

# The Danube Experience

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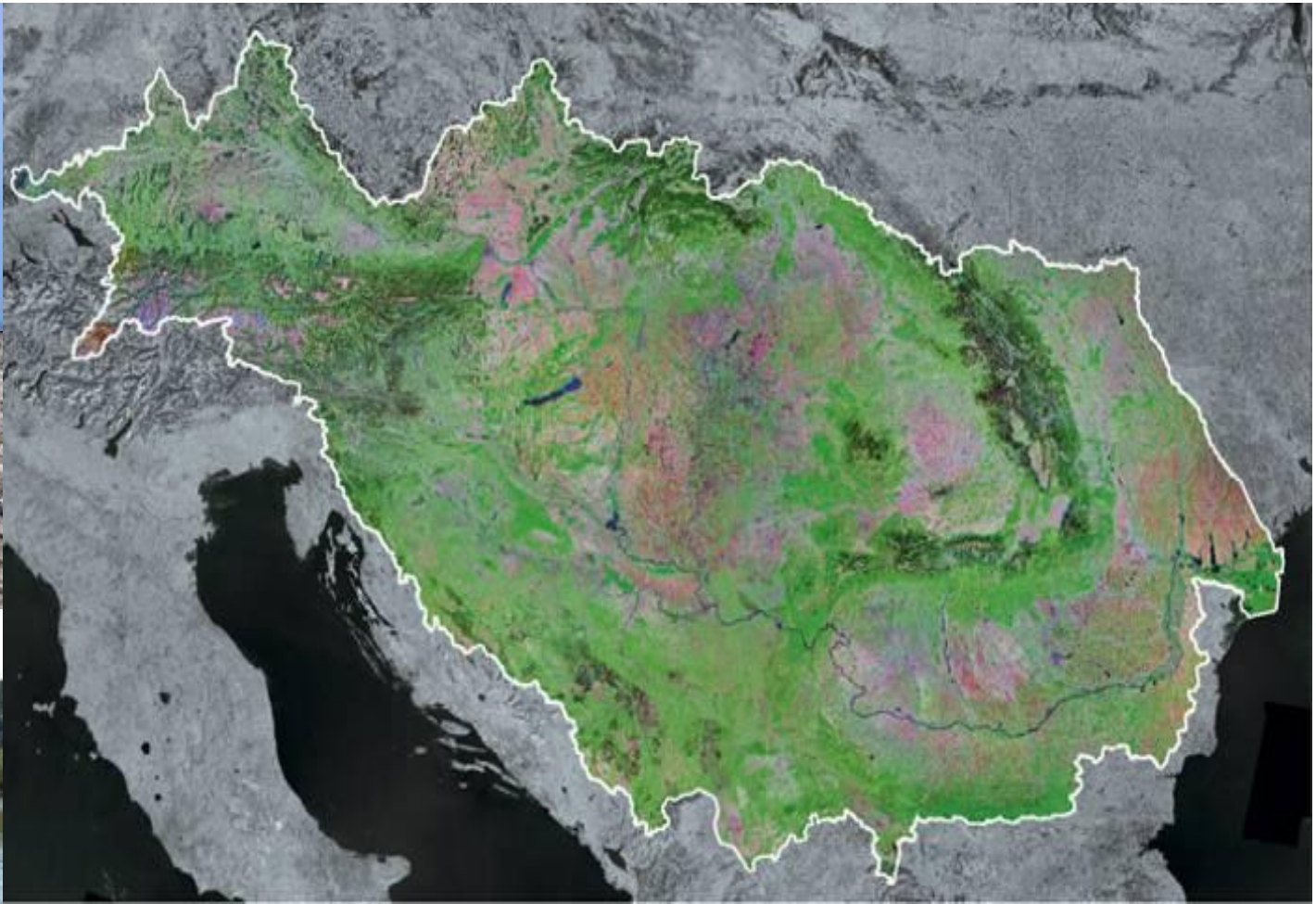
# The Danube is diverse – ecologically, socially, politically

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**Most international River Basin in the World, 19 Countries, 81 M inh.**



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# Danube River Protection Convention

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**29 June 1994**  
**Sofia - Bulgaria**

# Contracting Parties

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# Managing the ICPDR

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**Equal Contribution of all Contracting Parties**

**Budget Supports Secretariat and Core Activities**

**Key External Support for Start-up (GEF/EU)**

**Travel and Expert Contribution Paid by the Countries**

**The ICPDR not a Project Management Institution**

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Black Sea Commission

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INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION



Navigation  
Commission



WWF



Friends of Nature



Die Donau –  
Tourism Commission



IAWD



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Europ. Angling Ass.



