“International cooperation & basin management”

- Hungary, ICPDR, UNECE Water Convention

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Danube is the most international river basin
800,000 km²
19 countries
81 million inh.
Transboundary River Commissions

HU – has TRC with all 7 neighboring countries – historical form of cooperation – different structures – identical objectives

AT, SK, UA, RO, RS, HR, SL

- Flood management, river engineering
- Hydrological forecast, data exchange
- Water quality protection
- Water management, protection of water resources (quality & quantity)
- Integrated River Basin Management based on WFD
Danube River Protection Convention

29 June 1994, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Protection of water & ecological resources
Sustainable use of water
Reduce nutrients & hazardous substances
Manage floods & ice hazards

ICPDR coordinates basin-wide implementation of EU Water Framework Directive & EU Floods Directive
ICPDR and the EU Water Framework and Flood Directive

- Implementation **legal requirement** for 8 EU Member States
- **Political commitment** of 6 Non-EU Member States

Revision of the EBMP and FRMP plans are in progress, adoption February 2022 during a Ministerial Meeting!
EU Danube Region Strategy

Connecting the Danube Region

- (1) improving mobility -
  - 1a (inland navigation) – AT, RO;
  - 1b (rail, road air) – SI, SRB
- (2) encouraging sustainable energy – CZ, HU
- (3) promoting culture and tourism – BG, RO

Protecting the environment in the Danube Region

- (4) restoring water quality – HU, SK
- (5) managing environmental risks – HU, RO
- (6) preserving biodiversity – GE, CRO

Building prosperity in the Danube Region

- (7) developing research capacity – SK, SRB
- (8) education and information technologies, supporting the competitiveness of enterprises - DE, CRO
- (9) investing in people’s skills – AT, MD

Strengthening the Danube Region

- (10) stepping up institutional capacity, and cooperation of institutions – AT, SI
- (11) improving cooperation to tackle organised crime, security – DE, BG

Adopted at EU Council meeting 23 June 2011.
The UNECE Water Convention

Strengthening transboundary water cooperation through:

A legal framework based on cooperation principles

An institutional framework with possibility to adapt to evolving challenges

Projects & capacity building to support accession and implementation

Handbook on water allocation in the transboundary context

Practical Guide on the development of agreements or other arrangements for transboundary water cooperation
Thank You very much for your kind attention!