



EU/Africa/UNECE - Conference on Transboundary Water cooperation

Cooperation at the European level

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Main objectives of the Water Framework Directive



No Deterioration of status

By 2015 or at the latest by 2027

- Good ecological status/potential surface water
- Good chemical status surface and groundwater
- Good quantitative status of groundwater
- Exemptions under certain conditions

The European Green Deal



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Zero Pollution Action Plan COM(2021) 400 final, 12.05.2021



Prevent and reduce pollution to waters and oceans and facilitate remediation



Prevent and reduce air and noise pollution



Prevent and reduce soil pollution and facilitate remediation

water



improving water quality by reducing waste, plastic litter at sea (by 50%) and microplastics released into the environment (by 30%).

internationally



the EU will support global and regional transboundary water cooperation



Forging a climate-resilient Europe – the EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

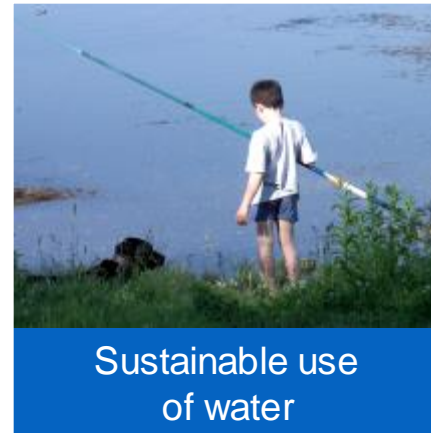
COM (2021) 82 final, 24.2.2021

Four objectives:

- **Smarter adaptation:** Improving knowledge and managing uncertainty
- **More systemic adaptation:** Support policy development at all levels and sectors
- **Faster adaptation across the board:** Speeding up adaptation across the board
- **Stepping up international action**

Danube River Protection Convention

signed 29 June 1994, Sofia (Bulgaria)



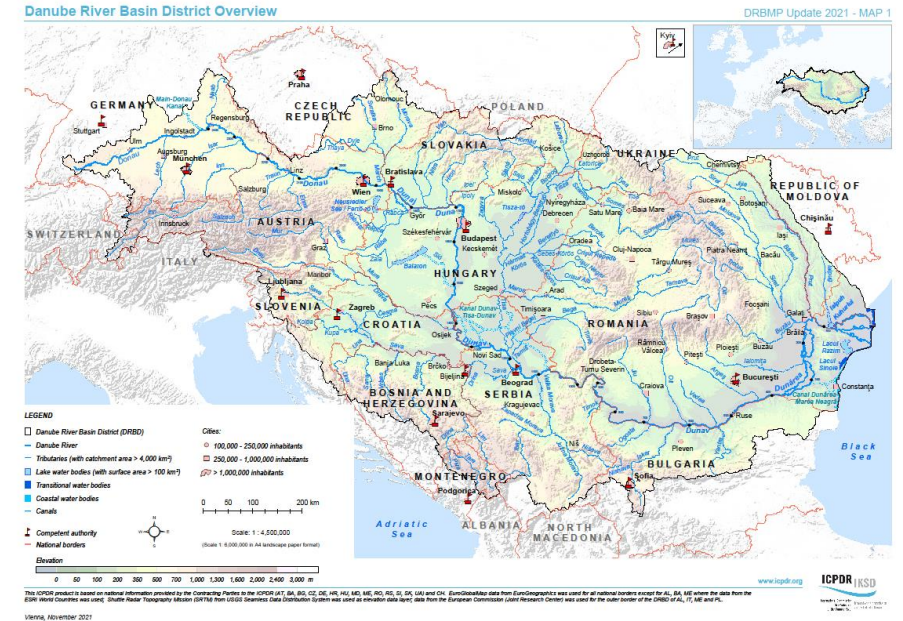
- Forms the overall **legal instrument** for co-operation on **transboundary water management** in the Danube River Basin
- Applies to countries with **territories of more than 2000 km²** within the Danube Basin
- Foresees establishment of the **International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River**

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

- 19 countries covering the Danube River Basin
- More than 79 million people in a catchment of 800.000 km²
- **Contracting parties to the ICPDR**
 - Nine EU-MS: DE, AT, CZ, SK, HU, SI, HR, RO and BG; and European Union
 - Five non-EU Member States: BA, RS, ME, MD, UA