GWP CEE



UNESCO - IHP



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VGB Power Tech



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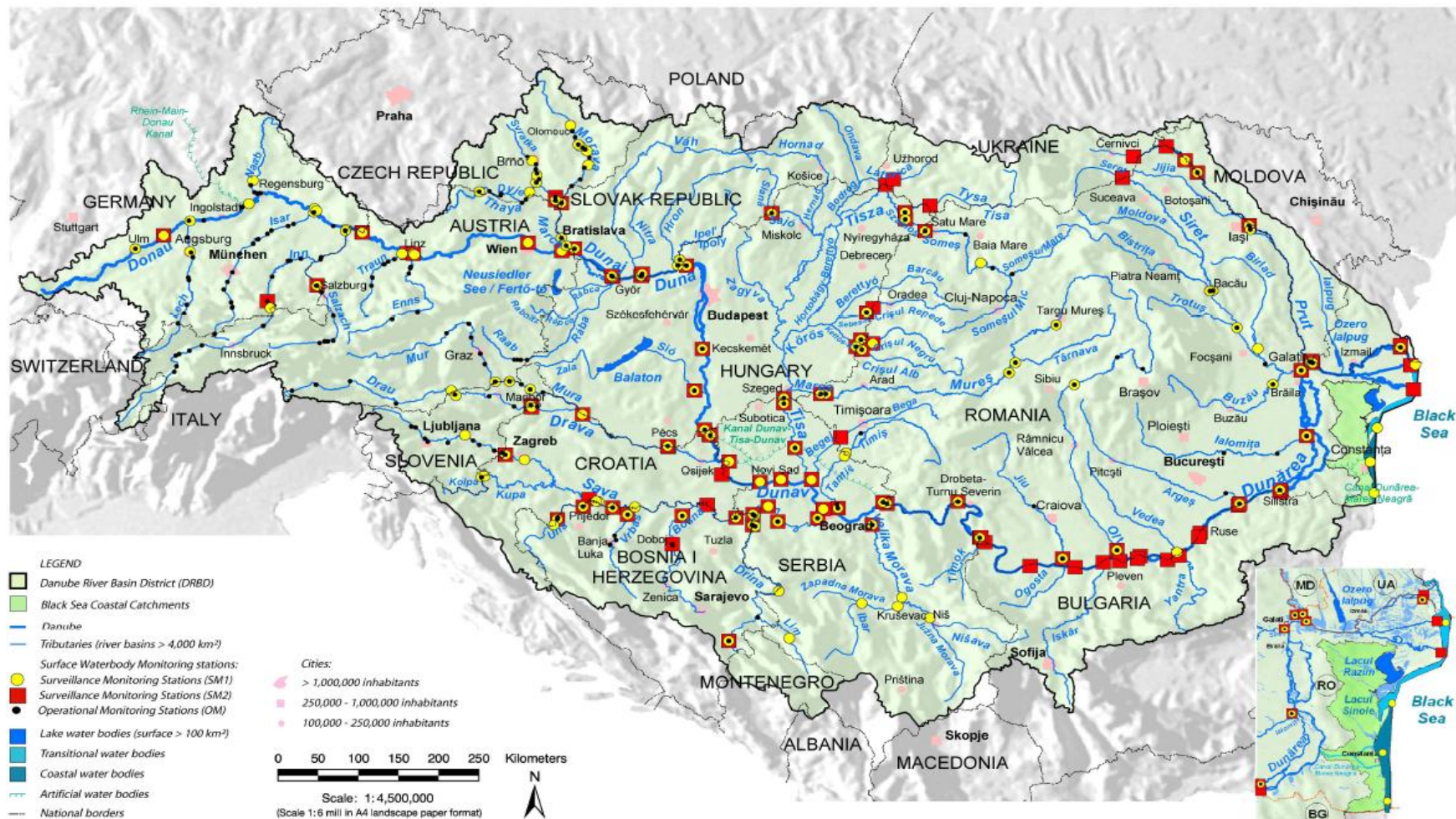
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# TransNational Monitoring Network (TNMN)

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# Significant Water Management Issues



