Public Participation in the context of WDF implementation in Hungary

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Areal levels of Danube PP

- Basin wide: difficult, regional NGOs, DEF
- National: convenient, govm., assoc.
- Sub-basin: stakeholders e.g. Tisza Platform
- Local: actions, local practitioners etc.

First version of Hungarian PP strategy developed in 2006 considers:

- EU guidance on PP
- Danube basin PP strategy
- HarmoniCOP handbook
- National characteristics

PP strategy of Hungary tested 1st half 2007
Upper-Tisza planning sub-unit

• ensure PP in RBMP
• assist national governments comply with WFD
PP strategy of Hungary
- national – NWMC (replacing ISCC on WFD)
- 4 sub-catchments – SCWMCs
- 12 sub-committees of existing Regional Water Management Committees

written & verbal consultation
42 sub-units
Responsible: 12 EWDs, in collaboration env. auth., NPs

Mandate of Committees
- supervise PP process at their level,
- comment
  - overview of water man. issues (2008)
  - draft RBMP (2009)
- endorse or return drafts
- provide public control over RBM planning

Composition
40% government
20% NGOs
20% water users
20% professionals, academia
+ Bottom-up delegation!

NWMC
31 members
25: 40% 20% 20% 20% + 4 sub-ctm + 1 nat. + chair

12 Sub-coms. of RWMC
15 members
40% 20% 20% 20%
+ 1-1 delegates of RWMC

What next?
Significant water management issues to be identified by 22 December 2007
- national
- 4 sub-catchments
- 42 planning sub-units

Consultation till 22 June 2008

European levels need to cooperate for reaching good water status by 2015
- basin wide
- national
- local
Thank you for your attention