
Experiences from the Danube River Basin



Focus on Public Participation



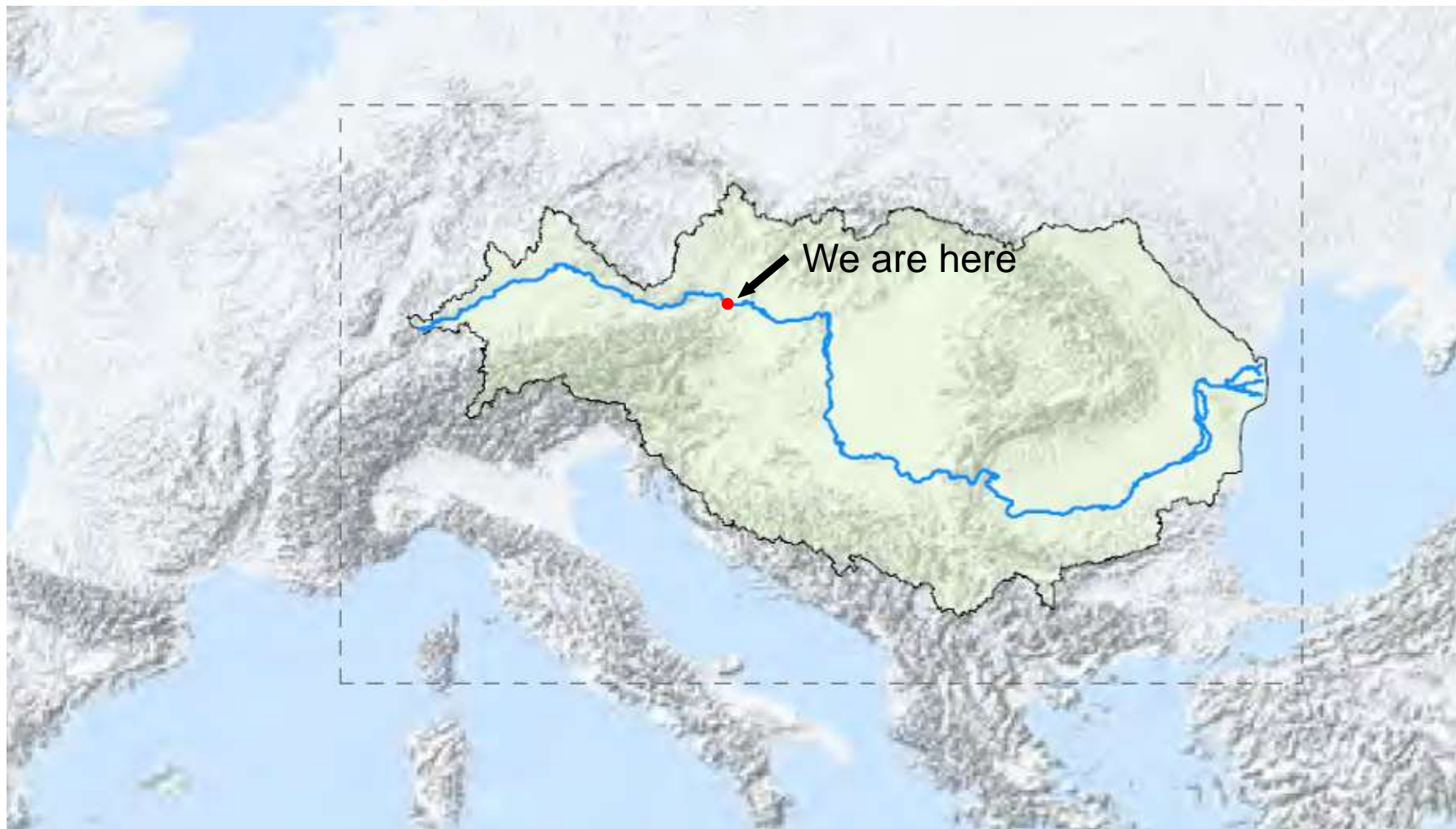
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AGENDA

- ✓ **Where we are**
- ✓ **What we do**
- ✓ **How we do it**
- ✓ **Why we do it**



