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IMPLEMENTATION OF WFD WITH THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

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Implementation of the Water Framework Directive

EU aims:
- Sustainable use of water

ICPDR: Coordination of the Danube basin aims

National aims:
- Consideration of the special flood prevention circumstances
- Introduction of the open planning process in water management
Multilateral Co-operation

- Helsinki Convention (1996)
- ICPDR (Sofia Convention) (1998)
- EU Water Framework Directive
- Tisza Water Forum (2001)
- Budapest Initiative (2002)
Bilateral agreements

- Hungarian-Slovakian (1978)
- Hungarian-Ukrainian (1999)
- Hungarian-Romanian (2003)
- Hungarian-Yugoslav (1955)
- Hungarian-Croatian (1995)
- Hungarian-Slovenian (1995)
- Hungarian-Austrian (1955)
• New agreement will take into consideration very detailed the WFD aspects (Committee of Common Basins and Transboundary Waters)

• WG for Implementation of WFD formulated in Banska Stiavnica 2003. December

• Plan of activities for 2004 agreed (identification of surface WBs, preparation of maps, preliminary identification of the HMWBs, delineation of transboundary GWBs, exchange of information on pressures and risk assessment)
• The negotiations started on the deputy government commissioners’ meeting in June 2004.
• The Hungarian Side provided information on WFD harmonization and will provide tables for getting data from the Ukrainian Side.
• The Ukrainian Side suggested to take into consideration the background materials prepared for the Tisza Water Forum.
• Important to provide financing for the Ukrainian Side.
• The new transboundary agreement (2003) took into consideration the aspects of WFD
• 1st meeting on the harmonisation of WFD 15-16 April 2004, Gyula (Hungary)
• General presentations, surface water, groundwater and GIS groups in parallel sessions
• Identification of all transboundary WBs, agreed ICPDR templates, bilateral harmonisation of datasets
• Summary of results and common proposals
• The standstill in the bilateral transboundary co-operation hindered the process of WFD harmonisation

• Serbian Side in principle agreed to implement the WFD in transboundary context

• Surface water templates and shape files sent to the Serbian Side

• Keeping contacts by e-mails
• First meeting of WFD WG on 3 March 2004

• Hungarian proposal for bilateral harmonisation of national level datasets
• Two meetings of WFD Harmonisation WG

• Experts nominated for surface waters, groundwaters and GIS
• The Austrian-Hungarian Transboundary Water Commission since 2001 deals with the tasks raised by WFD

• Special WFD WG was formulated on 23 March 2004 by the initiative of the water directors
Thank you for your kind attention!
Dziękuje bardzo bardzo dla Wasza uwaga!