

FLOOD PROTECTION EDUCATION NETWORK IN THE DANUBE BASIN ?!



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Targets of PA5 (environmental risks)

1. To address the challenges of water scarcity and droughts in line with the Danube River Basin Management Plan – Update 2015, the report on the impacts of droughts in the Danube Basin in 2015 (due in 2016) and the ongoing work in the field of climate adaptation.
2. **Provide and enhance continuous support to the implementation of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan – adopted in 2015 in line with the EU Floods Directive – to achieve significant reductions of flood risk events by 2021, also taking into account potential impacts of climate change and adaption strategies.**
3. To continuously update the existing database of accident risk spots (ARS Inventory), contaminated sites and sites used for the storage of dangerous substances.



Effects of 2013 and 2014 floods

- In **May and June 2013**, much of Central Europe was affected by **extreme flooding** causing damages to houses, infrastructure, and services. Total **direct damage was 9.6 billion EUR in Germany, Czech Republic and Austria**.

2014

Country	Affected	Evacuated	Casualties	Damage	Cause
Serbia	1.6 million	32,000	51 (25 drown)	1.35 billion €	Torrents, landslides, levee breach
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1 million	90,000	25	2.04 billion € (15% of GDP in 2013)	Torrents, landslides, levee breach
Croatia	38,000	15,000	3	297.6 mil €	Levee breach

Serbia

Bosnia - Herzegovina

Croatia



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The Flood Survey of EUSDR PA5

The meetings and visits of the EUSDR PA5 Flood Survey

Hungary in Budapest	30/05/2013 and 10/07/2013
Czech Republic in Prague	02/08/2013
Germany (Baden-Württemberg) in Stuttgart	10/10/2013
Germany (Bavaria) in Munich	11/10/2013
Austria in Vienna	27/11/2013
Croatia in Zagreb	06/02/2014
Slovenia in Ljubljana	06/02/2014
Slovakia in Bratislava	26/02/2014
Serbia in Belgrade	05/03/2014
Bulgaria , in Sofia	17/03/2014
Ukraine in Nyíregyháza (HUN)	29/04/2014
Romania , in Budapest (HUN)	04/06/2014
Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo	19/08/2014
Montenegro in Podgorica	19/08/2014
Moldova in Chisinau	24/09/2014

Discussion of needs and challenges on Danube basin level



Adoption of the Danube Region Operative Flood Management and Cooperation Programme



- **DR Oper & Cooper was adopted in 28/04/2015 by EUSDR PA5 SG**

EU Strategy for the Danube Region Priority Area 5
- „to manage environmental risks” -

