

Results of Working Group 2

(20 participants)

1. Targets of the Manual

Target groups (may vary in each country) and lessons learned (benefits for target groups):

Responsible gvmt. bodies (also organising the planning process)

The project planners

The interested public (related stakeholders and wider public).

1. Targets of the Manual (2)

Responsible government bodies (competent planners) in relation to relevant EU Directives and intl. Law:

Min. Transport, Min. Water, Min. Environment (in BA no such specific ministry), Min. Regl. Devt. and others;
IWT and ENV agencies.

Beneficiaries

Port authorities (in BA district of Brcko)

Local authorities

NGOs: environment, shipping, dredging (improve contact with Gvmt.!)

Private sector (port operators, consultants)

Experts from e.g. science, river engineering, boat building.

2. Contents of Manual

Short Manual in several languages.

Practical example cases where nature is “extremely” affected in positive way and strongly damaged; both improving navigation and improving the environment.

Identify the themes to be addressed in the planning (beyond technical aspects: RBMP, erosion – floodplain devlt., lateral connectivity).

Road map to address wider aspects and problems beyond infrastructure (fleet, river basin development).

Climate change effects and adaptive capacities.

2. Contents of Manual (2)

Cost implications for application of Manual.

Available documents (e.g. training tools) to be referred to.

Summary template of key case study features.

Specific guidance for planning principles application (new engineering structures).

Illustrations and pictures.

Red line of the Manual: define key terms, which other plans need to be addressed in IWT planning; capacities needed.

First assess current river status.

Do not present all legal aspects but keep it a lean document.

Aim first at a vision before going into technical aspects.

2. Contents of Manual (3)

Chapter on advantages and challenges of IWT for environment.

Contacts and links. Expert team to be consulted on certain project aspects.

Identify what would be a win for each involved partner (e.g. IWT, flood protection, drinking water etc.).

Assure public participation (e.g. use GEF-DRP manual).

Include an overview of river functions.

List of EC Directives and intl. Conventions.

Data gap analysis (in annex: tick list of minimum data for a project referring to legal requirements).

2. Contents of Manual (4)

Good practise examples in process and execution. Make available a project database.

How to turn the Manual into ToR? Verification/monitoring and enforcing by contracting authority.

Produce 2 documents: Political part and practical annex (to be updated; incl. vision and monitoring contents; benefits of good practise).