

TISZA RIVER BASIN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TRB-SDP)

Challenge for Transboundary Cooperation

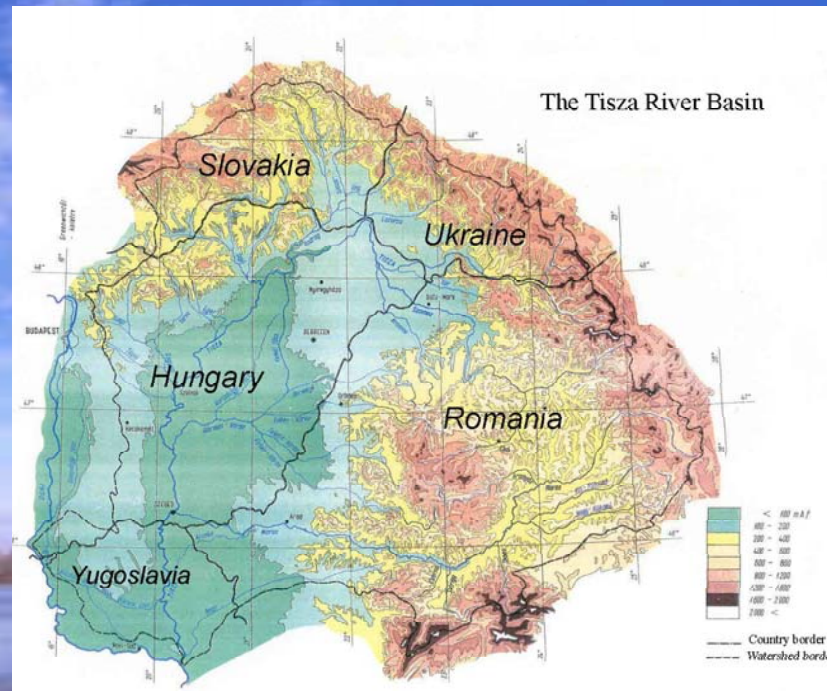
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Break down of Tisza River Basin

Country	Catchment area		Population
	[km ²]	[%]	[Inhabitants]
Romania	72 627	46,2	6 652 800
Hungary	42 217	29,4	4 233 600
Slovakia	15 248	9,7	1 396 800
Ukraine	12 733	8,1	1 166 400
FR of Yugoslavia	10 375	6,6	950 400
Total:	157 200	100,0	14 400 000

BACKGROUND OF THE TISZA RIVER BASIN (TRB) PROGRAM

- SEVERAL INITIATIVES:

- **Baia Marea Task Force,**
- **Memorandum of Understanding by water and environmental authorities,**
- **Development of Environmental Programme - workshop,**
- **Budapest Declaration by water ministers,**
- **Draft Ecological Convention by Council of Europe,**
- **Oxbow rehabilitation project preparation for GEF,**
- **NATO-Ukraine Flood Preparedness and Response in the Carpathian Region**

- UNDP initiative:

- **Integrated Disaster Preparedness & Sustainable Development Programme (TRB-SDP)**

INTEGRATED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Objectives:

- **Securing human life and properties,**
- **Flood protection & remediation of hot spots,**
- **Sustainable use of natural resources,**
- **Preservation of natural and cultural values,**
- **Development of participatory framework for cooperation between countries, sectors, communities and other stakeholders,**
- **Information and communication to bridge the gaps between the players/actors.**

STEPS OF THE TRB PROGRAMME

1. Preparatory „Mapping” project

- **Conceptual study: priorities and conflicts**
- **Common data base on,**
 - **Stakeholders: central & local gov'ts, institutes, NGOs, business sector, etc.**
 - **List of experts, relevant persons,**
 - **List of studies, plans, projects, actions, etc.**
 - **Legislations, measures.**

2. Conceptual plan

3. Implementation

- **Involvement of governments and IFIs,**
- **Institutional arrangement,**
- **Capacity building**