co-ordinated by Hungary and Romania

**Danube Region Operative Flood Management
and Cooperation Programme (DR Oper&Cooper)**

Adopted by the 9th Steering Group on 28/04/2015 in Budapest



Needs on Danube region level

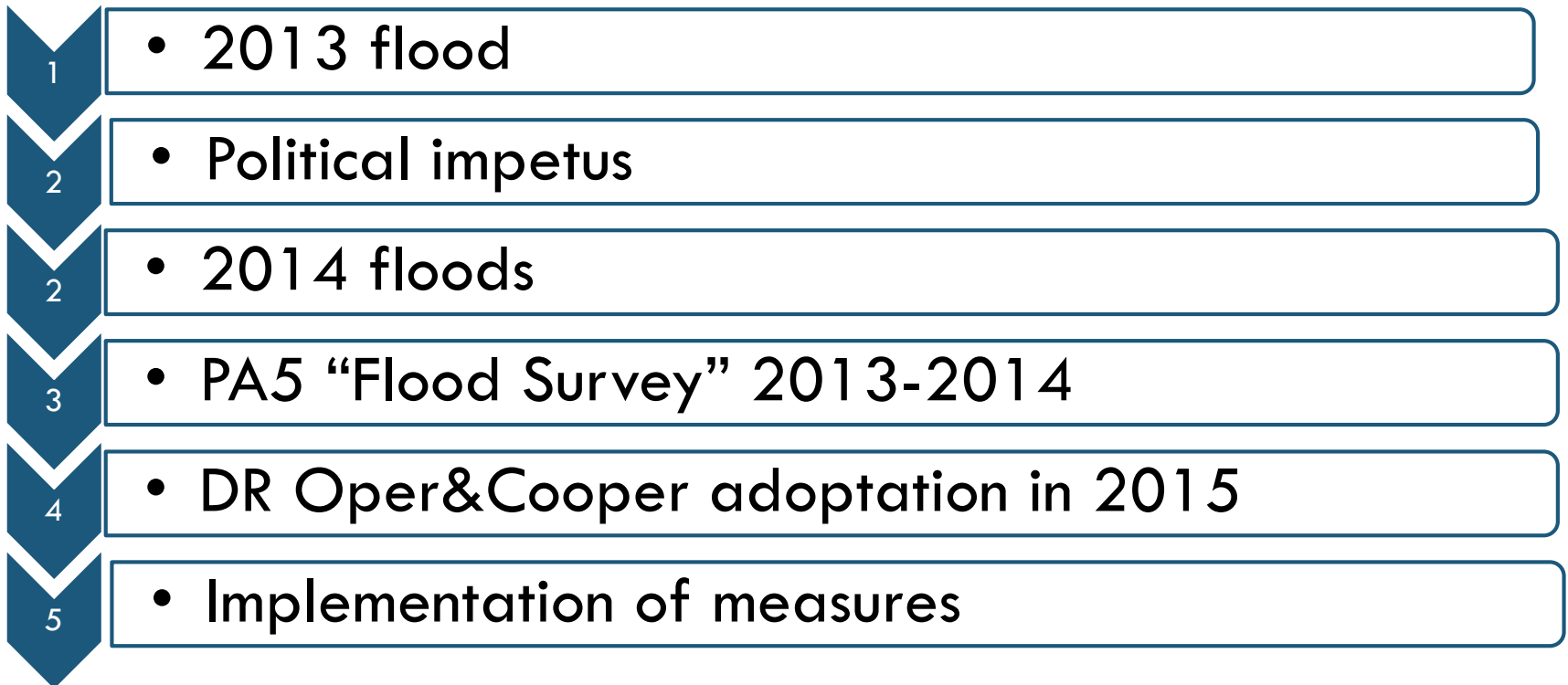
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Measures identified within the DR Oper & Cooper

Measure	Action
1 & 2	Improvement of flood forecasting
3	Coordination of the operation of hydraulic structures
4	Coordination of operative flood management plans
5	Development of common flood risk management plans for trans-boundary rivers
6	Exchange of flood protection techniques, technologies and experiences
7	Develop an education/training network
8	Harmonisation of operative flood protection methods and equipment

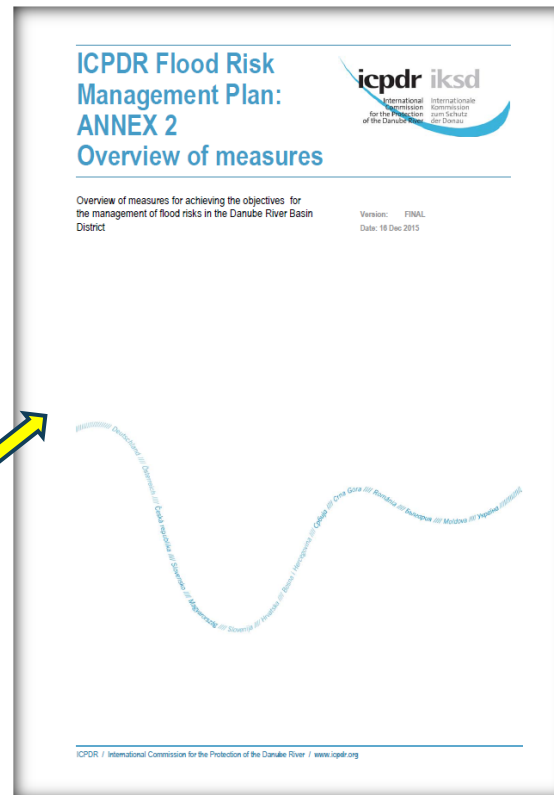
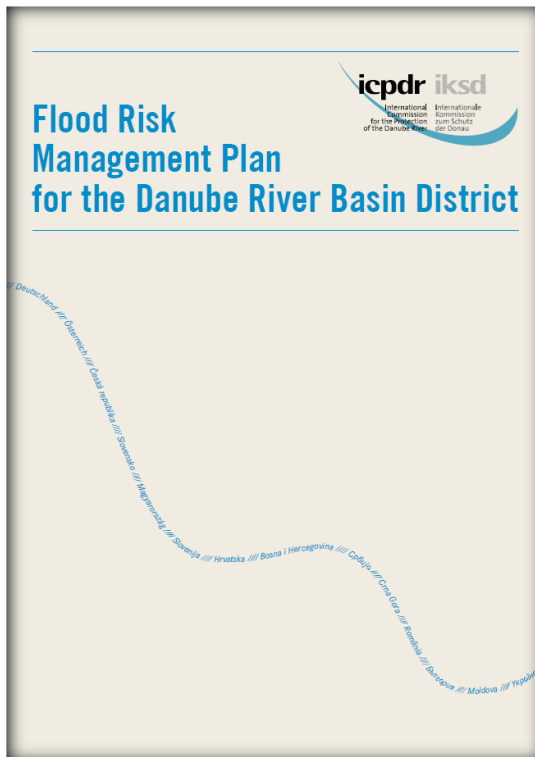
Overview of the process of DR Oper&Cooper elaboration

