

# **Terms of Reference of the ad hoc Strategic Expert Group (ad hoc S EG) of the ICPDR<sup>1</sup>**

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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.