Danube River Basin



Danube River Basin



■ Lake water bodies (with surface area > 100 km²) ■ > 1,000,000 inhabitants
■ Transitional water bodies

Large variety of natural factors and socio-economic conditions

Contracting Parties



Germany



Austria



Czech Republic



Slovakia



Hungary



Slovenia



Croatia



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Serbia



Montenegro



Romania



Bulgaria



Rep. of Moldova



Ukraine



European Union

Role of the ICPDR



Danube River Protection Convention: 29 June 1994, Sofia



Sustainable & equitable use of water



Protection of water & ecological resources



Reduce nutrients & hazardous substances



Manage floods & ice hazards

- ICPDR (1998): implements the **Convention**
- ICPDR coordinates the implementation of
- EU **Water Framework** Directive (2000) & EU **Floods** Directive (2007)

The ICPDR Approach



is based on two governing principles:

The basin-wide approach is the only approach to properly manage water resources

River Basin Management is the only functioning water management mechanism

The ICPDR backbone

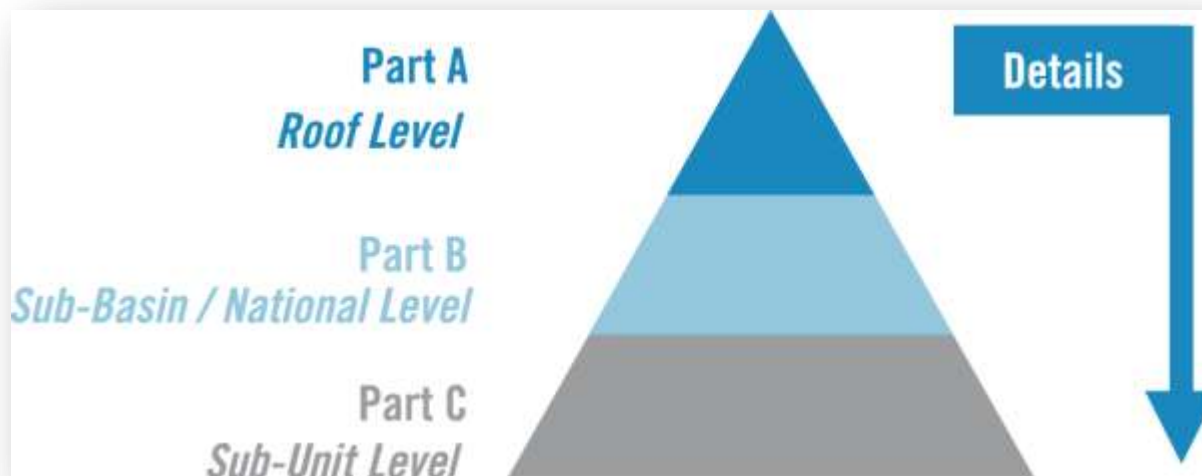


The legal international mandate

The Expert Groups

Public participation

Role of ICPDR regarding WFD & FD implementation



Part A International, **basin-wide** level - the roof level (Danube)

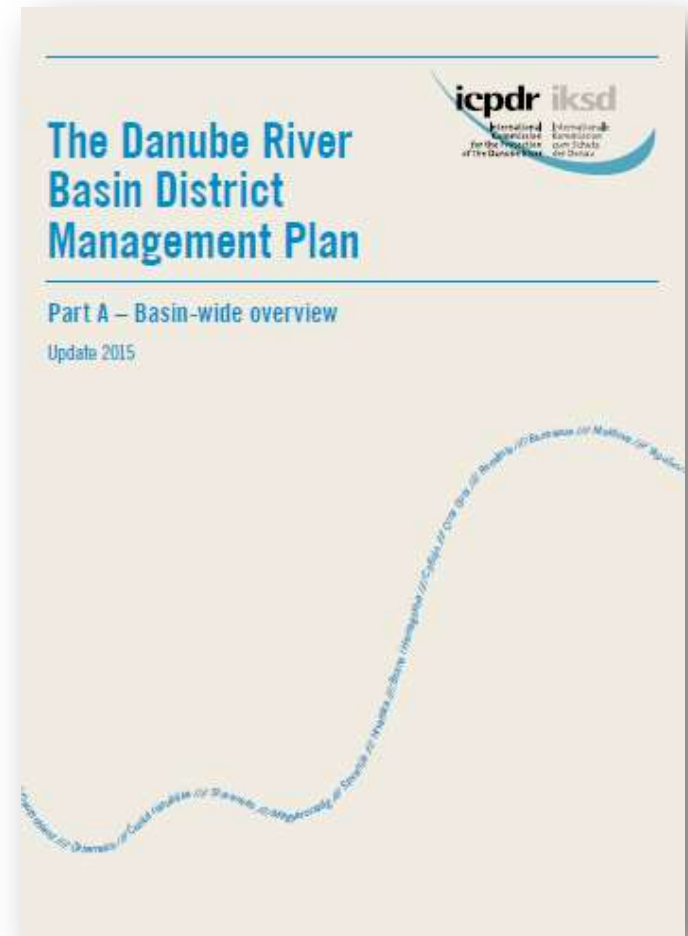
Part B National level and/or the internationally coordinated sub-basin level for selected sub-basins (e.g. Sava and Tisza)