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DFRMP – overview of measures

2015



Including the measures
of DR Oper & Cooper

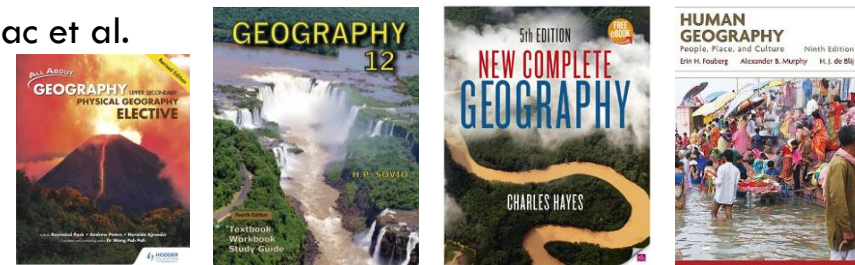
**❑ Danube Declaration
adopted** at the ICPDR
Ministerial Meeting **on
09/02/2016 by the
Ministers welcomed
and supported DR
Oper&Cooper**



12 out of 13 countries
highlighted the need
towards trainings for
experts and education of
the inhabitants

Natural hazards in Education

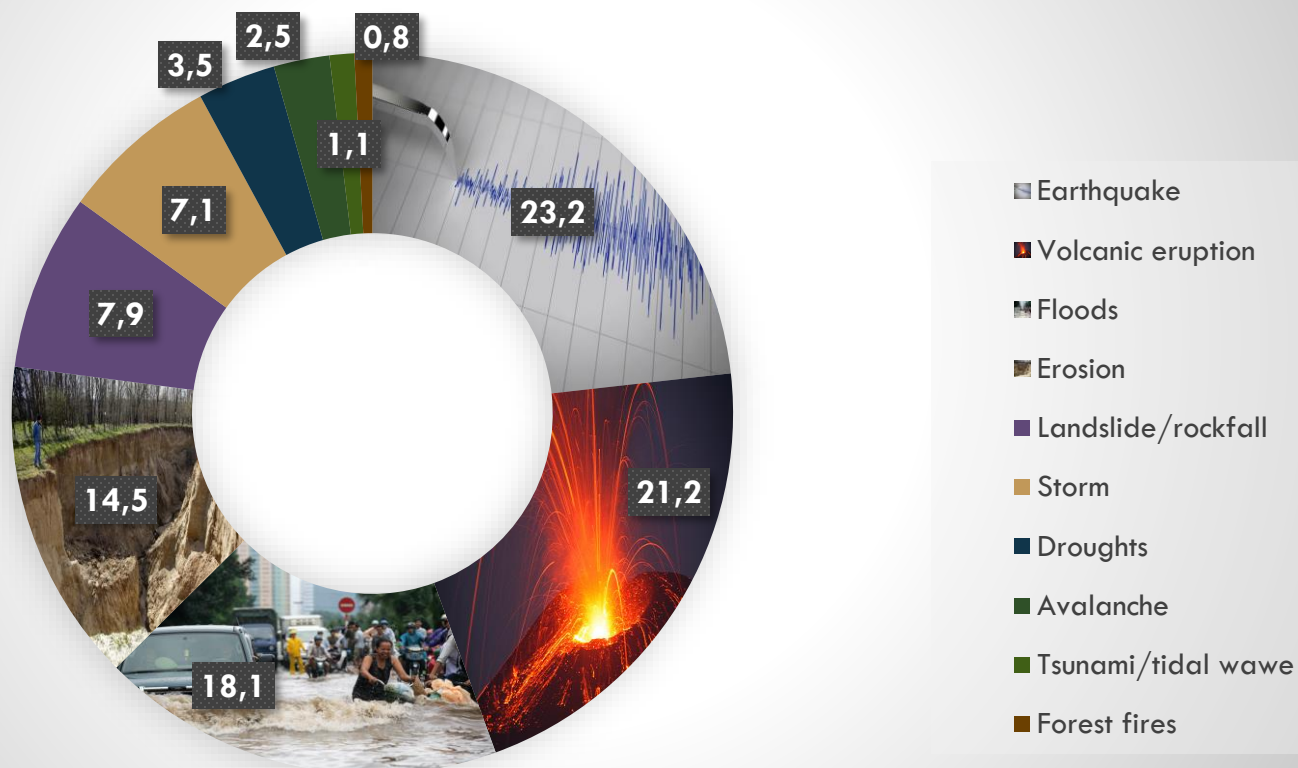
- Content analysis of 166 secondary-school geography textbooks from 36 countries – including 12 from the Danube basin – was conducted in 2013 by Komac et al.



