3rd Istanbul International Water Forum
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TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION ON WATER MANAGEMENT

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

EU DIRECTIVES

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WATER CONVENTIONS

- Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary and International Lakes (Water Convention), 1992
- Danube River Protection Convention, 1994
- Black Sea Protection Convention, 1998
IMPLEMENTATION OF EU DIRECTIVES IN BULGARIA

Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC:

- reported 1st River Basin Management Plans (March, 2010)

- reported progress in the implementation of the Programs of measures (March, 2013)

- Started process of actualization of RBMPs for the 2nd planning cycle (2013)
First cycle of elaboration of Flood risk management plan is in process

Reported Preliminary flood risk assessment (August, 2012)

Reported Areas with potential significant flood risk (October, 2013)

National methodologies and preparatory works for establishment of:
- Flood Hazard maps and Flood risk maps
- Flood risk management plan

AREAS with POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT FLOOD RISK

In EARBD are identified 31 ASPFR – in Maritsa river basin – 18 Arda river basin - 5
At the border with Greece in Maritsa river basin is identified ASPFR_MA_01

Greece
Transboundary cooperation activities

1. Bulgaria – EU Member States (Romania, Hellenic Republic)

- Bilateral agreements / declarations on understanding and cooperation in the field of water management and implementation of EU directives;
- Establishment of Joint Commission (with Romania) and Joint Expert Group (with Greece) on implementation of EU Directives;
- Organized expert meetings on exchange of information on development and actualization of WFD and development of FRMP;
- Agreed plans (2012-2015) for transboundary cooperation on...
Transboundary cooperation activities

2. Bulgaria - non EU countries (Turkey, Serbia, Macedonia)

- Joint agreements / declarations on understanding and cooperation in the Field of Environmental protection and management of water resources;
- Organized bilateral meetings for exchange of information on the status of implementation of WFD and FRMD;
- Planning process is started for transboundary cooperation on water management and implementation of EU water directives.
The requirements of art.8,9 and 10 of the MSFD have been fulfilled and reported to the EC. The monitoring requirements of art.11 of MSFD are in the process of development.
Black sea Convention

- The MSFD sets out a framework for achieving good environmental status (GES) of the EU’s marine waters by the year 2020 at the latest.
- The Black Sea Convention of 1992 is a platform for cooperation of the 6 coastal states for the protection and rehabilitation of the Black Sea.
- Strategic Action Plan – based on 3 main principles for the management of the environment:
  - Integrated management of the coastal areas
  - Ecosystem approach
  - Integrated management of the river basins
  - System of Consultative groups and Regional action centers – 7 permanent groups, 2 temporary groups and 1 additional group.
BG PARTICIPATION
and the Black sea Convention

The Black Sea is a unique water body
• of semi-enclosed nature and huge catchment area (covers almost one third of continental Europe)
• outstanding in biodiversity
• ut fragile and highly sensitive to anthropogenic pressures

Located in a diverse region
• connecting two continents
• social economic differences
• Energy
• Transport
• and Tourism development
BG PARTICIPATION

Black sea Convention

Achieving MSFD objectives in the Black Sea - challenge - only 2 out of 6 coastal states are EU members
The Black Sea Strategic Action Plan (BS SAP) and the MSFD share the same goals - there are significant benefits to be realized in aligning the implementation of MSFD and the Bucharest Convention.
- there are continuous efforts on the Bulgarian side (in coordination with Romania) with a clear focus on the following priorities:
  • Strengthened political commitment in the Black Sea marine region
  • Integrated approach
  • EU accession to the Bucharest convention
with the overall objective
  • Improved and sustained Black Sea ecosystem and sustainable development of the region.
BG PARTICIPATION

Danube River Protection Convention

- Member of International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
- Involvement in the activity of Working groups of ICPDR
- Scientific researches of aquatic ecosystems
- Implementation of partnership projects

Next steps:

Danube River Basin Management Plan

=> ... to reach good water and ecosystem quality for the Danube and its people
BG CONTRIBUTION TO CEENBO INITIATIVES

- **Plovdiv, Bulgaria – March 2011,** CEENBO Liaison Bureau joint the meeting of the Conference “Integrated Water Management in the Balkans and Eastern Europe”

- **Sofia, Bulgaria – 20-22 May 2012,** CEENBO Liaison Bureau joint the 10th meeting on EURO-INBO “International conference “Water Management in “Central and Eastern Europe – Problems and Challenges”

- **Plovdiv, Bulgaria – 12-16 November 2013,** CEENBO Liaison Bureau joint the 11th meeting of EURO-INBO “European Conference on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive”
Thank You Very Much for Your Attention!