Thematic Area 5: Communication and Public Participation

- Article 14 ‘Public Information and Consultation’ of the EU Water Framework Directive “to encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of the Directive”: Public information and consultation are also stipulated in Articles 9 and 10 of the EU Floods Directive … At the ICPDR however, raising awareness and informing wider our stakeholder groups goes far beyond simply meeting legal obligations. Public consultations facilitated by the ICPDR at the basin-wide level pursue public participation through 5 key activities:

  1. Direct collection of comments, including observers & other stakeholders
  2. Stakeholder consultation workshop
  3. Social media campaign (#HaveYourSay, #OurOpinion#OurDanube)
  4. Online questionnaire
  5. Dissemination of information via website dedicated page, Danube Watch

- An important form of stakeholder involvement is online access to all planning documents throughout every stage of their development. Transparency is of the utmost importance.

- Maintaining a dialogue throughout the day-to-day execution of the plans is similarly vital, and the ICPDR seeks to constantly both inform the public and be informed by the public.

- The EU Floods Directive (Articles 6 & 10) also requires public access to the preliminary flood risk assessment, the flood hazard maps, the flood risk maps and the flood risk management plans.