

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:  
THE ROLE OF NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL ACTORS**

**Public participation in river basin  
joint bodies: the role of NGOs**

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# National and the EU Level

# Public Participation in Water Policy

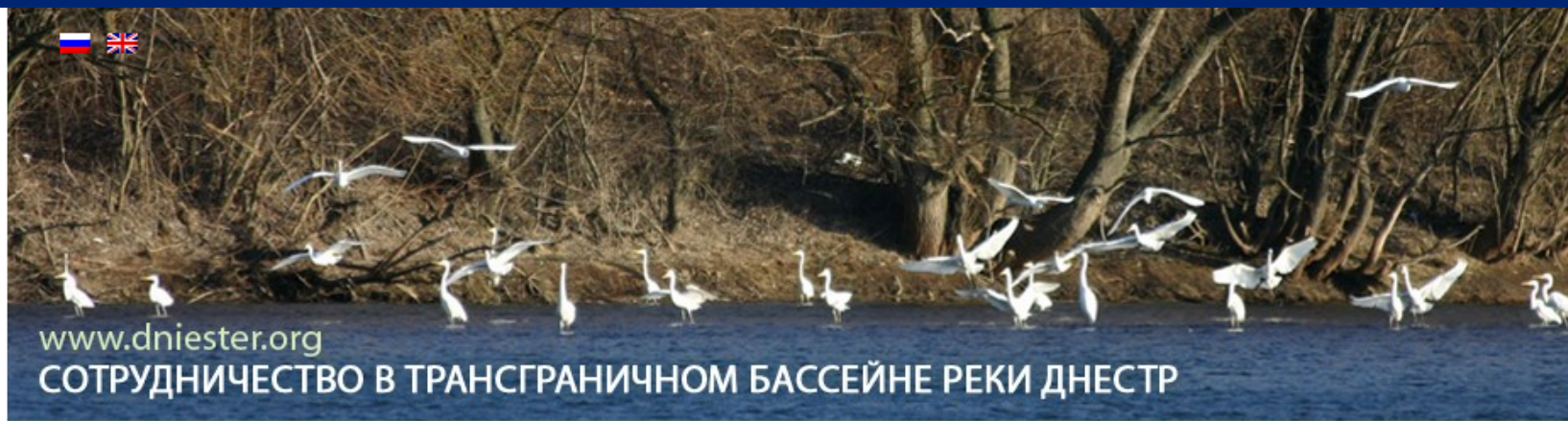
- **National Policy Dialogues (NPD) on Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)**

*(Box 36 of the Guide to Implementing the Water Convention)*

- **River Basin Councils**

- **General law-making practice**

# Public Participation in Water Policy



## НАВИГАЦИЯ

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- Новости
- О регионе
- Законодательство
  - Международное
  - Молдавско-украинское
  - Молдавское и украинское (избранное)
- Материалы
  - Уполномоченные
  - Бассейновый совет Днестра (Украина)
  - Днестр III
  - Днестр II
  - Днестр I
  - Днестр-информация
  - Изменение климата и

## БАСЕЙНОВЫЙ СОВЕТ ДНЕСТРА (УКРАИНА)

В декабре 2008 г. в Украине был создан Бассейновый Совет Днестра. Ниже находятся документы, имеющие отношение к работе этого консультационного органа.

1. [Договор о сотрудничестве в сфере использования и охраны водных ресурсов бассейна р.Днестр \(укр\)](#)
2. [Протокол координационного совета относительно создания Бассейнового Совета Днестра \(укр\)](#)
3. [Положение о Бассейновом Совете Днестра \(укр\)](#)
4. [Положение о научно-техническом совете \(укр\)](#)
5. [Положение об информационном взаимодействии \(укр\)](#)
6. [Положение о Секретариате Бассейнового Совета Днестра \(укр\)](#)
7. [Протокол заседания Бассейнового Совета Днестра 2009 \(укр\)](#)
8. [Регламент работы Бассейнового Совета Днестра \(укр\)](#)

# Public Participation in River Basin Management Plans

## - Article 14 of the WFD

1. Member States shall encourage the active involvement of all interested parties in the implementation of this Directive, in particular in the production, review and updating of the river basin management plans.

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2. Member States shall allow at least six months to comment in writing on those documents in order to allow active involvement and consultation.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply equally to updated river basin management plans.

