEAR BANKZONE

- 1. Alternative groyne types
- 2. Restored / unprotected banks
- B RIVER BED / FAIRWAY
- 1. Granulometric bed improvement
- 2. Chevrons
- © FLOODPLAINS
- 1. Reconnection of side-arms
- 2. Preservation / restoration of floodplains



Classification of river engineering measures according to their location

LOCATION		FLOODPLAINS				
Type of measure		Reconnection of side-arms				
Goals of measure	TECHNICAL	Emphasizing flood retention (hydrological), lowered water level at higher discharges Sediment input Reduced shear stress in main channel				
	ECOLOGICAL	Permanent connection of the side-arm system (at low flow) Improvement of the ecological conditions (especially at the river banks and the side-arms) Sustainable sediment budget in the side-arm system Permanent refugial areas, protection against wave influences				
Requirements	TECHNICAL	Connectivity at low flow  No aggradation at the upstream connection/end  More sediment output than input				
	ECOLOGICAL	Leitbild-oriented hydrology (low flow <-> floods) and morphodynamics No/minor restrictions for the side-arm development No discontinuities of bed-, water level- and energy slope				
	M medium influence	Technical effects (fairway) Ecological effects (side-arms)				
Effects	HYDRAULICS	water level	L*	decreased water level at high flow	Н	increased water level -> permanent connection with main channel
		flow velocity	L*	decreased flow velocity at high flow	Н	habitat diversity, refugial habitats, higher flow velocities
		shear stress	L*	decreased shear stress at high flow	Н	drift of macroinvertebrates to suitable habitats, higher shear stress
	SEDIMENT TRANSPORT	transport capacity	L*	decreased transport capacity at high flow	Н	increased transport capacity
	RIVER MORPHOLOGY		М	minor technical measures for bed stabilisation	М	increased morphodynamics, habitat diversity
Risks	Sedimentation of side-arms					
Notes /	Not enough morphodynamics					
Monitoring			Monitoring of morphology, flow velocity / discharge measurements, suspended sediments			
Interrelation with other measure types			Restoration of floodplains, restoration of banks, groynes			
Examples / Photos						





Reference

Integrated River Engineering Project Danube East of Vienna (viadonau & DonauConsult, 2009) (http://www.donau.bmvit.gv.at) (Danube/AT)

<sup>\*</sup>depends on discharge in side-arms

### JS Criteria for river engineering

The designers of technical measures should apply:

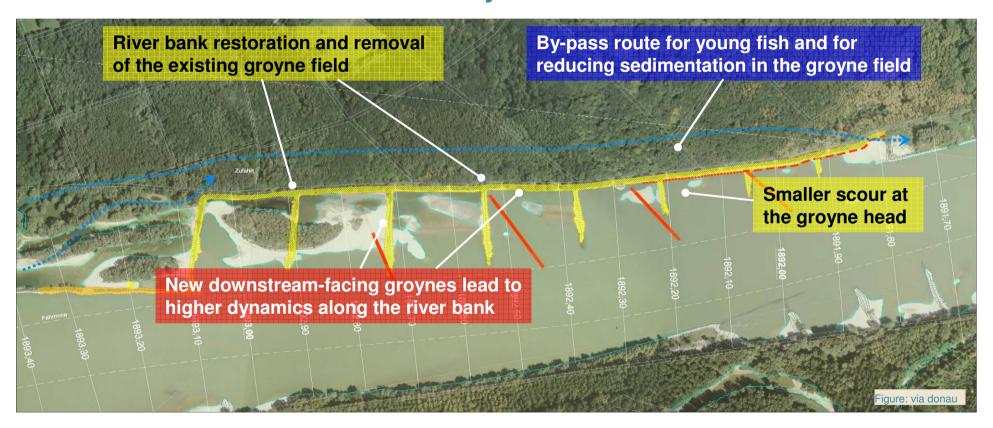
- Case-by-case approach
- Working with nature
- Integrated design (hydraulics, morphology and ecology)
- > Adaptive form of measures
- Use of restoration potential
- Ensure no worsening of flood water levels

JS – Annex 2: Examples of possible measures



## Ex. reconstruction of Groynes

### Austrian Danube Pilot Project Witzelsdorf



- Removal of old groynes and river bank restoration
- Construction of new groynes

#### Restored river banks

Improving riverine ecology while maintaining or improving navigability



Photos: via donau



Down-sized groynes

Reconnected side-arms



## Perspective



Today, waterway administrations face a widening scope of tasks and responsibilities (e.g. WFD *implementation*). Modern waterway management requires them to do different planning, plans and works than in the past, and to dispose of a diverse range of technical staff. Agencies can become a service point for various users, supervisor of complex river projects, competence center for fairway management and river ecology.

# The Manual aims to be one of the new tools

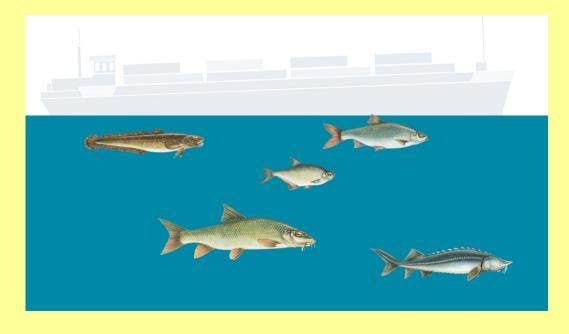
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