Part C Sub-unit level, defined as management units in the national territory (e.g. sub-catchment)

DRBM Plan – Update 2015

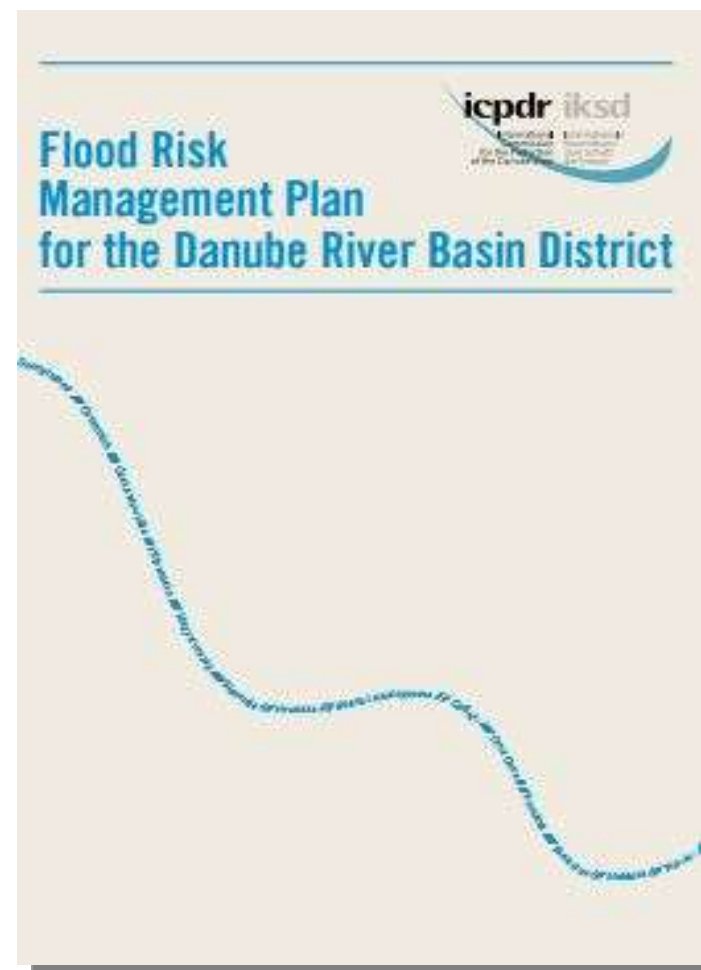


- Determines **priorities** for transboundary water management on the basin-wide level for the period 2015 to 2021
- **Status** assessment of water bodies
- Four **priority issues** identified (SWMIs)
- **Pressures** assessment, Joint Program of **Measures**, sources of **financing**
- **Intersectorial** dialogue and cooperation
- Intensive **stakeholder** dialogue

