

ICPDR Operational Plan

**to ensure Public Participation in implementing
the EU Water Framework Directive
on the basin-wide (“roof”) level**

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(consolidated version 2004/2005)*

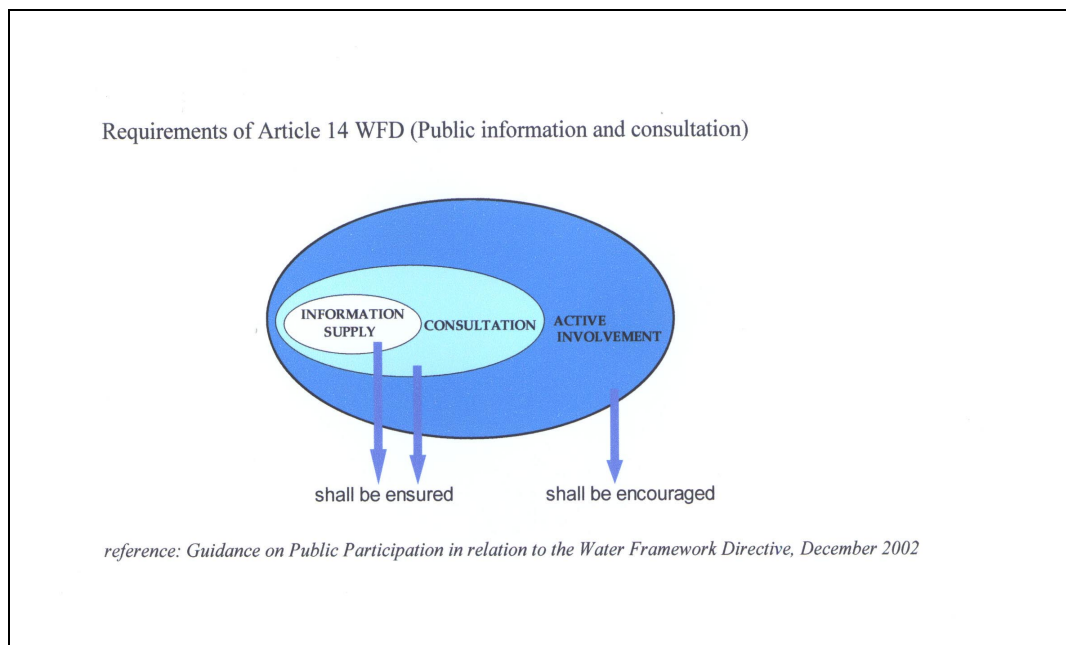
General Outline

The document **ICPDR Operational Plan to ensure Public Participation in implementing the EU Water Framework Directive on a basin-wide (“roof”) level** (short Operational Plan) is based on the “Danube River Basin Strategy for Public Participation in River Basin Management Planning 2003-2009” (see document for background information and further details), and translates the strategic approach into practical activities ready for implementation. It further develops and adapts the activities suggested in the above mentioned document prepared under the guidance of the RBM EG, and based on the results of the PP Workshop held in Bratislava in April 2003.

The Operational Plan follows the timeframe of the WFD and is linked to the Workplan for the Development of the Danube River Basin Management Plan of the ICPDR. It has to be seen as a “living document” since it will be adjusted and further developed in time, to ensure the successful implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive regarding public participation activities. This document is developed under the guidance and in close consultation with the RMB EG.

The activities described in the Operational Plan should not duplicate ongoing and well-functioning ICPDR processes, but make best use of the existing ICPDR structures and mechanisms. All activities should be planned respecting the limited financial resources.

The Operational Plan distinguishes between three different types of public participation (information supply, consultation active involvement), as described by the graph below:



The following table lists the suggested activities on the “roof” level followed by a detailed description of the activities to be carried out during Stage I and II.

STAGE I of public participation process – activities in 2004¹

Activity on behalf of the ICPDR	Type of PP	Completed by
(1) Develop a basic leaflet about the WFD and its implementation in the DRB; in Danube languages; based on an assessment of existing documents	Information supply	02/2004
(2) Good, simple, appealing information on the web; links to other websites, such as the national governments and the EU (the cooperation with governments is of utmost importance)	Information supply	02/2004
(3) Develop a communication network for media; link the press offices of the national governments and provide regular information	Information supply	03/2004
(4) Stakeholder analysis on a regional level (developed for the different levels of involvement, e.g. in ICPDR Expert Groups)	Information supply & consultation	12/2003
(5) Organise a basin-wide Danube Day 2004 (June 29, 10 th anniversary of signing of DRPC), activities in all countries at all levels; outreach programme (cooperation with interest groups, such as DEF, WWF, GWP)	Information supply	ongoing
(6) Further consultation, elaboration and development of the activities of the Operational Plan for stages II-IV under the guidance of the RBM EG (i.e. definition of authority and scope of the Water Council)	Information supply	10/2004

¹ The activities for 2004 have discussed at the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the ICPDR (December 1-2, 2003). Resolution: “The ICPDR approves the 1st stage of the ICPDR Operational Plan for public participation activities in 2004 and encourages the countries and NGOs, stakeholders and other organizations to contribute in accordance with it, in particular on the Danube Day activities.”

STAGE II of public participation process – activities in 2005²

Activity on behalf of the ICPDR	Type of PP	Completed by
<p><u>Stage II (until the end of 2005)</u></p> <p>(1) Publish the Roof Report 2004; on the website of the ICPDR, and as a printed document for further distribution. The Roof Report should be made public actively using the media, conferences, workshops, etc..</p> <p>(2) Good, simple and short leaflet about the outcomes of the Roof Report 2004 for the wider public; if possible this leaflet should be published in the Danube languages.</p> <p>(3) Organise the basin-wide Danube Day 2005 (29 June)* to specially promote the joint efforts of the Danube Countries to develop sustainable water management (promotion of the Roof Report 2004); outreach programme (cooperation with interest groups, such as DEF, WWF, GWP)</p> <p>(4) Further consultation, elaboration and development of the activities of the Operational Plan for the years 2006-2009 under the guidance of the RBM EG (i.e. development of a mechanisms to support, harmonise and fund activities on national and sub-basin level – “external” assistance)</p>	<p>Information supply</p> <p>Information supply</p> <p>Information supply</p> <p>Information supply</p>	<p>01/2005</p> <p>02/2005</p> <p>June 29, 2005</p> <p>11/2005</p>

* subject to confirmation of financing from Contracting Parties

² The activities for 2005 have been discussed at the 2nd Standing Working Group Meeting of the ICPDR (September 16-17, 2004). Resolution: “The Standing Working Group recommends the implementation of Stage II (activities in 2005) of the ICPDR Operational Plan as presented.”