

Strengthening Stakeholder Involvement in the Tisza River Basin

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Overall Public Participation Approach in Danube Basin

ICPDR Public Participation Strategy, 2003-2009

- Developed in cooperation with NGOs and stakeholders, June 2003
- EU Water Framework Directive's obligations

Objectives:

- to ensure public participation in implementation of WFD in the Danube River Basin
- to facilitate establishment of effective structures and mechanisms for PP
- to provide guidance and practical support to national governments to comply with WFD
- to inform key stakeholders about appropriate PP activities and structures at different levels (Danube Basin, sub-basin, national, local)

International agreements including Aarhus Convention, EU Directives, national legislation, institutional framework



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Public/Stakeholder involvement in the Tisza River Basin

- Tisza Group using Danube PP Strategy framework - no specific strategy approved
- Ongoing involvement of stakeholders in developing Tisza Analysis and ITRBMP process
- Forms:
 - Observers in Tisza Group (WWF, REC, DEF, GWP, etc.) –active participation
 - Specific stakeholder workshops - consultation
 - Projects involving various levels of stakeholders (e.g. UNDP/GEF Tisza project)
 - Opportunity to comment via electronic means
 - Information of stakeholders – web site, summary RBMP 2009, publications



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Next steps and challenges for implementation of ITRBMP

Next steps: Implementation, monitoring and reporting on progress –how to involve stakeholders?

- More coordinated strategic approach and implementation steps needed for stakeholder information, involvement and communication
 - Planning and resources to support objectives and tasks
- Different levels need to be targeted in a harmonized approach (sub-basin, national, local)
- Reaching out to key stakeholders including agriculture and industries/activities with impact
- More proactive approach needed by CSOs at different levels



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Next steps and challenges for implementation of ITRBMP

- Better cooperation between Tisza Group and Public Participation Expert Group – joint actions
- Establishing a sub-group
- Bottom up approach – local community initiatives
- Need for community, CSO projects



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