Organic  
Pollution



Nutrient  
Pollution



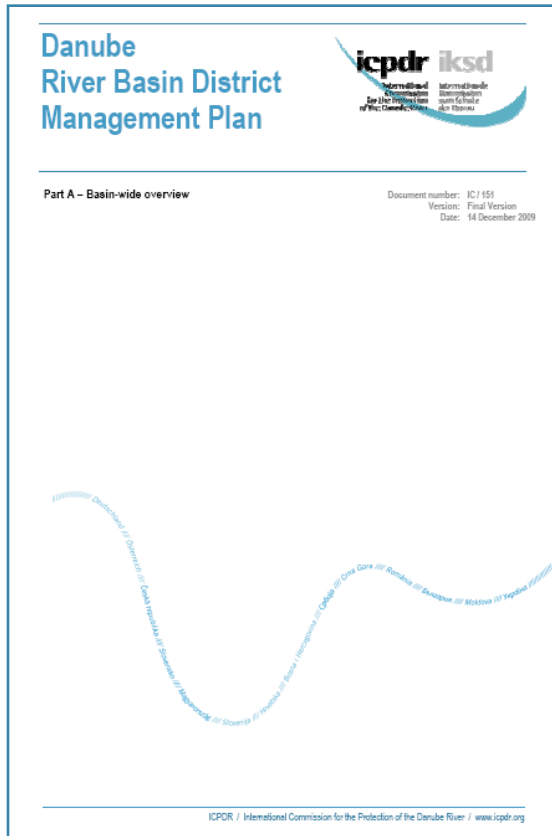
Hazardous  
Substances Pollution



Hydromorphological  
Alterations

# Danube River Basin Management Plan - 2009

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Reflects

Includes

Enables

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# Ministerial Meeting February 16, 2010

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## Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin

## Joint Statement on Guiding Principles

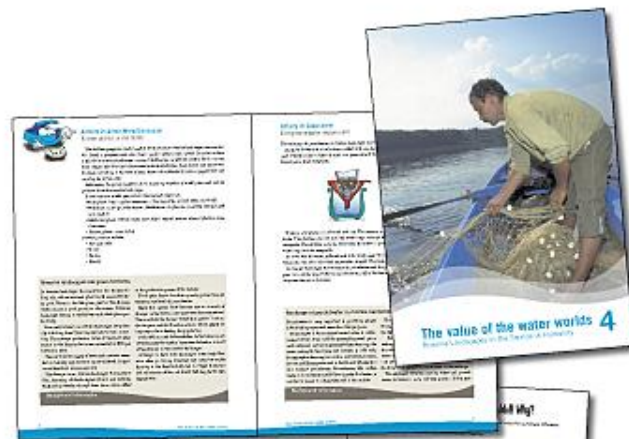
Intend navigation can contribute to water transport more environmentally sustainable, particularly where it substitutes for road transport. It is, however, also have significant influence on river ecosystems, jeopardizing the goals of the EU Water Framework Directive, which aims for the "good ecological state" of all waters by 2015. Recognising this potential conflict as a number of new waterway projects along the Danube and the Save river, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) has linked up with the Danube Navigation Commission, and the International Save River Basin Commission to conduct in 2007 an integrated, cross-sectoral decision process. As a result of 12 interdisciplinary workshops, a "Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin" was agreed. The final document was released in December 2008/January 2009 by the Danube Commission. The concept of "integrated waterway management" is presented as a "holistic" approach, a guiding principle for waterway development, including existing waterways and the development of future waterway infrastructure. It is presented as a milestone that leads to the integration of ecology into waterway development.