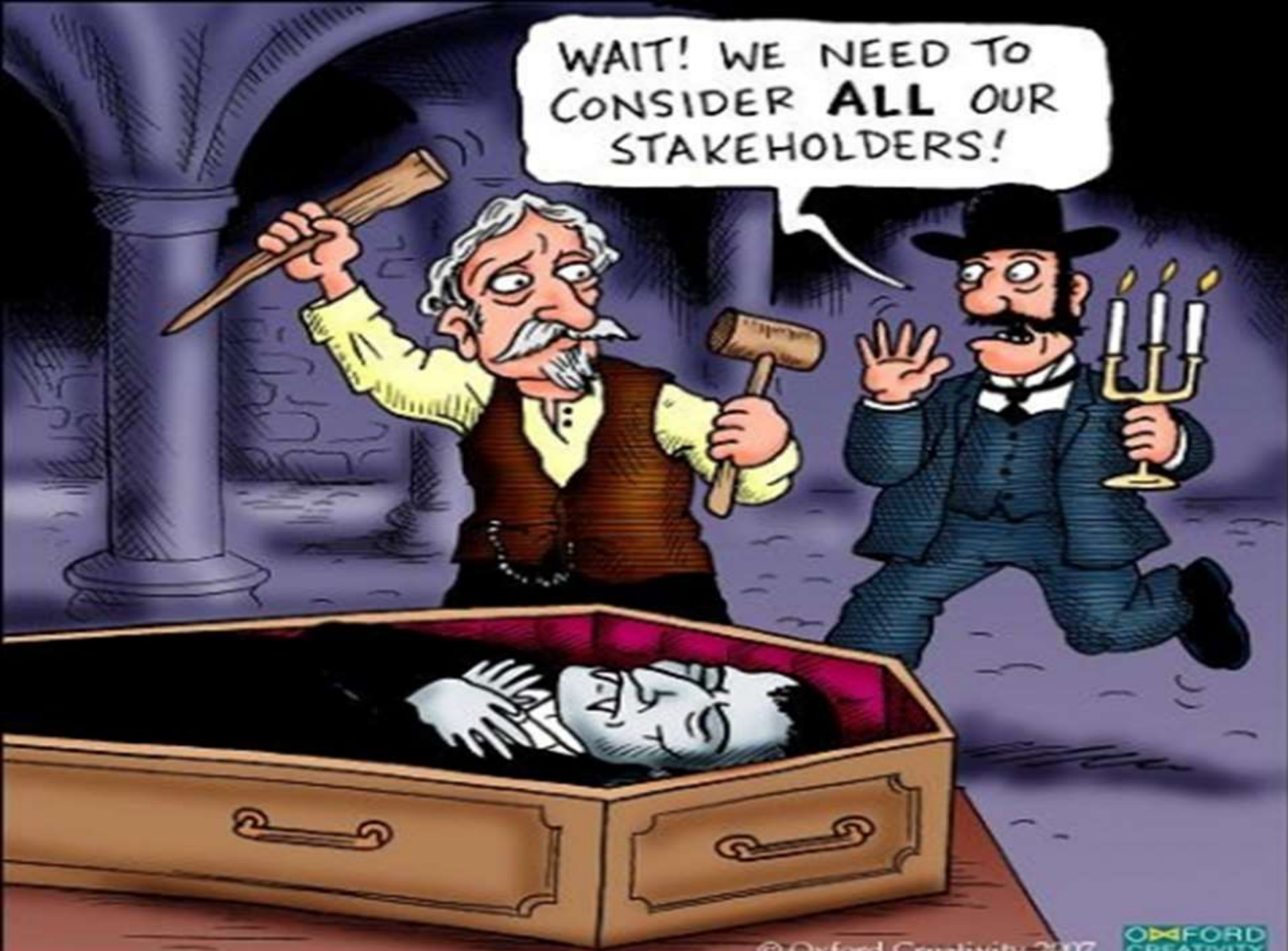


DFRM Plan

- Provides **conclusions** of the preliminary flood risk assessment
- Maps **flood hazard** and flood risks
- Determines **objectives** and provides measures
- Intensive stakeholder dialogue
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Coordination with the WFD
- Assessment of **impacts** of climate change
- **International** coordination
- **Solidarity** principle



WAIT! WE NEED TO
CONSIDER **ALL** OUR
STAKEHOLDERS!