<https://www.icpdr.org/main/>

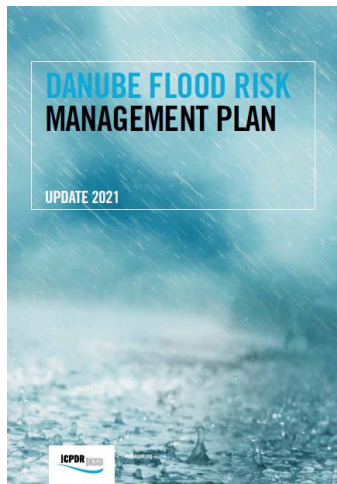
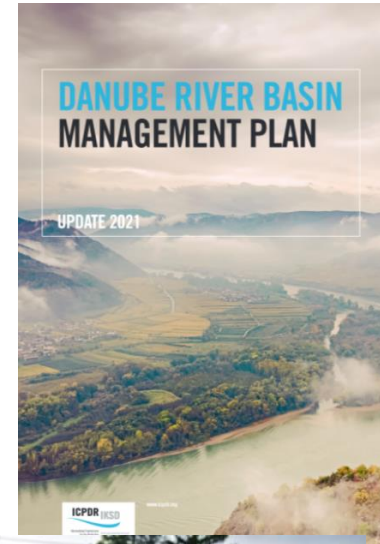
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International Commission for the protection of the Danube River: *coordination Danube River Basin*



**Danube River Basin
Management Plan
(Update 2021, adopted
in December 2021)**

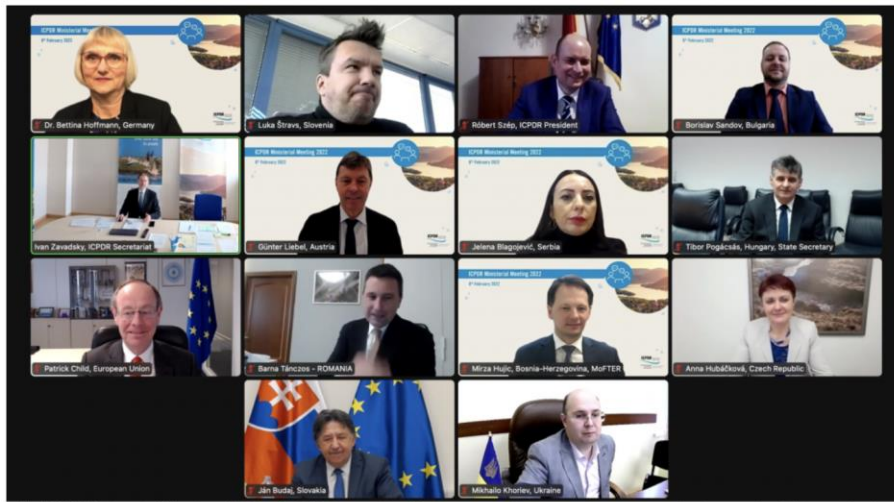


**Danube Flood Risk
Management Plan
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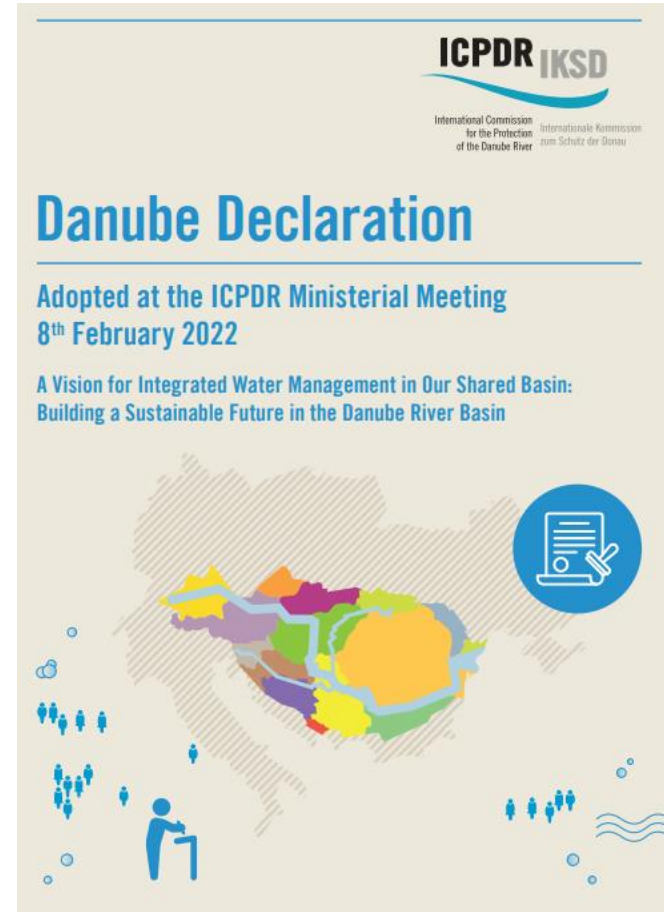


Danube Declaration 2022

ICPDR Contracting Parties renew their commitment towards cleaner, healthier and safer waters in the Danube River Basin



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Additional activities: examples integration issues

ICPDR
Sturgeon Strategy



Version: FINAL
Date: 29-01-2018

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Guidance Document on Sustainable Agriculture in the Danube River Basin

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POLICY PAPER ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE DANUBE RIVER BASIN

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Sustainable Hydropower Development in the Danube Basin

Guiding Principles



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Thank you



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