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# The Danube - Overview

THE DANUBE RIVERS CAN DO A LOT MORE THAN JUST RUN DOWN HILLS

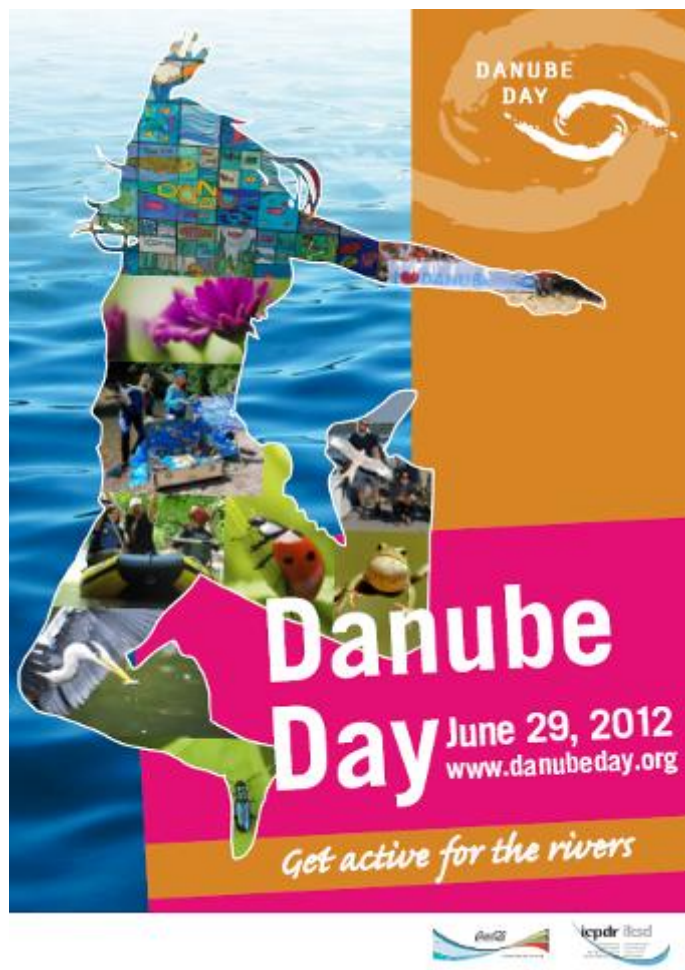
The Danube is the second longest river in Europe, stretching 2875 km from the Black Forest in Germany to the Black Sea. It flows through 10 countries and has a catchment area of 803,257 km². The river is a major source of water for drinking, irrigation and industry. It is also a vital transport route for goods and people. The Danube is a unique ecosystem, home to many rare and endangered species. It is a valuable resource for all who live along its banks.

# Danube Day: 29 June

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# Thank you!

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The screenshot displays the ICPDR website interface. On the left, there are two main navigation menus. The first menu, titled 'Danube Basin', includes links for 'RIVER BASIN', 'COUNTRIES', and 'BLACK SEA'. The second menu, titled 'Issues', includes links for 'ECOSYSTEMS', 'WATER QUALITY', 'WATER POLLUTION', 'GROUNDWATER', 'FLOODS & DROUGHTS', 'DAMS & STRUCTURES', and 'RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT'. A third menu, titled 'Sectors', includes links for 'HUMAN IMPACTS', 'MUNICIPALITIES', 'INDUSTRY', 'AGRICULTURE', 'NAVIGATION', and 'NATURE PROTECTION'. Below these menus is a search bar. The main content area on the right features a header with the ICPDR logo and the tagline 'Working for the Danube River Basin and its People'. Below the header is a 'Danube Day' banner with three images. A 'Welcome to ICPDR website!' message follows, accompanied by a photo of Mr. Wolfgang Stalzer, ICPDR President 2012. Below this are three news articles: 'AUSTRIA TAKES OVER ICPDR PRESIDENCY', 'DANUBE WATCH 3-4/2011', and 'CZECH VERSION OF THE PLATINA MANUAL PUBLISHED'. The 'AUSTRIA TAKES OVER ICPDR PRESIDENCY' article mentions that Austria took over the presidency of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) in a ceremony held in Vienna today. The 'DANUBE WATCH 3-4/2011' article mentions that the new issue of the Danube Watch is out. The 'CZECH VERSION OF THE PLATINA MANUAL PUBLISHED' article mentions that the recent publication of a Czech version of the PLATINA Manual is a major step in promoting good practices in inland navigation and waterway planning. The 'DANUBE WATCH 3-4/2011' article mentions that a groundbreaking conference in Brussels has seen two traditionally opposing waterways groups come together to discuss how to co-operate for the benefit of Europe's rivers and canals.

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- COUNTRIES
- BLACK SEA

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- ECOSYSTEMS
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- RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT

**Sectors**

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- INDUSTRY
- AGRICULTURE
- NAVIGATION
- NATURE PROTECTION

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- PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES
- PUBLICATIONS
- MEETINGS & EVENTS
- THE CONVENTION

**ICPDR - International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River**  
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**Danube Day**

Welcome to ICPDR website!

We hope that this website inspires anyone wishing to know more about the environmental issues affecting the Danube river basin. And that it is a good source for everyone interested in ensuring the sustainable development of the most international river basin in the world.

Mr. Wolfgang Stalzer  
ICPDR President 2012

**AUSTRIA TAKES OVER ICPDR PRESIDENCY**

In the framework of a ceremony held in Vienna today, Austria took over the presidency of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR). The former President, Mykola Malenewskyi of Ukraine, passes his office on to Wolfgang Stalzer of Austria.

**DANUBE WATCH 3-4/2011**

The new issue of the Danube Watch is out. Click here to read the full magazine online!

**CZECH VERSION OF THE PLATINA MANUAL PUBLISHED**

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**INLAND WATERWAYS COMES TOGETHER TO ADDRESS DIFFERENCES**

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