Country	No. of Geography textbooks investigated	No. of textbook pages investigated	No. of pages containing descriptions of natural disasters	Share of pages containing descriptions of natural disasters
Austria	4	911	19	2,09
Bosnia&Herzegovina	6	1 083	21	1,94
Bulgaria	no data	no data	no data	no data
Croatia	4	748	11	1,47
Czech Republic	3	374	2	0,53
Germany	10	2 226	105	4,72
Hungary	7	1 225	35	2,86
Moldova	3	714	14	1,96
Montenegro	no data	no data	no data	no data
Romania	3	399	24	6,02
Serbia	5	1 020	36	3,53
Slovakia	3	254	0	0
Slovenia	7	831	34	4,09
Ukraine	6	1 514	5	0,33
Total	61	11 299	306	2,71

Natural hazards in Education

Share of different natural hazards in secondary-school Geography textbooks in 36 countries (%)



Development of an education/training network

- ❑ **Flood protection training** in June 2015 **for 70 Bosnian municipality and civil protection experts** who have essential role to direct the protection in the event of floods.
- ❑ The representatives of National University of Public Services Hungary and Technische Hochschule Deggendorf signed a **Collaboration Framework Agreement** (6/10/2016, Budapest)
- ❑ The cooperation was enlarged in 2017 with one Serbian and one Slovakian Universities



Development of an education/training network

- **InterFloodCourse project submission** for DSPF call with the support of EUSDR PA5

Lead partner: National Univ. Of Public Service (HU)

Partners:

- Technische Hochschule Deggendorf (DE)
- Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (SK)
- University of Belgrade (SRB)

Observers:

- General Directorate of Water Management (HU)
- Transcarpathian Hydrometeorological Center (UKR)

97.156 EUR budget

Activities:

Conference, curricula and course material development

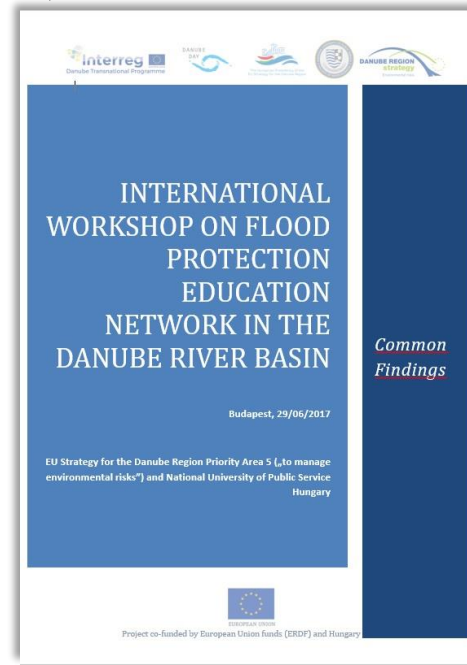
Priority area	Projects submitted
PA1a	0
PA1b	1
PA02	2
PA03	5
PA04	4
PA05	1
PA06	3
PA07	4
PA08	3
PA09	8
PA10	5
PA11	1
Total	37

Decision expected in October 2017

Development of an education/training network



- **Workshop for universities** on flood protection education network development and financial support
- EUSDR PA5 event with the **invitation of PA7** (Knowledge Society) and **PA9** (People&Skills)
- **Promoting** together **with** the **Danube Day 2017** (Budapest, 29/06/2017)
- Information about ERASMUS+, CEEPUS, HORIZON2020, DAAD **funding possibilities**
- Starting the **discussion, networking** possibilities
- 32 experts from 6 countries
- **Common Findings**



Common findings of the workshop 1.

