Terms of Reference of the ad hoc Strategic Expert Group (ad hoc S EG) of the ICPDR¹

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1. Introduction
1.1 The ad hoc S EG is an Expert Body of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), which meets on specific request by the ICPDR or its Standing Working Group.
1.2 The ToR provide a mandate to the ad hoc S EG to take action in the subject areas described below. The ToR also provide guidance to the work, which the ad hoc S EG is expected to undertake, and to its general working arrangements.

2. Objective
The overall objective of the ad hoc S EG is to support ICPDR activities of a strategic, legal or administrative nature.

3. Responsibilities
3.1 The ad hoc S EG is responsible for guiding and ensuring the successful completion of the work required under its ToR.
3.2 The ad hoc S EG will report to the ICPDR and its Standing Working Group on the implementation of ongoing activities, on proposed activities and the results achieved.
3.3 Proposed activities with policy or financial implications for the ICPDR must be approved in advance by the ICPDR.

4. Main tasks of the ad hoc S EG
The ad hoc S EG is entrusted to carry out the following main tasks:
4.1 develop and, if needed, review ICPDR legal and administrative documents (i.a. Rules of Procedure, Financial Rules, Rules for Observership, Terms of Reference of Expert Groups);
4.2 advise the ICPDR on the interpretation and application of the DRPC and its subsidiary legal documents;
4.3 elaborate proposals for other questions of a legal, administrative, financial or organisational nature.

5. Cooperation with other ICPDR bodies
The ad hoc S EG will collaborate with and support the work of other ICPDR Expert Bodies.

6. Membership
6.1 The ad hoc S EG consists of the representatives as nominated by the Contracting Parties to be a standing member of the ad hoc S EG. Additional experts may also participate in meetings if their particular specialist knowledge is required.
6.2 Representatives of other organisations may, on a case by case basis, participate in a meeting as observers following the relevant procedures of the ICPDR relating to such observer status.

7. Working Arrangements
The general working arrangements for the ad hoc S EG are provided by the ICPDR Rules of Procedure.