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Upper Dnieper Pilot Basin – Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on SWMIs



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Purpose of the Stakeholder Consultation

- to **present** the necessary background information and the preliminary overview of the important water management issues for the Upper Dnieper pilot basin
- to **collect** stakeholders' feedbacks concerning the identification of most important water management issues
- to **support** the development of the RBMP by discussing on the preliminary identified significant water management issues (SWMI) for the Upper Dnieper pilot basin

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Why Public Participation?

Water Management Principles (Dublin 1992)


1. Fresh water is a finite and *vulnerable resource*, essential to sustain life, development and the environment.
2. *Water development and management should be based on a participatory approach, involving users, planners and policymakers at all levels.*
3. Water has an *economic value* in all its competing uses and should be recognised as an economic good as well as a social good.

Citizens' rights to access to information and public participation-
International, EU and national legislation (Aarhus Convention, 1998)

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What Public Participation creates?


- *Increases awareness* of IWRM and RBM planning
- Keeps *timely* exchange of informed
- *Transparent* decision-making and planning process
- *Trust* building
- Develops *strong ownership* towards the RBMPs
- *Knowledge and experiences* of stakeholders



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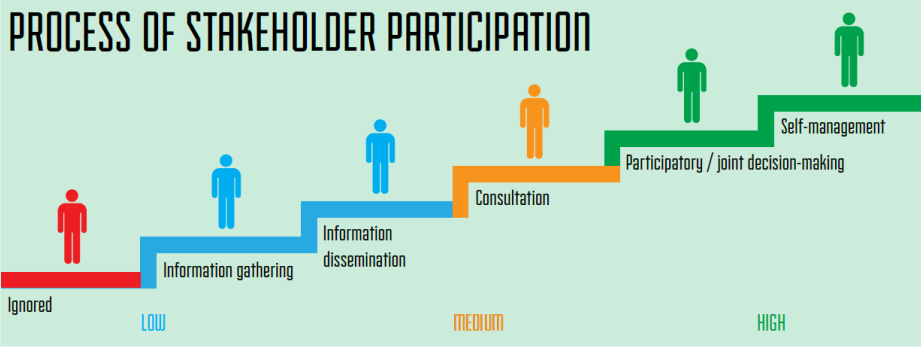


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Arnstein, 1969

PROCESS OF STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION




The diagram illustrates Arnstein's 'Ladder of Participation' with five steps, each represented by a person icon on a platform of increasing height. From left to right: 1. 'Ignored' (red icon, lowest platform). 2. 'Information gathering' (blue icon, second platform). 3. 'Information dissemination' (blue icon, third platform). 4. 'Consultation' (orange icon, fourth platform). 5. 'Participatory / joint decision-making' (green icon, fifth platform). 6. 'Self-management' (green icon, highest platform). Below the platforms, a color gradient bar indicates participation levels: LOW (blue), MEDIUM (orange), and HIGH (green).

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WFD – Public Information & Consultation Requirements:

- **Active involvement** of all interested parties on production, review and updating of RBMP
- **Regular information** provision to enable participation:
 - of planned measures and
 - on progress with their implementation before final decisions are adopted
- **Access** to background documents and information used for the development of the draft river basin management plan;

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WFD – Public Information & Consultation Requirements:

➤ **Consultation**, including a statement of the consultation measures to be taken, on:

- timetable and work programme of RBMP;
- interim overview of the SWMIs;
- draft copies of the RBMP

The RBMP should **summarize** public participation measures and **evaluate** their results and impact on the plan.

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