# International Level

# Public Participation in River Basin Agreements

- **Moldova – Ukraine**

**Intergovernmental Dniester River  
Basin Treaty (ECO-TIRAS)**

- **Belarus – Russia – Ukraine Dnipro  
River Basin Treaty (MAMA-86, Dnipro  
Basin Council, Dnipro Forum)**



# Public Participation in River Basin Agreements



# Public Participation in Joint Bodies

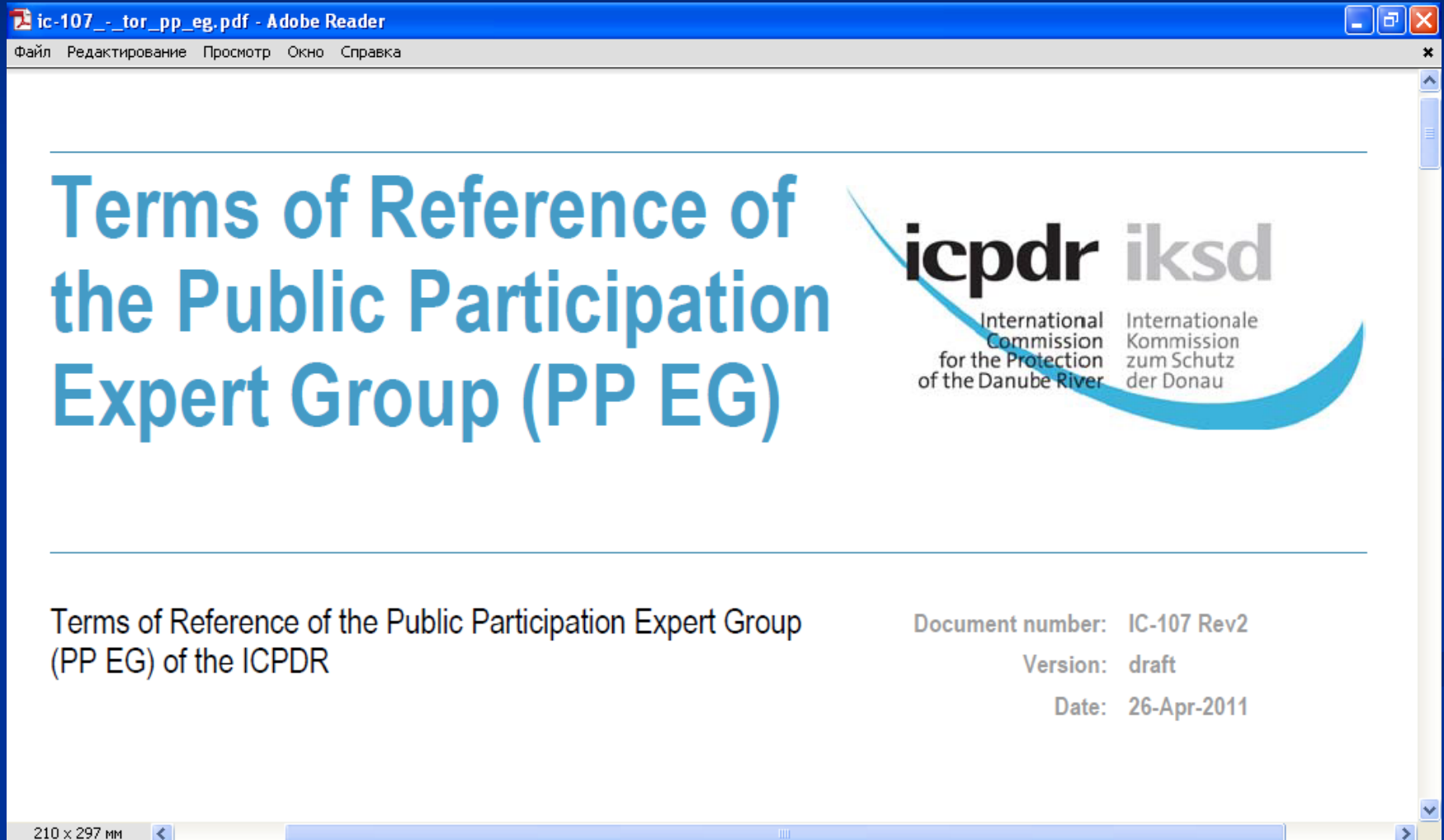
