International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

has been established to implement the objectives and provisions and to achieve the goals of the Danube River Protection Convention

The Danube River Protection Convention

a legal frame for co-operation to assure the protection of water and ecological resources and their sustainable use in the Danube River Basin

Dr. Mihaela Popovici, ICPDR Secretariat
Stability Pact, Brcko, 17th September, 2002
EU Water Framework Directive

- sets **uniform standards in water policy** throughout the European Union and integrates different policy areas involving water issues

- introduces the **river basin approach** for the development of integrated and coordinated river basin management plans for all European river systems

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Stability Pact, Brcko, 17th September, 2002
Overview Map of the Danube River Basin

areas less than 2000 km²
Countries in the Danube River Basin

Germany    Austria    Czech Republic    Slovak Republic    Hungary    Slovenia    Croatia

Bosnia-Herzegovina    Yugoslavia    Bulgaria    Romania    Moldova    Ukraine

Small territories*: Switzerland    Italy    Poland    Albania    Macedonia

*less than 2.000 km²

ICPDR
RBM Plan: outline 1  
consisting of 2 levels

### Part A: Roof of the Danube River Basin District Management Plan

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Dr. Ursula Schmedtje, ICPDR Secretariat  
WFD-ISPA Workshop, Prague, May 23-24, 2002
Definition of sub-basin and sub-unit

Sub-basin (according to Art. 2, 14. WFD)
“means the area of land from which all surface run-off flows through a series of streams, rivers and, possibly, lakes to a particular point in a water course (normally a lake or a river confluence).”

Sub-unit (defined for the use in the Danube River Basin District)
“means an area located on national territory consisting of
   a) a sub-basin,
   b) a part of a sub-basin,
   c) a group of sub-basins, or
   d) a group of parts of sub-basins”.

Dr. Ursula Schmedtje, ICPDR Secretariat
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Danube River Basin Management Plan

The river basin district management plan is divided into two parts:

1) **Part A: The international “roof” for the Danube river basin**
   gives an overview of all relevant information of basin-wide importance; it consists of descriptive text and illustrative maps on the DRB overview scale and describes the methodological approach.

2) **Part B: The national reports**
   gives all relevant further information on the national and bilaterally coordinated level necessary according to Art. 13 and Annex VII.
Coordination requirements of the WFD

Where a river basin district extends beyond the territory of the Community:

“the Member States concerned shall endeavour to establish appropriate coordination with the relevant non-Member States, with the aim of achieving the objectives of this Directive throughout the river basin district.” (Art. 3.5)

For coordination of the river basin management plan:

“The Member States shall endeavour to produce a single river basin management plan, and, where this is not possible, the plan shall at least cover the portion of the international river basin district lying within the territory of the Member State concerned.” (Art. 13.3)
3rd Plenary Session of the ICPDR

- November 2000 -

• “The implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive is considered having the highest priority for the ICPDR.

• The ICPDR will provide the platform for the coordination necessary to develop and establish the River Basin Management Plan for the Danube River Basin.

• The Contracting Parties ensure to make all efforts to arrive at a coordinated international River Basin Management Plan for the Danube River Basin.”

Dr. Mihaela Popovici, ICPDR Secretariat
Stability Pact, Brcko, 17th September, 2002
Relevant resolutions of the 7th STG Meeting (6 to 7 June 2002), Prague

• welcomes the preparation of a pilot project for the development of the RBM Plan for the Sava River Basin;

• asks the RBM EG to cooperate with the Project with the view to apply and to test the ICPDR strategy for implementing the EU WFD in the DRB and to provide support for project implementation;

• recommends to establish, with the assistance of the Project, a coordinating body for the preparation of the Sava RBM Plan.