Basin Committees Role in elaboration of River Basin Management Plans in Romania

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Basin Committees in Romania since 2000

Legal framework is provided by:

- Water Law 107/1996 as amended
  - Art. 47
- GD 270/2012 on establishment and functioning regulations of the Basin Committees, which replaced the GD 1212/2000.

Basin Committees proved very efficient tool for basin wide intersectoral consultation and public participation to the decision making.
WFD—Art.14 on public information and consultation

MS should ensure stakeholder information on:
- schedule and working program for the elaboration of the River Basin Management Plans;
- a provisional synthesis of the significant problems of water management;
- draft of the RBMPs.

Basin Committees were first to discuss these issues and to disseminate information through their members to all stakeholders and to the public.
Romania in the Danube Basin
The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests

- Elaborates the environmental protection and water management policies at national level and the specific regulations for these activities development and harmonizes them with the general policy framework of the Government.

- Ensures and coordinates the implementation of the Government Strategy on environmental protection and water management, accomplishing the role of state authority for synthesis, coordination and control in these fields.

Ensure international cooperation in water field, especially transboundary cooperation within the framework of the bilateral agreements with the neighboring countries – Hungary, Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova and also within the Convention for Cooperation on the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River and Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution.
The National Administration “Apele Romane” is the Romanian water management body under the direct authority of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests. 11 river basins managed by the National Administration “Apele Romane” through its units – Water Basin Administrations. Beside all the 11 Water Basin Administrations, River Basin Committees were created as consultative bodies.

Main tasks of River Basin Administration:
- Water resources management
- Integrated water monitoring
- Administration of hydraulic structures
- Water protection against pollution and over use
- Flood control management
- Coordination of national investments in water resources field
- Implementation of the EU Directives related to the water
- Application of international and bilateral water conventions
ICPDR Strategy for Public Participation to DRMP was implemented by the Romanian Basin Committees beginning with 2004.

ICPDR Strategy is based on the timetable of WFD implementation and its activities are based on the requirements of WFD – provides for the Basin Committees as main units for this activity;
- stakeholders meetings;
- information on web sites;
- public meetings;
- problems questionnaires;
- brochures and leaflets;
- Mass-media involved in presentation of water management activities,
First and second RBMPs Preparation by National Administration “Apele Romane” with the help of Basin Committees and Public Participation

2007-2008
2012-2015
Activity intensified in all 11 RBCs in Romania
2 ordinary meetings/year
1-2 supplementary meetings on RBMPs elaboration
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