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**Project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta
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**Trilateral Agreement on
Hazard and Crisis Management in the
Danube Delta Region
Draft**

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Structure of the presentation

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Trilateral Agreement: objectives

to provide the legal frame for
strengthening the cooperation and
coordination among the Parties on crisis and
hazard management, in the Danube Delta
Region, in order to protect human health,
the marine and coastal environment
from pollution.



Trilateral Agreement: outline (1)

Preamble

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Objective of this Agreement

Article 2 Terms and Definitions

Article 3 Scope of Application of this Agreement

Article 4 General Provisions

II. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Article 5 Competent Authorities and Contact/Focal Points

Article 6 Meetings of the Parties within the frame of the
Danube Delta Region – Joint Commission



Trilateral Agreement: outline (2)

III. MECHANISMS FOR CRISIS AND HAZARD MANAGEMENT IN THE DANUBE DELTA REGION

Article 7 Danube Delta Region system of operational response to industrial pollution crisis and hazard management

Article 8 Mechanism for Notification

Article 9 Mechanism for Preparedness and Response

Article 10 Monitoring

Article 11 Requests for Assistance and Coordination and Cooperation in Response Operations

Article 12 Movement and Removal of Resources across borders

Article 13 Coordinating and managing the operations of assistance during industrial incidents



Trilateral Agreement: outline (3)

IV. IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE

Article 14 Resources

Article 15 Reimbursement of Costs of Assistance

Article 16 Compensations

Article 17 Joint Review of Industrial Pollution Incident
Response Operations

Article 18 Cooperation and Exchange of Information

Article 19 Protection of personal data

Article 20 Joint Exercises and Training



Trilateral Agreement: outline (4)

V. FINAL CLAUSES

Article 21 Effect of the Agreement on National Legislation

Article 22 Relationship with Other International Treaties

Article 23 Non-Parties

Article 24 Settlement of Disputes

Article 25 Amendments to this Agreement

Article 26 Annexes

Article 27 Operational Guidelines

Article 28 Provisional application, Entry into Force and Withdrawal

Article 29 Depositary



Trilateral Agreement: outline (5)

ANNEXES

Competent authorities (Art. 5.3)

Joint Contingency Plan (Art. 4.5)

The Trilateral Agreement implementation

Key aspects

Administrative

Legal & Normative

Infrastructure and
technical

Education and
Awareness raising

Key aspects for consideration

Administrative/Political decisions

Negotiation and signing of the Tri - lateral Agreement

Allocation of tasks between relevant ministries and government authorities

Signing the Danube Delta Tri - lateral Agreement

Legal framework

Coordination with the existing bilateral commissions/ agreements

Tri lateral Agreement enforcement

Operational guidelines

Institutional and Technical framework

Danube Delta Regional Mechanism

Financial framework

Implementation costs

Horizontal activities

Communication & awareness raising

International coordination.

The way forward...

Suggestions for the tasks

Initiation of the approval process of the Trilateral Agreement (TA) within the frame of the Bilateral Commissions, consisting of several intermediate preparatory steps:

- Clarification of the institutional roles and responsibilities in the approval process
- Discussion:
 - (i) The technical aspects and solutions for implementing TA
 - (ii) Monitoring of TA implementation
 - (iii) Knowledge, education and awareness to ensure proper TA implementation
 - (iv) TA provisions/content.
- Integration of related legal aspects of the TA in the competencies of the rules of the bilateral commissions
- approval of the Joint Contingency Plan as a key component of the TA

Suggestions for the timeline

Preparatory process should be initiated before the next Bilateral Commission scheduled for 2015.

At the Bilateral Commissions, discussions and clarifications will facilitate the final approval foreseen during the final project workshop, planned for September 2015.



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Thank you for your attention!

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