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Report of the Trilateral Technical Workshop, ICPDR, Vienna





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WORKSHOP REPORT

Subject: Trilateral Technical Workshop MD/UA/RO: Contributions of Moldova and Ukraine to the Danube Basin Analysis 2013 and Danube River Basin Management Plan

Date: 26 November 2013

From: Birgit Vogel/RBMsolutions, Vienna (Austria), Non Key EPIRB Expert

Venue: Secretariat of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River at the United Nations Offices in Vienna

Workshop Tasks and Background

The workshop aimed to enable a platform

- for technical exchange on the Prut River Basin between Moldova and Ukraine;
- for technical exchange with Romania on lessons learnt in implementing the EU WFD and, specifically, in providing information to the ICPDR;
- to initiate a technical discussion on possible contributions of MD and UA to the Danube Protection Convention specifically the Danube Basin Analysis 2013 (DBA 2013) and Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015 (DRBM Plan 2015) in the frame of the EPIRB Project;
- to learn from the ICPDR Secretariat on the concept of the DBA 2013 and related data requirements;
- to present on the EPIRB Project and components that could feed into the DBA;
- to discuss cross-cutting issues and identify a way forward for concrete contributions to the ICPDR;

Workshop Participants

ICPDR Secretariat

- Ivan Zavadsky (Executive Secretary ICPDR)
- Raimund Mair (Technical Expert for River Basin Management)
- Major Zoran (Technical Expert for GIS)
- Adam Kovacs (Technical Expert Pollution Control)

Delegation Moldova

- Alexandru Tabacaru
- Nicolae Boboc
- Victor Bujac (CWME EPIRB)



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Delegation Ukraine

- Mikhailo Kamasa (UA MONRE – International Affairs)
- Kyryl Sereda
- Nataliia Zakorchevna (CWME EPIRB)

Delegation Romania

- Madalina David (Apele Romane)
- Anca Savin (Prut Basin Directorate)

EPIRB Project

- Timothy Turner (Team Leader EPIRB Project)
- Birgit Vogel (NKE EPIRB Project)

Workshop Agenda

Agenda

The Agenda for the one day workshop can be found in **Annex 1**.

Workshop Summary – Brief Overview

During the morning session the work, activities and tasks of the ICPDR were presented. The upcoming work regarding the development of the Danube Basin Analysis 2013 (DBA) and Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015 (DRBM Plan) according to the EU WFD were presented in detail and highlighted the deliverables that are expected from the ICPDR contracting parties, including Moldova and Ukraine.

Ukraine and Moldova presented past and on-going activities in the Prut Basin and other national river basins. Emphasis was given to contributions intended for delivery towards the DBA and DRBM Plan 2015 and in this context, the MD and UA representatives outlined their expectations regarding EPIRB Project support.

The RO delegation provided a presentation on their experience on WFD implementation and the development of the international DRBM Plan 2009.

The EPIRB Project team leader, Tim Turner, and the EPIRB Key Expert, Birgit Vogel, high-lighted areas of EPIRB Project support and deliverables which could contribute to the DRBM Plan 2015.

An initial discussion identified several cross-cutting issues between the work of the ICPDR and the countries and it became obvious that the Prut RBM Plan that is elaborated within the EPIRB Project could significantly support MD and UA to fulfil their obligations towards the ICPDR.



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The Executive Secretary of the ICPDR (Ivan Zavadsky) emphasised the added value of the work and activities of the EPIRB project to the development of the DRBM Plan. He expressed the willingness to provide technical support to EPIRB Project where feasible. As a first step, ICPDR Secretariat staff will present the EPIRB Project to the ICPDR Contracting Parties at its Ordinary Meeting (Plenary Meeting; 10-11 December 2011, Vienna). The ICPDR Executive Secretary also offered to express the value of the outcomes and contributions of the EPIRB project to ICPDR DRBM Plan activities in a letter to the European Commission.

The MD and UA representatives expressed the added value of EPIRB Project support to contribute to the fulfilment regarding their obligations towards the ICPDR.

