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Description of the Position

The expert is part of a team of experts that provides technical support for the Contracting Parties, and to the River Basin Management Expert Group in particular, on issues related to river basin management. The expert will coordinate work on the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive and other tasks associated with river basin management in the ICPDR and ensure the necessary technical and expert input.

He or she will be responsible in collaboration with the other members of the Secretariat, the RBM EG and other EGs to compile and edit technical reports concerning methodology and conceptual development of the steps to be undertaken in implementing, reviewing and updating the River Basin Management Plan. In addition, the expert will assist in ensuring that the countries of the Danube River Basin are able to provide the necessary inputs to the reporting required under the Convention and the EU WFD, and in implementing, reviewing and updating the Danube River Basin Management Plan (DRBMP).

The specific tasks may in future be adjusted on the basis of a revised ICPDR Work Programme. The time period of employment is three years with an option of another three-year extension upon satisfactory performance.

Key Qualifications

- Knowledge about and professional experience with the EU WFD and other EU Directives related to water management.
- Familiar with EU and international legislation on water and other relevant international conventions.
- Knowledge about and professional experience in monitoring, analysis, data processing and evaluation in the field of river basin management, water resource management, water quality, emission assessment and freshwater ecology.
- Knowledge and experience on water management issues in the Danube River basin.
- Professional experience working with international/interdisciplinary teams and as a facilitator to reach specific implementation tasks.

Attitudes

- Interest and enthusiasm to work in a team.
- Willing to travel with short notice.
- Willing to perform tasks outside professional fields as and when required/requested.
- Good communication skills.

Tasks

- Technical co-ordination, support and advice to the RBM EG and associated Task Groups.
- Particular guidance for the implementation of the EU WFD.
- Support the RBM EG to establish and maintain conceptual guidance for the implementation, review and update of the DRBMP.
- Advising technical experts and EGs on relevant EU Directives and Regulations.
- Coordination and support of any of the other Expert Groups under the ICPDR as required.
- Promotion of exchange of information between the members of the Expert Group, the liaison with Contracting Parties and other related institutions.
- Project management where necessary.

Qualification requirements

- Preferably 5 years of experience in the field of water resource management, water quality, and freshwater ecology;
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- Interdisciplinary environmental university degree (MSc) or equivalent covering both hydro-biological and technical aspects;
- Fluency in English and one language of the Danube River Basin, preferably German.