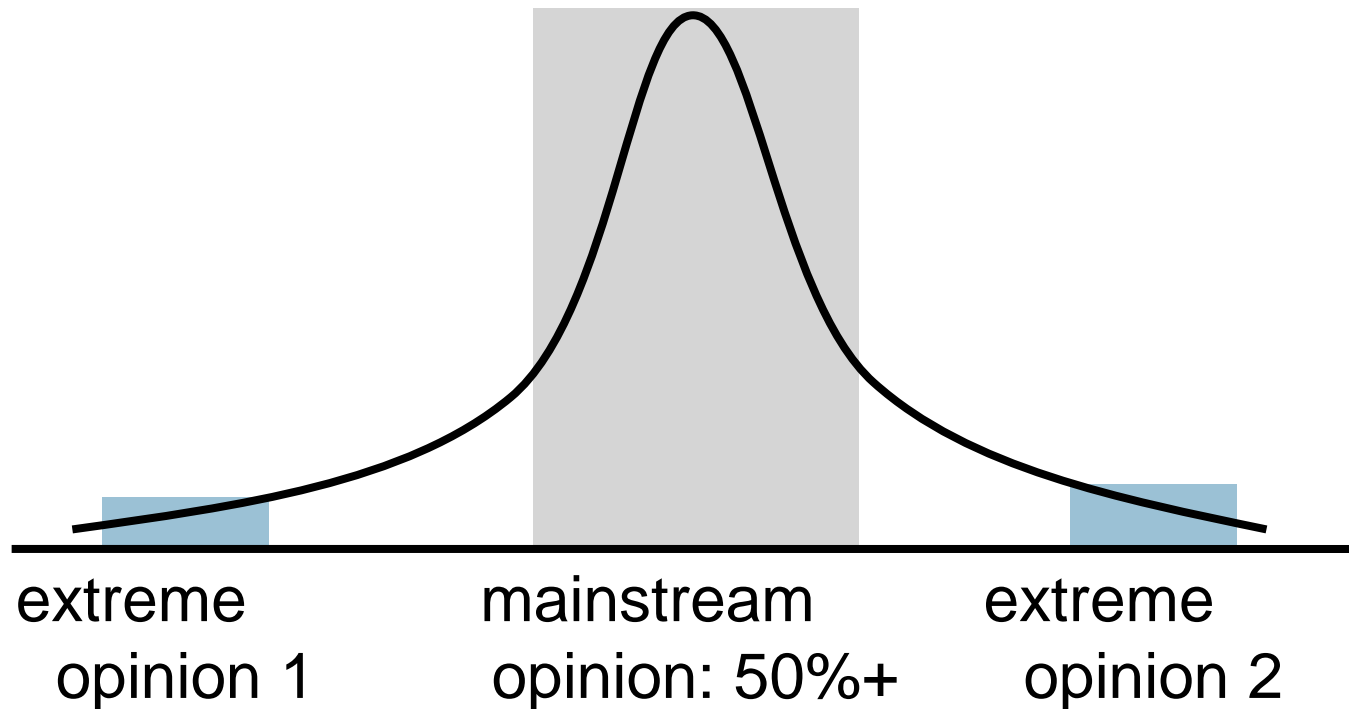
Public participation as a legal requirement



