

# Activities and experiences from the perspective of Hungary

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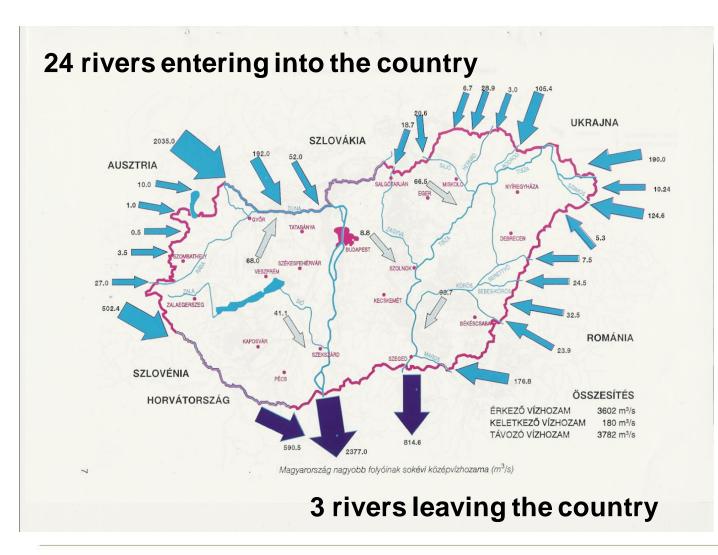
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84% < 200 mBf (in the bottom of Carpathian basin)

95% of surface waters originated abroad

Floods, inland waters, draughts

**Continental weather effects** 

**Climate changes** 

Sensitive/vulnerable areas













# The quantity of waters are changeable: sometimes the too much water, sometimes lack of waters can cause damages at the same sites











## International co-operation in the water sector

- Bilateral co-operation
  - Transboundary (neighbouring countries)
  - With other countries
- Multilateral co-operation
  - International Conventions (UN Water Conventions, Danube Protection Convention, etc.)
- European (Union) level co-operation
  - Common Implementation Strategy
  - Common basic legislation
- Global level water co-operation
  - World Water Council
  - Global Water Partnership
  - HLPW

















#### Two framework multilateral instruments

 1997 Convention on the Law of the Nonnavigational Uses of International Watercourses (UN Watercourses Convention, or New York Convention)

HU- signature 20 July 1999

 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (UNECE Water Convention, or Helsinki Convention)

HU- signature 18 March 1992



#### **UNECE** Water Convention

Number of bi-and multilateral transboundary agreements were and being formulated

- Convention for the Protection of the Danube River
- EU Water Framework Directive
- HU-RS new Agreement on Cooperation on Transboundary Waters



### **Transboundary River Commissions**

With all 7 neighbouring country – historical form of cooperation – different structures – identical objectives AT, SK, UA, RO, RS, CR, SL

- Flood management, river engineering
- Hydrological forecast, data exchange
- Water quality protection
- Water management, protection of water resources (quality & quantity)
- Integrated River Basin Management



## **Danube River Protection Convention**

Legal frame for cooperation to assure protection of water and ecological resources and their sustainable use in the Danube River Basin.

Signed: 29 June 1994, Sofia

The main objectives of the Convention:

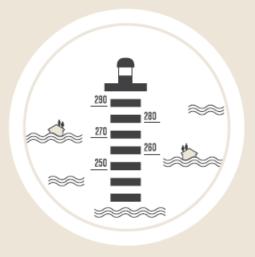
- sustainable and equitable water management
- conservation and rational use of surface and groundwater
- contol of hazardous substances originating from accidents
- control of floods and ice-hazards
- -reduction of pollution loads of Black sea



# 3 pillars for our action







Cleaner

cleaner water

Healthier

a healthier home for aquatic animals and plants

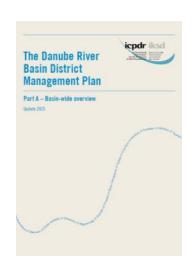
Safer

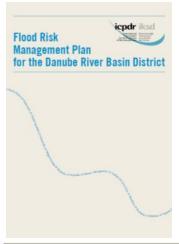
a safer environment for people to live without the fear of floods

# Roadmap to cleaner by 2021



Danube River Basin Management Plan Update 2021





2nd Danube Flood Risk Management Plan