## **- ICPDR**

*(Box 37 of the Guide to Implementing the Water Convention)*

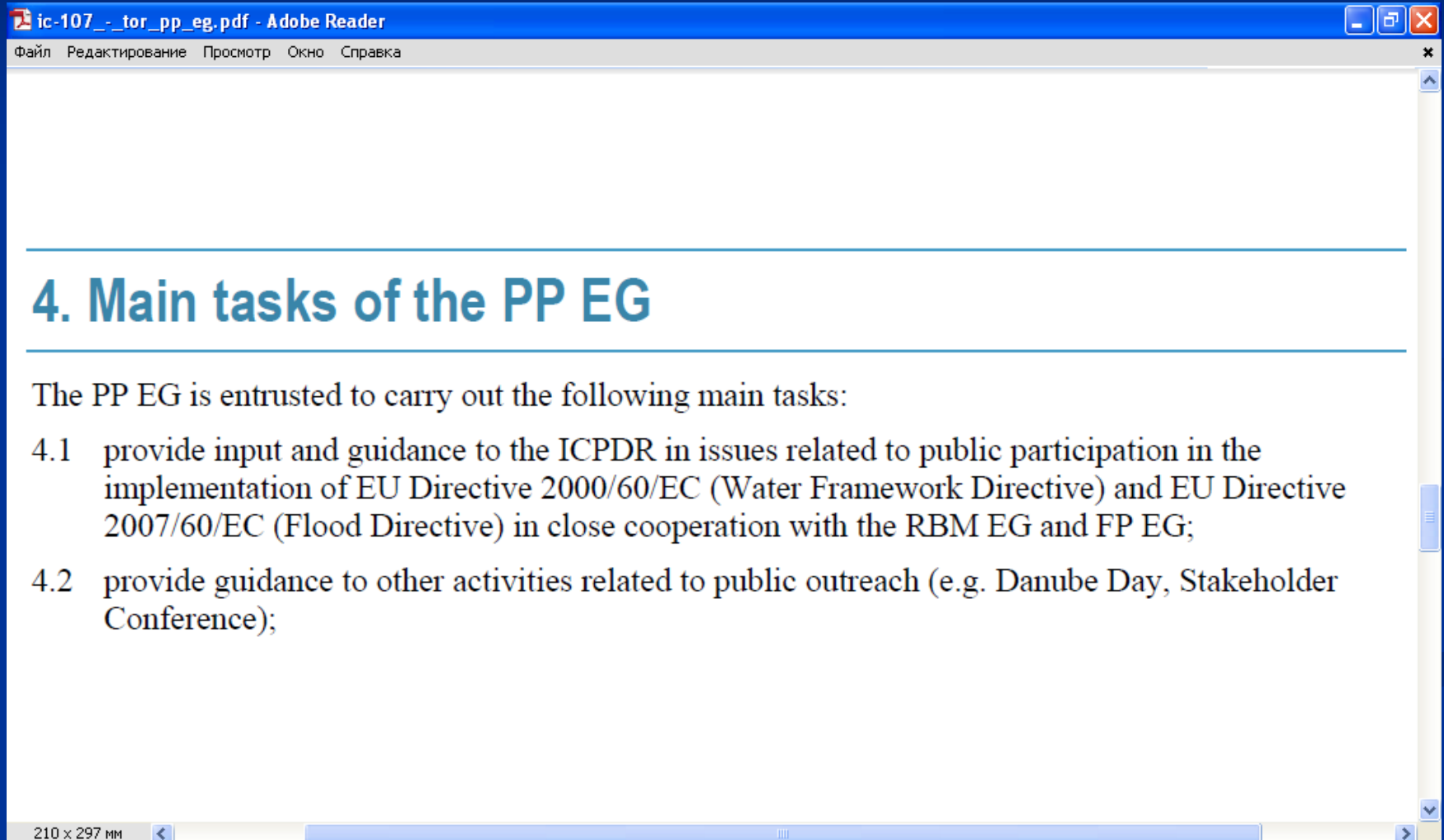
## **- Dniester Commission**

*(Box 45 of the Guide to Implementing the Water Convention)*

# Public Participation in Joint Bodies



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## 4. Main tasks of the PP EG

