



TISZA BASIN ACTIVITIES JOINTISZA PROJECT

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Framework of cooperation

- Danube River Protection Convention – 1994
- Tisza Memorandum of Understanding (ICPDR) – 2004
- Updated Tisza Memorandum of Understanding – 2011
- European Strategy for the Danube Region – 2011

‘Towards a River Basin Management Plan for the Tisza river supporting sustainable development of the region’



Objectives defined in the MoU 2011 (1)

- **Decided** to continue the future **work on the implementation** of the Joint Tisza Program of Measures taking into account and underlining specific integration issues related to water quality and quantity management - as introduced in the ITRBM Plan
- Agreed to **prepare an update Tisza River Basin Analysis and an updated Tisza River Basin Management Plan by 2015**
- Welcomed the initiative of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and expressed the strong wish and commitment to turn the Tisza basin cooperation into a flagship project of the Strategy and by this to support and intensify the cooperation between water management relevant sectors in the Tisza River Basin

Objectives defined in the MoU 2011 (2)

- recognised the importance of the ITRBM Plan **for the implementation of the Kyiv Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (UNEP Carpathian Convention)**, in particular its **provisions on water and of its Biodiversity Protocol and provisions on wetlands**, and invite the UNEP Carpathian Convention COP and the ICPDR Tisza Group to further strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest

Cooperation with the Carpathian Convention (1)



- **Joint Declaration of the ICPDR Tisza Group** and the Framework Convention on the Protection and the Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (represented by UNEP Vienna – **Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention**) on the sustainable development of the Tisza River Basin Within the Carpathian region
- Signed in **29 October 2015 in Ulm** in the frame of the 4th EUSDR Annual Forum

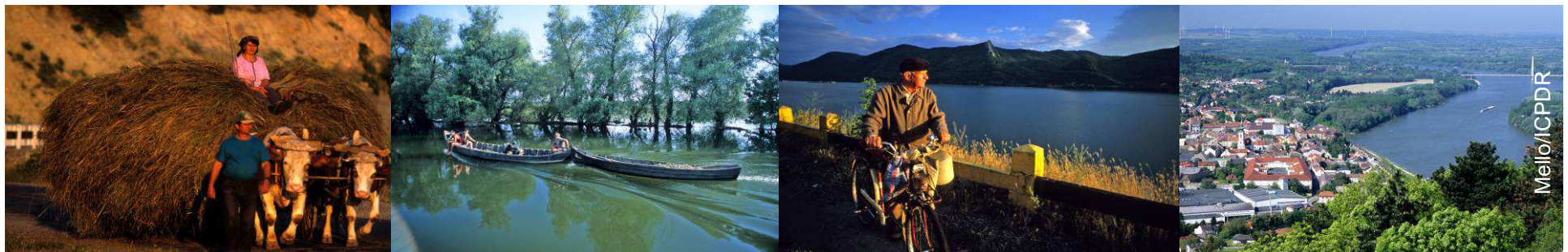
Cooperation with the Carpathian Convention (2)



- Cooperate in the field of **education and awareness raising** of the local communities in the Tisza River Basin;
- **Strengthen relationship between mountain sustainable development in the Tisza river basin** and Tisza river basin management by further elaboration the topics of the future enhanced cooperation to develop and implement joint, coordinated and complementary activities and projects;
- Provide a **platform for cooperation through joint meetings and information exchange between the ICPDR Tisza Group and the competent bodies of the Carpathian Convention**, with the support of the Secretariat of the ICPDR and UNEP Vienna – Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.

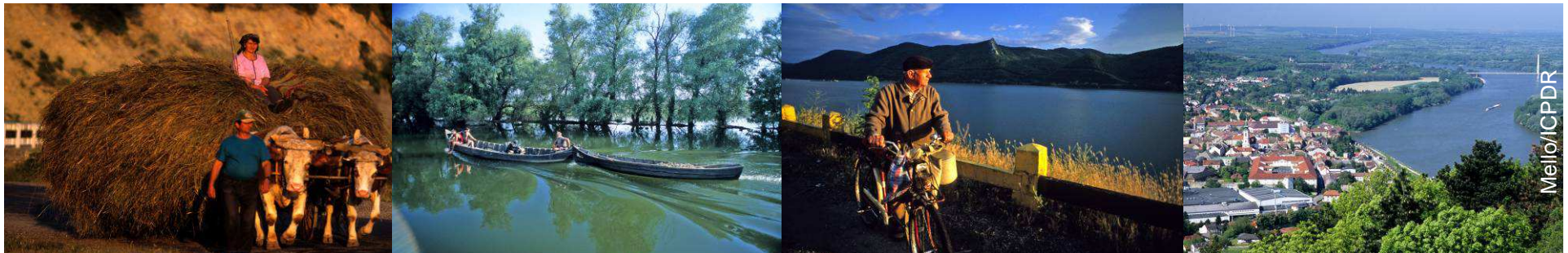
Why the JOINTISZA is developed?

The JOINTISZA project will focus on **interactions of two key aspects, the river basin management (RBM) and flood protection**, taking into account the **relevant stakeholders** who have pivotal role in the Tisza RBM planning process. The main aim of the project is to further improve the integration of the water management and flood risk prevention planning and actions in the next RBM planning cycle, in line with the relevant EU legislations.



Why the JOINTISZA is developed?

- The jointisza is the first step towards the implementation of the Joint Declaration



Project development since 2013



- JOINTISZA project is under development since 2013 (previously the ProTisza developed and submitted);
- October 2015 the EoI submitted to Danube Transnational Programme 1st Call;
- May 2016 full application form submitted;
- Following positive evaluation of the project it was awarded for fund;
- Currently the condition clearing procedure is ongoing.

