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

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1. Introduction

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

2. Objective

The overall objective of the PM EG is to support ICPDR activities to reduce or eliminate, as far as possible, pollution from point and diffuse sources related to the PM EG relevant Significant Water Management Issues. This includes identification, description and quantification of pressures, elaborating proposals for measures to address them and the assessment of the effect of the measures. The PM EG also contributes to the ICPDR work on implementing the EU WFD at the basin-wide level in cooperation with other EGs.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 The PM EG is responsible for initiating, guiding and ensuring the successful completion of the work required under its ToR.
- 3.2 The PM 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 The PM EG is responsible for the 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.
- 3.4 Proposed activities with policy or financial implications for the ICPDR must be approved, in advance, by the ICPDR.

4. Main tasks of the PM EG

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

- 4.1 Perform assessments on organic and nutrient emissions from point and diffuse sources.
- 4.2 Perform assessments on inputs of the WFD priority substances and other hazardous substances of basin wide importance.

- 4.3 Facilitate and support the harmonised compilation of inventories of discharges, emissions and losses of priority substances requested under Art 5. of the EQS Directive.
- 4.4 Develop, compile and maintain inventories of pollution sources integrated into DanubeGIS in close cooperation with the IMGIS EG.
- 4.5 Develop management objectives, set up program of measures to address the organic, nutrients and hazardous substances pollution, develop management scenarios over different time periods and assess their effectiveness at the basin-wide level.
- 4.6 Develop proposals for substance use-specific measures to reduce pollution at source (e.g. phosphates in detergents).
- 4.7 Develop proposals for criteria/indicators to monitor progress in terms of pollution reduction and measure implementation and perform assessments on the development.
- 4.8 Develop, maintain and update approaches and tools for data collection and for the related assessments and ensure interface to the DanubeGIS.
- 4.9 Maintain and update, in cooperation with MA EG, the list of Danube River Basin-specific Substances and propose adaptations of the ICPDR monitoring programs (e.g. TNMN, JDS) according to the PM EG needs.
- 4.10 Collect data, prepare assessments and provide contributions for the relevant WFD documents in close cooperation with the RBM EG.
- 4.11 Prepare, as appropriate, project proposals in support of its tasks and follow up on project implementation.
- 4.12 Provide a platform for information exchange (e.g. workshops) on pollution related issues (e.g. case studies, good practices, emission modelling, implementation costs, financing issues, EC Reports) and for developing guidelines and recommendations (e.g. for policy tools, programmes, best environmental practices and best available techniques) related to future pressures.
- 4.13 Review its ToR on a regular basis and propose amendments for approval by the ICPDR.
- 4.14 4.15 Prepare a Work Programme for future activities of the PM EG This will be prepared according to the requirements of the ICPDR and should include action(s) planned for the following three years.
- 4.16 Prepare appropriate information about PM EG activities and results for dissemination to interested bodies and the public in close cooperation with the PP EG.

5. Cooperation with other ICPDR bodies

The PM EG will collaborate closely with all other ICPDR Expert Bodies, as appropriate.

6. Membership

- 6.1 The PM 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 PM EG and/or its Task Groups by following the relevant procedures of the ICPDR relating to observer status.

7. Working Arrangements

The general working arrangements for the PM EG are provided by the ICPDR Rules of Procedure.