Romania expressed appreciation of the information provided regarding the EPIRB Project and emphasised the importance to harmonise any activities and outcomes in the Prut Basin with the Romanian WFD activities and assessment results. In addition, RO expressed willingness to contribute with their WFD expertise to the EPIRB Project work in the Prut Basin. However, any organisational and financial arrangements would need to be clarified from the side of EPIRB.

Workshop Conclusions

The afternoon session of the workshop served a detailed discussion on technical cooperation in the Prut River Basin focusing on contributions to the DBA 2013 and DRBM Plan 2015. The following questions guided the discussion:

- Does an exchange between EPIRB and the ICPDR on the DBA 2013 in the timeframe seem feasible?
- How can the timeframes of ICPDR and EPIRB be streamlined?
- What are the current shortcomings in the DBA cooperation (ICPDR/MD/UA)?
- How could the cooperation DBA work technically and what can be delivered?
- What can be learned from Romania?
- How can MD and UA be technically supported to deliver to the ICPDR?

Following conclusions were agreed between the workshop participants:

- All participants agreed that the EPIRB Project activities and outcomes would best contribute to the ICPDR activities regarding the DRBM Plan 2015 as the timeline/schedules coincide.
- EPIRB Project support to the DBA 2013 would not be viable, since the timelines do not match. However, the process will be followed, as the DBA's content will feed directly into the DRBM Plan 2015.
- A guidance document will be drafted by the EPIRB project outlining the next steps for UA and MD towards the fulfilment of ICPDR deliverables. The document will provide a Road Map, including activities and milestones.



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- A gap analysis will be undertaken highlighting the MD and UA deliverable shortcomings to the DRBM Plan 2009 and will include practical recommendations how the gaps can be filled in the DRBM Plan 2015.
- Romanian experts will be involved in the exercise to ensure full harmonisation and guidance.
- To enable cooperation in the most effective way, a small Working Group (WG) will be established consisting of MD and UA experts, EPIRB representatives (team lead, by Birgit Vogel)) and if possible an ICPDR as well as a Romanian expert.
- The WG will streamline RBMP activities and outcomes elaborated under EPIRB towards MD/UA deliverables to the international DRBM Plan 2015.
- The activities and tasks of the WG will be clearly defined and include river basin characterisation, identification of significant pressures/impacts and the design of a Programme of Measures. All tasks will be aligned within the Road Map referred to above.
- Where possible meetings of the WG will take place back-to-back to relevant ICPDR Expert Groups Meetings, to enable participation of experts in both meetings and reduce overall financial costs.
- It was agreed that the EPIRB Project will make full use of the Danube Geographical Information System (DanubeGIS) that was designed/set-up according to the requirements of the WFD, thereby making best possible use of synergies and to enable direct upload of the MD/UA deliverables.
- The DanubeGIS templates were provided to the EPIRB Project team in order to investigate on possible use and to exchange in detail with the ICPDR GIS Technical Experts (Mr. Major and Mr. Höbart) in follow-up.
- Communication exchange between the ICPDR, the EPIRB Project and the WG will be ensured and take place on a regular basis.
- The MD and UA experts agreed to establish contact with the national representatives in relevant ICPDR Expert Groups (= RBM EG, MA EG, PM EG and GIS EG) and inform the national ICPDR representative of the planned EPIRB Project activities and initiate pro-active exchange/cooperation regarding work on both the Prut Basin as well as the DRBM Plan 2015.
- The participants concluded that the best possible use should be made of any bi- and multilateral agreements between MD, UA and RO.
- Terms of Reference will be drafted by EPIRB reflecting the issues and actions discussed during the meeting as outlined above.
- The ICPDR Secretariat will present the EPIRB Project at its Ordinary Meeting (10 – 11 December 2013);
- The ICPDR Executive Secretary will send a letter to the EC expressing its support of the EPIRB activities and stressing their value in the development of the DRBM Plan 2015



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Next Steps

- Agreement within the EPIRB Project team on mechanisms to implement the 26 November workshop conclusions;
- Develop a Road Map and tasks to be taken in order to implement activities;
- Exchange information and templates on DanubeGIS to make best possible use of them within the EPIRB Project;
- Establish a EPIRB WG and outline its aim and tasks to deliver EPIRB Project outcomes regarding the Prut Basin to the DRBM Plan 2015 ;
- Nominate the members of the WG and establish meeting schedule; and
- Establish communication lines between ICPDR Secretariat and EPIRB project



