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# Terms of Reference of the Pressures and Measures Expert Group (PM EG)

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## 1. Introduction

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- 1.1 The PM EG is an Expert Body of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).
- 1.2 The ToR provides a mandate to the PM EG to take action in the subject areas described below. The ToR also provides guidance to the work, which the PM EG is expected to undertake, and to its general working arrangements.

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## 2. Objective

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The overall objective of the P&M EG is to support ICPDR activities to reduce or eliminate, as far as possible, pollution from point and diffuse sources, and other significant pressures. This includes description and quantification of pressures, proposals for measures to address them and the assessment of their effect.

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## 3. Responsibilities

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- 3.1 The P&M EG is responsible for initiating, guiding and ensuring the successful completion of the work required under its ToR.
- 3.2 The P&M EG will report regularly to the ICPDR and its Standing Working Group on the implementation of ongoing activities, on proposed activities and the results achieved.
- 3.3 Establishment - subject to the approval of the ICPDR or its Standing Working Group - and guidance of time limited Task Groups to provide needed input to fulfil the tasks listed below.
- 3.3 Proposed activities with policy or financial implications for the ICPDR must be approved, in advance, by the ICPDR.

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## 4. Main tasks of the PM EG

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The PM EG is entrusted to carry out the following main tasks:

- 4.1 Provide guidance on the harmonised compilation of inventories of discharges, emissions and losses of priority substances requested under Art 5. of the EQS Directive
- 4.2 Develop, compile and maintain inventories of pollution sources

- 4.3 Prepare and maintain a basin-wide harmonised inventory of discharges, emissions and losses of priority substances of basin wide importance;
- 4.4 Prepare basin-wide compilation of nutrients inputs from point and diffuse sources;
- 4.5 Set up program of measures to address the organic and nutrients pollution and assess their effectiveness through MONERIS model
- 4.6 Develop proposals and assessment of measures addressing substance inputs including substance use-specific measures (e.g. phosphates in detergents, accidental pollution, oil and chemical pollution);
- 4.7 Develop electronic tools for task 4.2 - 4.6 for both data collection and information exchange and dissemination;
- 4.8 Maintain and update, in cooperation with MA EG, the list of Danube Priority Substances; Prepare inputs for the relevant WFD implementation documents in close cooperation with the other EGs;
- 4.9 Prepare, as appropriate, projects proposals in support of its tasks
- 4.10 Review its ToR on a regular basis and propose amendments for approval by the ICPDR;
- 4.11 Prepare a Work Programme for future activities of the P&M EG. This will be prepared according to the requirements of the ICPDR and should include action(s) planned for the following year (in detail), and for subsequent years (in outline);
- 4.12 Prepare appropriate information about P&M EG activities for dissemination to interested bodies and the public in close cooperation with the PP EG.

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## 5. Cooperation with other ICPDR bodies

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The P&M EG will collaborate closely with all other EGs, in particular the RBM EG and the MA EG.

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## 6. Membership

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- 6.1 The P&M EG consists of the representatives as nominated by the Contracting Parties to be a standing member of the PM EG. Additional experts may also participate in meetings if their particular specialist knowledge is required.
- 6.2 Each Contracting Party may propose candidates (one or more) to participate in time-limited Task Groups organised to address specific issues.
- 6.3 Representatives of other organisations may become accredited observers to the P&M EG and/or its Task Groups by following the relevant procedures of the ICPDR relating to observer status.

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## 7. Working Arrangements

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The general working arrangements for the P&M EG are provided by the ICPDR Rules of Procedure.