Project data (1)



- **Title of the project:** Strengthening cooperation between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention to enhance the status of waters of the Tisza River Basin
- **Funding Programme:** Danube Transnational Programme
- **Programme Priority:** PA2. Environment and culture responsible Danube region
- **Programme Specific objective:** SO2.1 Strengthen transnational water management and flood risk prevention
- **Project budget:** 2,255,126.80 €

Participating countries and organisations



No.	NAME	Country
LP	General Directorate of Water Management	HU
PP1	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	HU
PP2	National Administration "Romanian Waters"	RO
PP3	Ministry of Environment, Water and Forest	RO
PP4	National Institute of Hydrology and Water Management	RO
PP5	Water Research Institute	SK
PP6	Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe	INT. ORG (HU)
PP7	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River	INT. ORG (AT)
PP8	Global Water Partnership Central and Eastern Europe	INT. ORG (SK)
PP9	World Wide Fund for Nature Hungary	HU
PP10	The Jaroslav Černi Institute for the Development of Water Resources	RS
PP11	Public Water Management Company "Vode Vojvodine"	RS

Participating countries and organisation



No.	Name	Country
ASP1	Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (SCC)	INT. ORG (AT)
ASP2	Interior Ministry of Hungary	HU
ASP3	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Water	RS
ASP4	Tisza River Basin Water Resources Directorate	UA
ASP5	State Agency of Water Resources of Ukraine	UA

Structure of the project (1)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP1	Project Management		Lead:HU
	A1.1.	Establishment of project Steering Group and PMU	
	A1.2.	Development of Management and action plan	
	A1.3.	Organisation of project meetings	
	A1.4.	Quality control	
	A1.5.	Reporting (one per each period)	

Structure of the project (2)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP2	Communication Activities		Lead:REC
	A2.1	Development and implementation of Project Communication Plan	
	A2.5	Dissemination events, kick-off and final conference	
	A2.2	Public involvement and participation strategy development and training for planners	• Moved to WP6
	A2.3	Follow-up of the stakeholder involvement on the field by implementing selected methods	• Moved to WP6
	A2.4	Basin wide consultation on SWMIs and draft ITRBMP/JPoMs	• Moved to WP6

Structure of the project (3)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP3	Basin Characterisation-SW		Lead:SK
	A3.1	Data Collection and characterization of the basin	
	A3.2	Assessment of SW data	
	A3.3	Status assessment relevant for the TRB	
	A3.4	Joint Tisza Survey Manual	
	A3.5	Evaluation of the SWMIs and proposal of effective measures	

Structure of the project (4)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP4	Water Quantity issues		Lead: RS
	A4.1	Data Collection on SW quantity and GW quantity and quality	
	A4.2	Water quantity and GW status assessment	
	A4.3	Data collection on the measures within the TRB relevant for SW quantity, GW quantity and quality	
	A4.4	Pilot Activity: Urban Hydrology Management	
	A4.5	Summary of the outcomes of activities 1-4	

Structure of the project (5)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP5	Flood management		Lead: RO
	A5.1	Data collection related to flood issues and climate change	
	A5.2	Development of elements of TFRMP – country reports	
	A5.3	Synthesis of country reports and Development of strategic paper on the integration of TRBMP and TFRM	
	A5.4	Comparison of Flood risk and Shared Vision Planning (SVP) method in stakeholder involvement	
	A5.5	Simulation of dike failure with transboundary effect	

Structure of the project (6)



No.	WP	Activities	Notes
WP6	Synthesis		Lead:GWP-CEE
	A6.1	Harmonisation and compilation of WP3, WP4 and WP5 outcomes	
	A6.2	Workshop for the compilation of the Joint Programme of Measures (JPM)	
	A6.3	Editing the Update of the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan	
	A6.4	Pilot on climate change induced specific water quantity issues	

Involvement of the Carpathian Convention (1)



- The Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention serves the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention). It supports Parties to the Convention in its implementation and provides a platform for cooperation and joint strategies for strengthening natural protection and acceleration of sustainable development of the Carpathians and beyond. The Secretariat also establishes a forum for dialogue between all stakeholders. SCC's mission is to promote intergovernmental policy dialogue and regional cooperation, increase national capacity for environmental management, raise awareness and enhance information exchange, and translate global policies into regional action.

Involvement of the Carpathian Convention



- Five countries sharing the Tisza River Basin are the contracting parties of the Carpathian Convention. In 2015 the Carpathian Convention and the Tisza Group under the ICPDR signed the Joint Declaration on the sustainable development of the Tisza River Basin within the Carpathian Region.
- The Carpathian Convention Working Group on Adaptation to Climate Change is one of the most active and effective expert group in the framework of the Convention ensuring exchange of best practices and information between the Carpathian countries and beyond.

Involvement of the Carpathian Convention - Benefit



- The Carpathians are headwaters of major rivers, including the Tisza River whose basin constitutes a major ecological, economical and living environment within the Carpathian region. Therefore, the involvement of the Carpathian Convention in the project and its activities is in a vital interest of all the stakeholders acting in the region.
- This process will definitely strengthen cooperation between the relevant actors of the Tisza River Basin and the Carpathian Convention and it will help to ensure an exchange of information and experiences, especially in terms of climate change.

Main role of the Carpathian Convention



- SCC will have an advisory and supporting role during the project implementation, especially within the activities relevant for climate change. The main focus of the SCC's involvement will focus **on providing expert consultation on drought management in the Carpathian Basin, as well as sharing experience of the Carpathian Convention relevant for the overall project implementation.**

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