

# International Commission for the Protection of the Oder River against Pollution

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Total catchment area: 118.861 km<sup>2</sup>

- Poland: 106.821 km<sup>2</sup> (89%)
- Czech Republic: 6.453 km<sup>2</sup> (5, 4 %)
- Germany: 5.587 km<sup>2</sup> (4,7 %)

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ICPOAP was appointed under the agreement, signed in Wrocław on 1st April 1996 by the government of

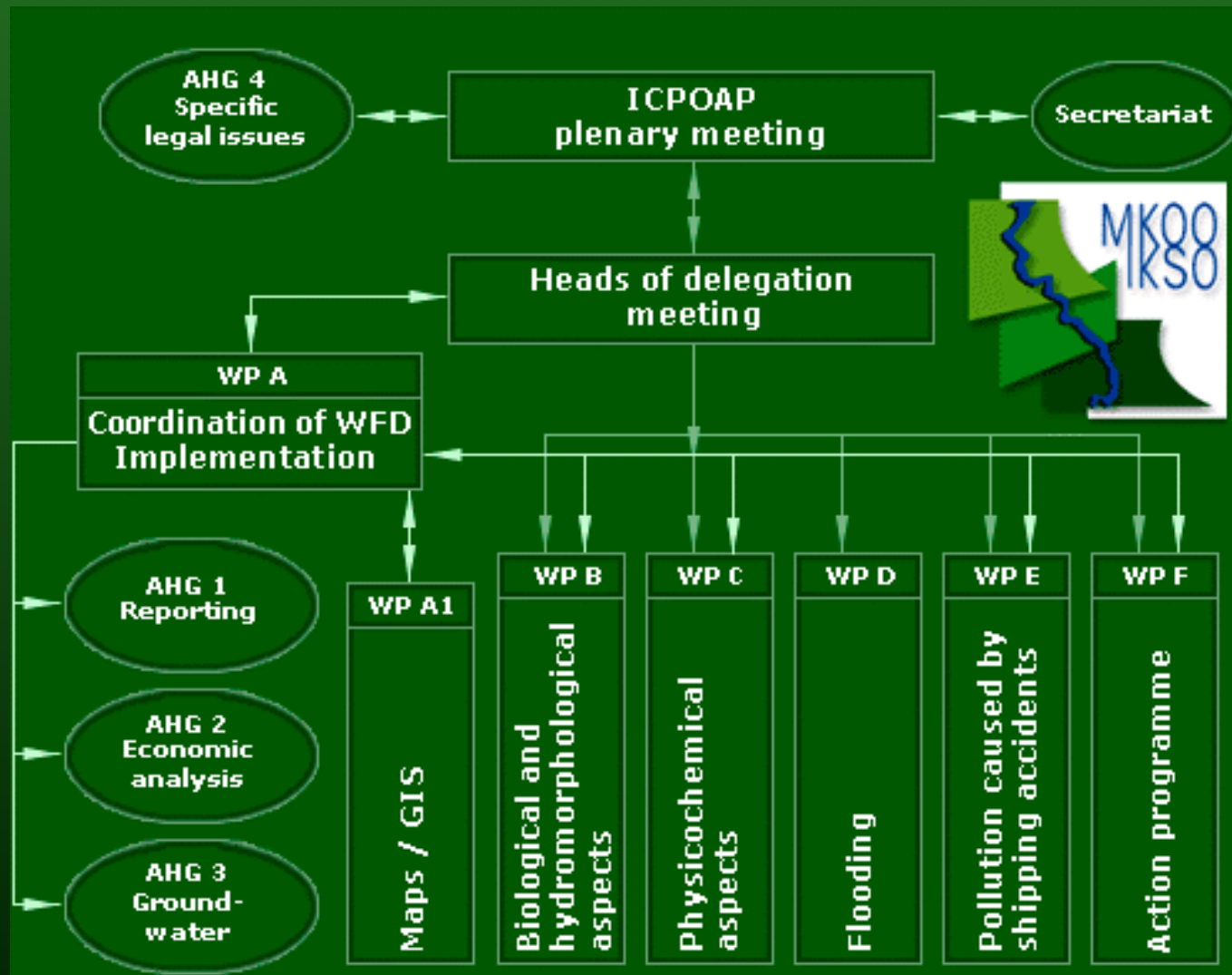
- Poland
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- European Union.

The agreement was ratified by the Polish party on 5th January 1999 and entered into force on 28th April 1999.

The objectives of the ICPOAP are:

- prevention and permanent reduction of polluting the Odra River and the Baltic Sea with harmful substances
- achieving the most natural aquatic and littoral ecosystems possible with the corresponding species diversity;
- making it possible to use the Oder, mainly to achieve drinking water from infiltration shore intakes and to use of its water and sediments in agriculture;
- flood controlling together with liquidation of flood damages and the mutual system of early warning
- coordinating of implementation of the Water Framework Directive in the Oder river basin.

## Organization chart



As a result of particular working groups activities, so far the following have been elaborated:

- *The Fast Acting Programme for Protection of the Odra River Against Pollution*
- *The International Warning and Alarming Plan"*
- *Joint Strategy and the Principles of Flood-Control for the Odra River Basin*
- *Flood Control Actions Programme in the Odra River Basin*
- *Recommended Activities to be Undertaken in order to Prepare and Form Mutual Information System to Deal with Questions Important for Floods in the Odra Basin*
- *The Odra River Macrozoobenthos*