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Annex 1: Workshop Agenda

Draft Agenda
Trilateral Technical Workshop MD/UA/RO
Contributions of Moldova and Ukraine to the
Danube Basin Analysis 2013 and Danube River Basin Management Plan
under the ENPI Project ‘Environmental Protection of International River Basins (EPIRB)’ and
hosted by the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
26 November 2013, ICPDR Secretariat, Vienna (Austria)

The meeting aims to enable a platform

- for technical exchange on the Prut River Basin between Moldova and Ukraine;
- for technical exchange with Romania on their lessons learned in implementing the EU WFD and, specifically, in providing information to the ICPDR;
- to initiate a technical discussion on possible contributions of MD and UA to the Danube Protection Convention specifically the Danube Basin Analysis 2013 (DBA 2013) and Danube River Basin Management Plan 2015 (DRBM Plan 2015) in the frame of the EPIRB Project;
- learn from the ICPDR Secretariat on the concept of the DBA 13 and related data requirements;
- present on the EPIRB Project in general and the components that could feed into the DBA;
- discuss cross-cutting issues and identify a way forward for concrete contributions to the ICPDR;

Time	Thematic Item	Presenter
9:00-9:10	Welcome by the Executive Secretary of the ICPDR and the team leader of the EPIRB project	Ivan Zavadsky (ICPDR Executive Secretary) Timothy Turner (EPIRB Project Team Leader)
9:10 – 9:20	Tour de Table: Introduction of all participants	All
9:20 – 9:45	Introduction to the current work of the ICPDR	Ivan Zavadsky (ICPDR Executive Secretary)
9:45 – 10:15	Introduction to the EPIRB Project – Scope, aims and outcomes	Timothy Turner (EPIRB Project Team Leader)
10:15– 10:45	Development of the Danube Basin Analysis 2013 and the DRBM Plan 2015. • Concept, road map, data needs and status	Raimund Mair (RBM TE at the ICPDR)
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Tea Break</i>	
11:15-11:45	Overview by Moldova: • The Prut river basin, current management and future plans; • Outline of expectations for future technical exchange; • Planned delivery to the ICPDR for the DBA 2013	Victor Bujac (EPIRB Project Country Water Management Expert)
11:45 – 12:15	Overview by Ukraine: • The Prut river basin, current management and future plans; • Outline of expectations for future technical exchange; • Planned delivery to the ICPDR for the DBA 2013;	Kyryl Sereda (UA MENR - Coordinator for Prut River Basin Management Plan)
12:15 – 12:45	Initial discussion on cross-cutting issues and technical RBM exchange between Moldova and Ukraine	All
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	



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Time	Thematic Item	Presenter
14:00 – 14:30	RO experience with WFD implementation and contributions to the ICPDR	Madalina David <i>(National Administration Romanian Waters)</i>
14:30 – 14:50	The EPIRB Project and possible support of MD/UA for contributions to the ICPDR under its Activity 1.2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope, basic ideas and schedule 	Birgit Vogel <i>(Senior NK Expert EPIRB Project)</i>
Workshop Session		
14:50 – 16:15	Detailed discussion on technical cooperation in the Prut River Basin focusing on possible contributions to the DBA 2013 and DRBM Plan 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does an exchange between EPIRB and the ICPDR on the DBA 2013 seem feasible? • How can schedules be streamlined? • How could cooperation and mechanisms technically work? • Current shortcomings in cooperation (ICPDR/MD/UA) to deliver to the DBA? • What can be improved towards the DBA 2013? • What can be delivered by MD and UA for the DBA 2013? • What can be learned from Romania? • How can MD and UA be technically supported to deliver to the ICPDR? • How can the EPIRB support be optimised? 	All
16:15 – 16:45	Outline of a draft Road Map to contribute to the DBA 2013 and DRBM Plan 2015	All
16:45 - 17:15	Key conclusions, next steps and wrap-up	EPIRB Project/ ICPDR Secretariat
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