# ASSESSMENT IN THE WORKSHOP ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE

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# General description of the basins – SR territory

| | Waterbodies | Forests | Cropland | Grassland | Urban/ industrial areas | no vegetation | Wetlands/ peatlands | Other forms |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| VAH | 0.6 | 36.54 | 37.34 | 5.99 | 6.63 | 0.21 | 0.07 | 12.61 |
| IPOLY | 0.11 | 36.26 | 34.71 | 6.03 | 3.42 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 19.41 |

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# Countries sharing the river basin

**IPOLY:**

| The area* of the river basin in the country: | Country | Area in the country in km² |
|---|---|---|
| | Slovakia | 3,649 (70.8%) |
| Total 5,151 km² | Hungary | 1,502 (29.2%) |

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# Discharge characteristics

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**IPOLY:**

| **Gauging station (name and km reading e.g. from the mouth of the river or another fixed point):** *Slovenské Ďarmoty, km 94.60* | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Discharge characteristics** | **Discharge** | **Period of time or date** |
| $Q_{av}$ | **8,032 $m^3/s$** | **1978-2008** |
| $Q_{max}$ | **230,5 $m^3/s$** | **25.05.1984** |
| $Q_{min}$ | **0,395 $m^3/s$** | **16.08.1993** |

# Main problems in the basin and their relative importance

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**IPOLY:**

- **Hydromorphological changes on rivers interrupted natural river and habitat connectivity and hydrological regime.**
- **Increase of nutrients in surface waters and groundwaters due to incorrect application of organic and inorganic fertilizer, possible pollution from pesticides application – both surface water and groundwater.**
- **Significant – source of nutrient pollution, organic pollution and chemical pollution: Agglomerations without collecting system and treatment – source of groundwater and surface water pollution – diffuse pollution.**

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**IPOLY:**

- **Un – controlled dump sites – significant pollution to groundwater and also surface waters**
- **Permitted industrial discharges – source of chemical pollution. Illegal discharges – the real extent of this type of pressure is unknown**
- **Withdrawals for public water supply and industrial purposes – this type of pressure is of small significant in this river basin**

# Additional information on water-quality and water-quality classification

- **Ipoly river in SR was evaluated as modetate ecological status in water bodies: SKI0001 and SKI0004 and in SKI0003 ecological status was good. Chemical status was good in all water bodies of Ipoly river.**

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# Program of measures

**Program of measures for s.w. corresponds with identified problems:**

- **organic pollution**
- **nutrient pollution**
- **priority and relevant substances pollution**
- **hydromorphological changes**

**Each identified problem from PoM deals with:**

- **environmental objectives (ICPDR level, national level, operational object.)**
- **Background information**
- **Vision to 2015 (scenarios, modelling)**
- **Basic and additional measures**

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# FUTURE TRENDS

- Ecological status and chemical status of transboundary section of Ipel/Ipoly river will improve due to realization of basic and supplementary measures in the river basin.
- However good status in Ipel/Ipoly river is not expected till 2015 – because realization of measures (mainly hydromorphological and supplementary measures in small agglomerations of the river basin – more than 50 % inhabitants live in agglomerations below 2000 PE) due to high finance needs will be realized gradually up to 2025.
- Climatic change may affect surface water status – the extent is not known at present. It is necessary to continue in realisation of National climatic program and in research of impacts of the climatic change on ecological and chemical status of surface water.


GOOD LUCK!