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AUSTRIAN REPORTING EXPERIENCES CONSULTATION ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL LEVEL

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Global Webinars on SDG indicator 6.5.2
Transboundary Water Cooperation

Supporting countries in preparing national reports for the
3rd reporting exercise - With a focus on Coordination



Overview

Austria

- landlocked country
- Bilateral river commissions with all neighbouring countries
- Shares on 3 International River Basins
 - Danube River Basin (96.1%)
 - Elbe River Basin (2.8%)
 - Rhine River Basin (1.1%)



Consultation mechanisms

Bilateral level

- Bilateral river commissions (DE, CZ, HU, SI, SK)
- Regular meetings (at least once per year) have been used to raise awareness on reporting exercise
- Bilateral exchange of reporting templates via focal points

River Basin level

- Expert groups of International River Commissions (e.g. RBM EG of ICPDR)
- Regular meetings (at least twice per year) have been used to raise awareness on reporting exercise
- Consultation of all MS via EG

Austrian experiences

Challenge(s)

- Different interpretations of scope and issues covered by agreements between riparians

→ Consultation helpful for mutual understanding

Value added

- Create common understanding on coverage of agreements
- Identify potential weaknesses/strengths in agreements and fields of cooperation which could be addressed (in other agreements)