

# **Manejamiento de las aguas de Danubio: bilateralismo y multilateralismo**

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# The Danube Waters Management: Bilateralism and Multilateralism

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# The start of international co-operation after the World War I

- **Commission de Regime des Eaux du Danube (CRED)**
  - Hungarian-Austrian Water Regime Agreement (1923)
  - Hungarian-Romanian Water Regime Agreement (1924)
  - Hungarian-Czechoslovakian Water Regime Agreement (1928)
- **Transcarpathian Region (Czechoslovak-Hungarian-Romanian) Commission**



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# Bilateral agreements

- Hungary - Sovietunion (1949)
  - Hungary - Romania (1950)
  - Hungary - Chechoslovakia (1954)
  - Hungary - Yugoslavia (1955)
  - Hungary - Austria (1956)
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- Hungary - Ukraine (1993)
- Hungary - Slovenia (1994)
- Hungary - Croatia (1994)



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# Important tasks of water commissions

- water level and volume measurements
- checking the state of the dykes and the hydrotechnical constructions
- flood protection
- agreement of development and technical plans
- water balance
- water quality measurements and evaluation



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# Multilateral Cooperation in the ICPDR – Sofia Convention 1994

- Leading the Flood Protection Working Group
- Participation in the River Basin Management Group
- Ad hoc Tisza Group (sustainable management plan for the Tisza river)
- Participation in the preparation of Roof Report
- Co-ordination of the implementation of WFD



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# New challenges

- **Pollution, Floods, Deforestation, Loss of biodiversity**
  - Cyanid and heavy metal pollutions in 2000
  - Environmental Protection Programme (2001)
  - Heavy floods on the river Tisza 1998-2000
  - Budapest Declaration / Tisza Water Forum (2001)



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# Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive

EU objectives: sustainable use of water



ICPDR aims:  
coordinating the  
common objectives of  
the Danube basin

National aims:

- Considering the special needs and circumstances of flood control
- Introduction of the open planning process in water management





# Latest developments in the bilateral co-operation

- Hungarian-Romanian Frontier Water Agreement (2003)
- Draft of Hungarian-Slovakian Frontier Water Agreement (2007)
- Hungarian-Slovakian Committee of Common Water Basins and Frontier Waters
- Referencies relating to multilateral conventions
- Bilateral enforcement of multilateral goals
- Implementation of WDF



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# Summary

- **After WW I: Bilateralism relying on CRED**
- **After WW II till 1994: Stronger bilateralism**
- **Sofia Convention: Possibility of multilateralism**
- **Important role of international organisations**
- **2004 Tisza MoU: Stronger multilateralism**



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