“MAPPING” PROJECT - THE 1st PHASE OF THE TRB PROGRAM

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROJECT TEAM



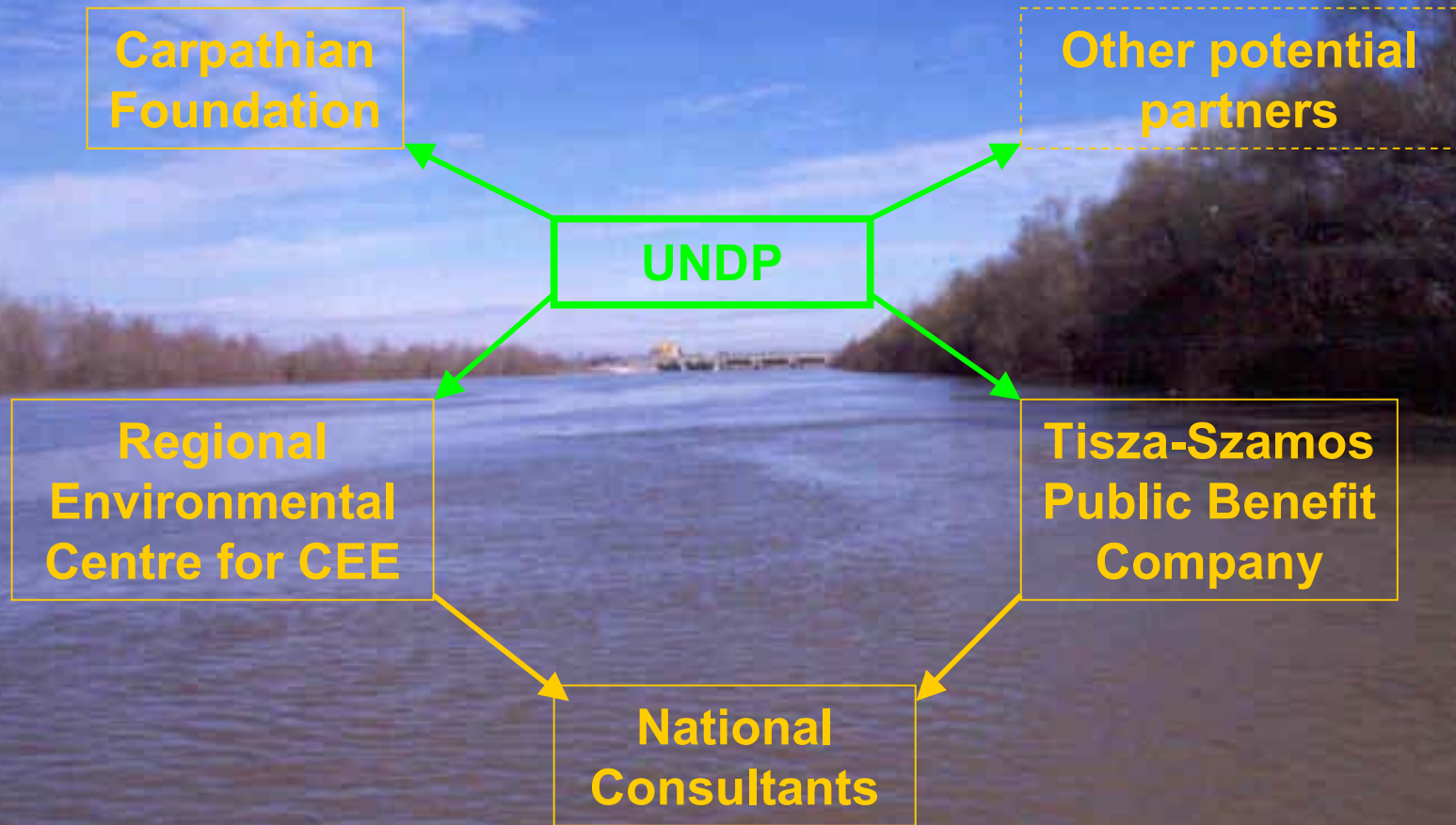
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE “MAPPING” METHODOLOGY



PROJECT TEAM



“MAPPING” METHODOLOGY **(on the country level)**

- 1. Identification of key players**
- 2. Collection of information on past and existing pertinent activities**
- 3. Gathering the facts and opinions about environmental / sustainable development governance**
- 4. Identification of national interests**
- 5. Preparation of the international conference for the TRB Program development**

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE TRB PROGRAM

Set of objectives

Set of processes

Participation,
Communication,
Analysis,
Capacity building,
Monitoring,

Coordination

Strategy for sustainable development of TRB area

Not new document but more the process (using existing strategies / plans and assuring the process of their integration)

CHALLENGES OF REGIONAL APPROACH

- Different political agendas of 5 riparian countries (1st and 2nd wave of EU accession, and not EU accession countries)
- Different stages of development
- Different priorities
- Different legislative framework
- Different institutional framework
- Different countries' impact on TRB environment;
- Different implications of environmental damage on the respective countries
- Different terminology
- Different resource capacity