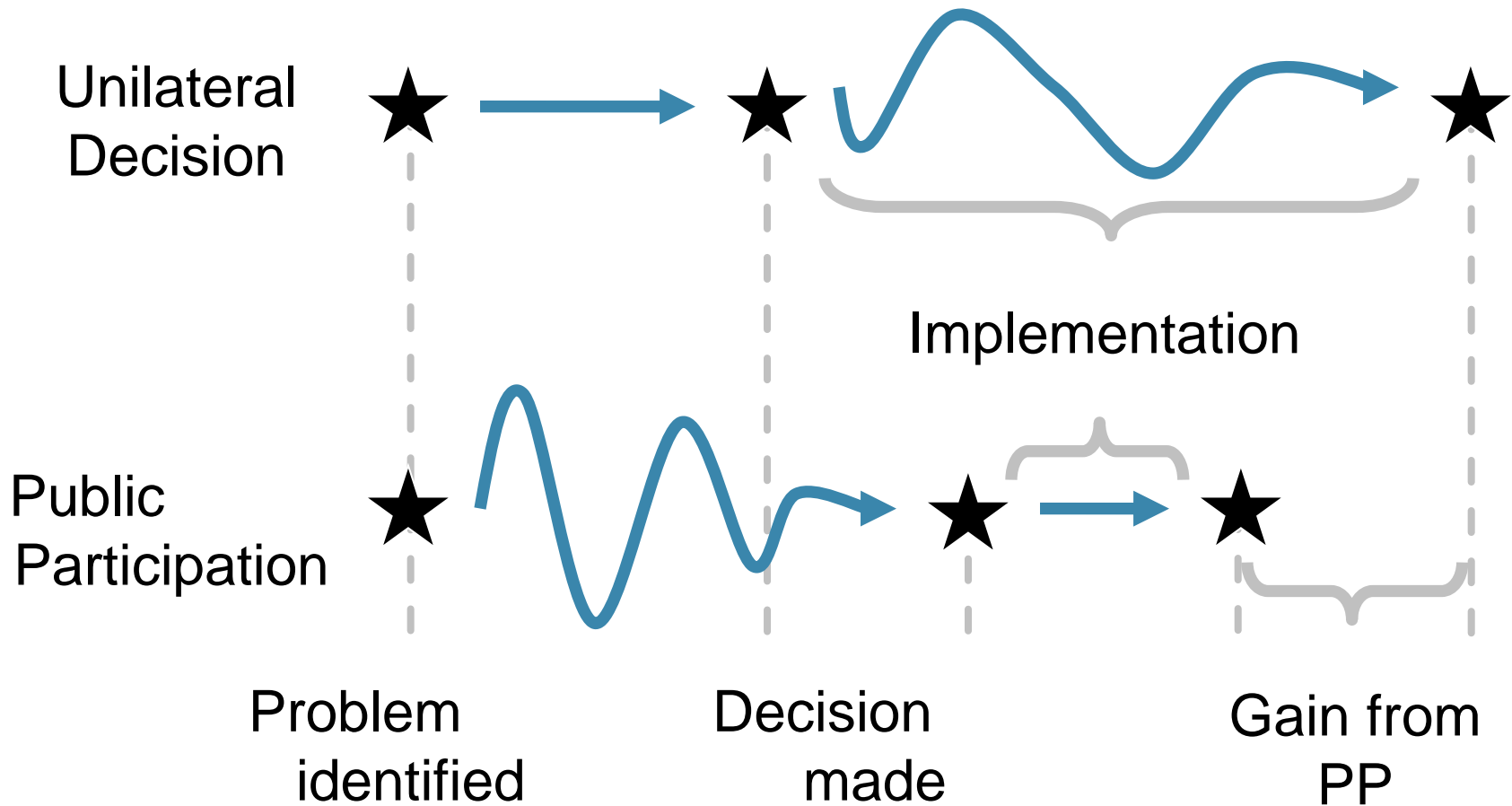
Art. 14 (WFD), Art. 10 (FD)

member states are required "to encourage the active involvement of interested parties" in the implementation of the directive.