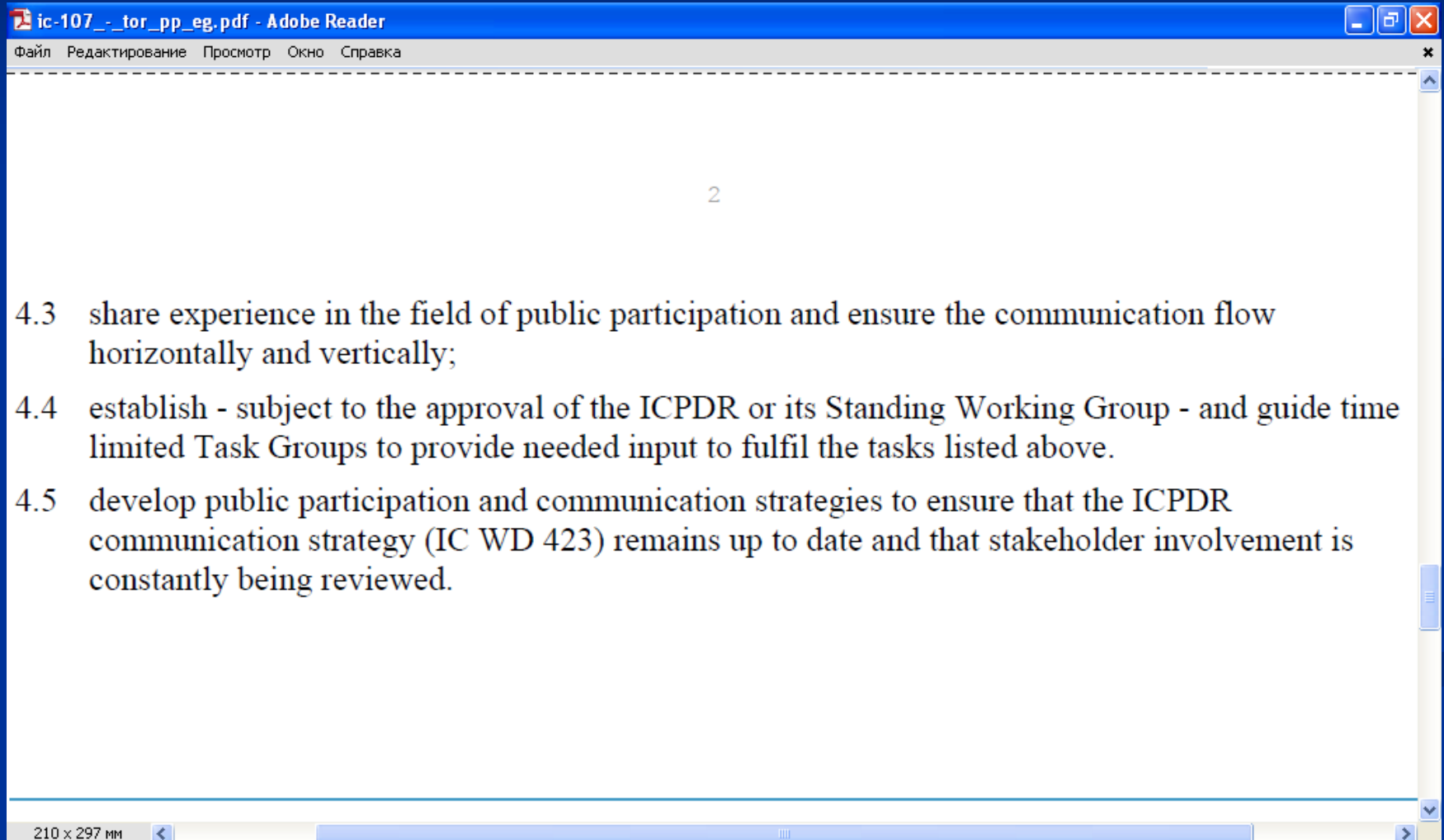
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The PP EG is entrusted to carry out the following main tasks:

- 4.1 provide input and guidance to the ICPDR in issues related to public participation in the implementation of EU Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive) and EU Directive 2007/60/EC (Flood Directive) in close cooperation with the RBM EG and FP EG;
- 4.2 provide guidance to other activities related to public outreach (e.g. Danube Day, Stakeholder Conference);

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- 4.3 share experience in the field of public participation and ensure the communication flow horizontally and vertically;
- 4.4 establish - subject to the approval of the ICPDR or its Standing Working Group - and guide time limited Task Groups to provide needed input to fulfil the tasks listed above.
- 4.5 develop public participation and communication strategies to ensure that the ICPDR communication strategy (IC WD 423) remains up to date and that stakeholder involvement is constantly being reviewed.

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# Public Participation in Joint Bodies

## REGULATION ON STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES

### Article 1

#### The Basis and Purpose of the Regulation

- 1.1. The Regulation shall be based on the principles and provisions established in the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus, 1998), of which the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine are parties, and on national legislation of the Parties.
- 1.2. Stakeholder participation in the activities of the institution of Plenipotentiaries shall be aimed at increasing awareness on issues under consideration, improving the quality of decisions being made and implementation of such decisions.
- 1.3. The purpose of this Regulation shall be to establish rules and procedures for stakeholders' awareness and participation in discussions and decision making within the jurisdiction of the Plenipotentiaries.

### Article 2

#### Stakeholders

For the purposes of this Regulation, the term “stakeholders” shall mean authorities of all levels, non-governmental organisations and public associations, and other legal entities which have an interest in issues of transboundary water management within the mandate and activities of the Plenipotentiaries and their working groups, meetings, and other measures and actions.

# Public Participation in MEAs

## - **Water Convention**

(Meeting of the Parties / subsidiary bodies, open-ended Legal Board, development of guidance, Implementation Committee )

## - **Protocol on Water and Health**

(Target setting & reporting, Meeting of the Parties / subsidiary bodies, development of guidance, Compliance Committee )

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- use different public participation approaches, methods and tools;
- ensure wider public involvement;
- clear selection criteria and procedures;
- effective access to information as a precondition for effective public participation;
- provide reasons and considerations on which the decision is based.



**Thank you!**