- Secondary school level technical education is disappearing - aging of teachers and their limitations in speaking foreign languages (mainly English), the attrition of young professionals, the low number of full time teachers - huge fluctuation
- Low interest for technical studies and a decreasing number of university students in general
- Dual education needed



Common findings of the workshop 2.

- At university level, the topic of flood management is covered mainly within other subjects (e.g. hydrology, hydraulic structures, river regulation, economy), that is why students are not able to see this issue in an integrated way as a complex whole problem
- Social issues of hazards (e.g. socio-hydrology, social memory in natural hazards, resilience of landscapes and population, social aspects of floods, participatory planning methods), victim research, and green measures should be more in focus
- co-operation with water institutions should be sustained or enhanced (giving special courses and organizing technical excursions)



32
Hungarian
graduated
flood
protection
engineers
in 2016



Common findings of the workshop 3.

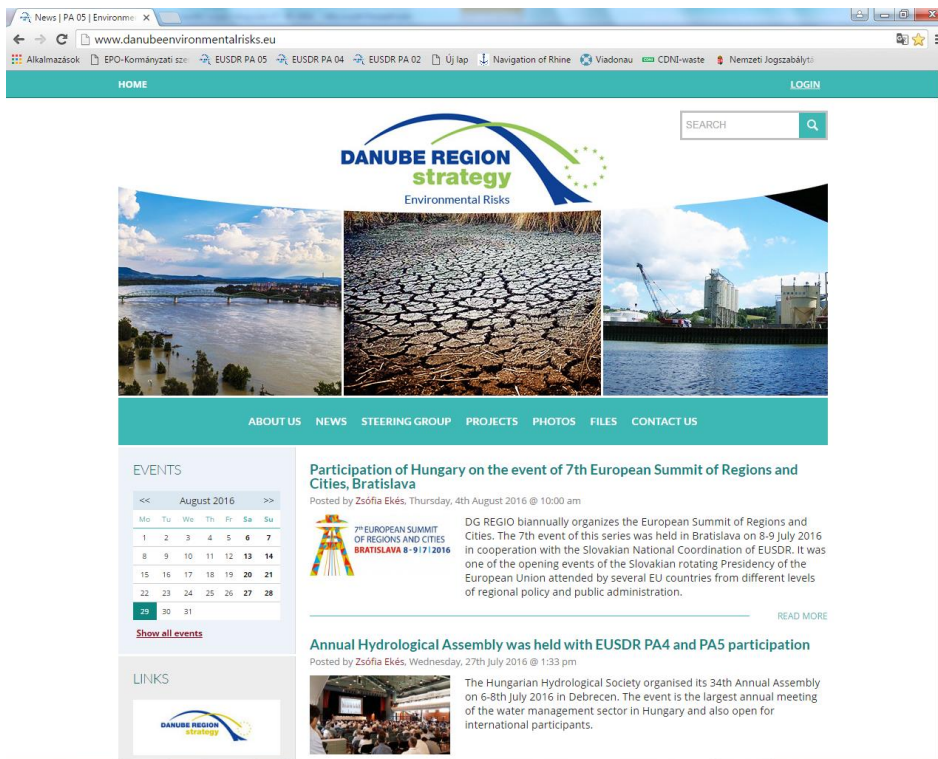
- ❑ Local knowledge is disappearing and education in small communities is needed
- ❑ Training of volunteers and inhabitants is important
- ❑ Lack of knowledge on floods in administration-related sciences results in inadequate education of municipal experts



Common findings of the workshop 4.

- Changing political background, or a missing long-term strategy of water policy are able to hinder strategic thinking or project implementation in some countries (but Kvassay Plan, or New Vásárhelyi Plan e.g. in Hungary)
- Flood Directive and its cycles of revision is not enough to re-establish education
- Re-establishment of the Danube hydrology discussion - networking





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