Objective: get the full spectrum of opinions



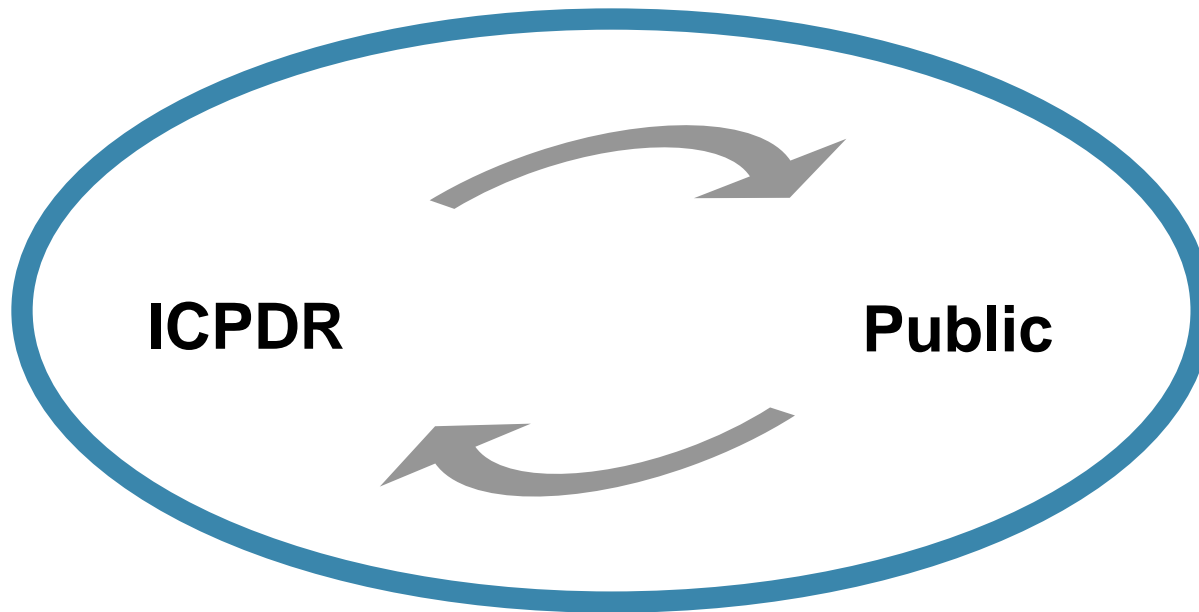
Beyond legal needs: Better together



Public Participation Cycle



Public Information



Public Consultation



ICPDR
Delegations of
15 Contracting Parties

ICPDR PS
Permanent Secretariat

FP EG
Flood Protection

S EG
ad-hoc Strategic EG

APC EG
Accident Prevention & Control

MA EG
Monitoring & Assessment

PP EG
Public Participation

PM EG
Pressures & Measures

IMGIS EG
Information Management & GIS

RBM EG
River Basin Management

GROUNDWATER TG

NUTRIENTS TG

ECONOMICS TG

HYDROMORPHOLOGY TG

Task Groups

Expert Groups



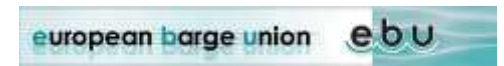
The instruments of Public Participation



- 23 Observer Organisations
- A dedicated Public Participation Expert Group
- Outreach activities accross a broad spectrum
- Educational tools
- Public information
- Stakeholder consultation
- Social Media
- Intersectorial dialogue
- Branding campaigns



Stakeholder Involvement: 23 Observers



Danube Day: June 29



Danube Box

Teacher's handbook

Interactive CD-ROM, worksheets, etc.

National languages & English

www.danubebox.org



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Further information



The screenshot shows the ICPDR website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Danube Basin", "ICPDR", "Issues", "Activities & Projects", and "Publications". Below the navigation bar, there are three main content blocks:

- Wild rehabilitation for young sterlet in the Danube:** A photograph of a group of people standing on a riverbank. The text below describes the opening ceremony of a hatchery station for the EU project LIFE Sterlet on 23 September in Vienna. It mentions the ICPDR's role in advocating for the protection of this species and supporting projects to prevent their extinction.
- Danube Adventure: six months passed and the adventure continues!** A colorful graphic with the word "WELCOME" and icons of a boat, a fish, and a person. The text below describes the online game DanubeAdventure.org, which has been running for six months, providing children with an engaging way to learn about the Danube.
- Welcome to ICPDR.org!** A portrait of Mr. Peter J. Kalas, ICPDR President 2016. The text below expresses hope that the website will inspire users to learn more about the organization's work towards cleaner, healthier, and safer water in the Danube River Basin.

Below these blocks, there are links for "more information" and "more information". At the bottom, there are three more content blocks:

- ICPDR Annual Report 2015:** A thumbnail image of the report cover.
- Shared waters – joint responsibilities. ICPDR presents:** A thumbnail image of a river landscape.
- Revision of the ICPDR logo:** A thumbnail image of the ICPDR logo.

At the bottom right, there is a section for "Management Plans 2015" with a thumbnail image of two maps and text stating: "The ICPDR is happy to announce the adoption of two plans that define water management priorities in the..."

Summary



- ✓ **There can be no progress in water resources management without transboundary cooperation**
- ✓ **The basin-wide approach has a proven track record of success in water resources management**
- ✓ **Involving the public is a fundamental requirement**

Thank you & Goodbye



See you soon on www.icpdr.org

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