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# The Danube

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## The Challenges of Multilateral Cooperation in River Basin Management



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Philip Weller

Aqaba, March 24, 2013

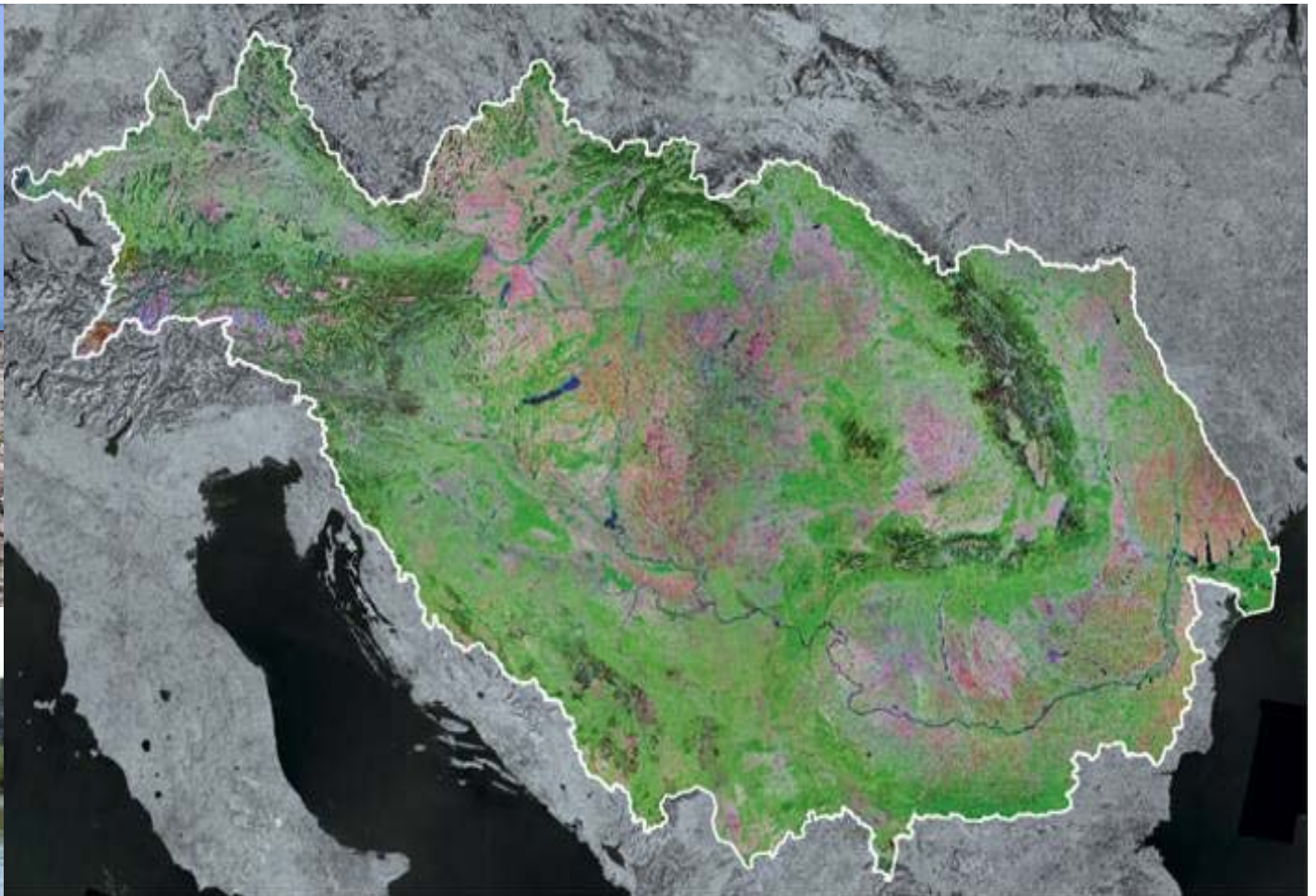
# The Danube is diverse – ecologically, socially, politically

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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**

- Protection of water / ecological resources
- Sustainable use of water in Danube River Basin
- Reduce inputs of nutrients and hazardous substances

**ICPDR coordinates implementation of  
EU Water Framework Directive**

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# Contracting Parties

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Germany



Austria



Czech Republic



Slovakia



Hungary



Slovenia



Croatia



Bosnia & Herzegovina



Serbia



Montenegro



Romania



Bulgaria



Rep. of Moldova



Ukraine



European Union



## ICPDR Delegations of Contracting Parties

ICPDR  
Secretariat

IMGIS  
EG

Information  
Management &  
Geographical  
Information  
System

PP EG

Public  
Participation

Flood EG

Flood  
Protection

MA EG

Monitoring &  
Assessment

APC EG

Accident  
Prevention/Control

RBM EG

River Basin  
Management

PM EG

Pressures &  
Measures

ad hoc  
S EG

ad hoc Strategic

+ Task  
Groups

# Stakeholder Involvement: 22 Observers

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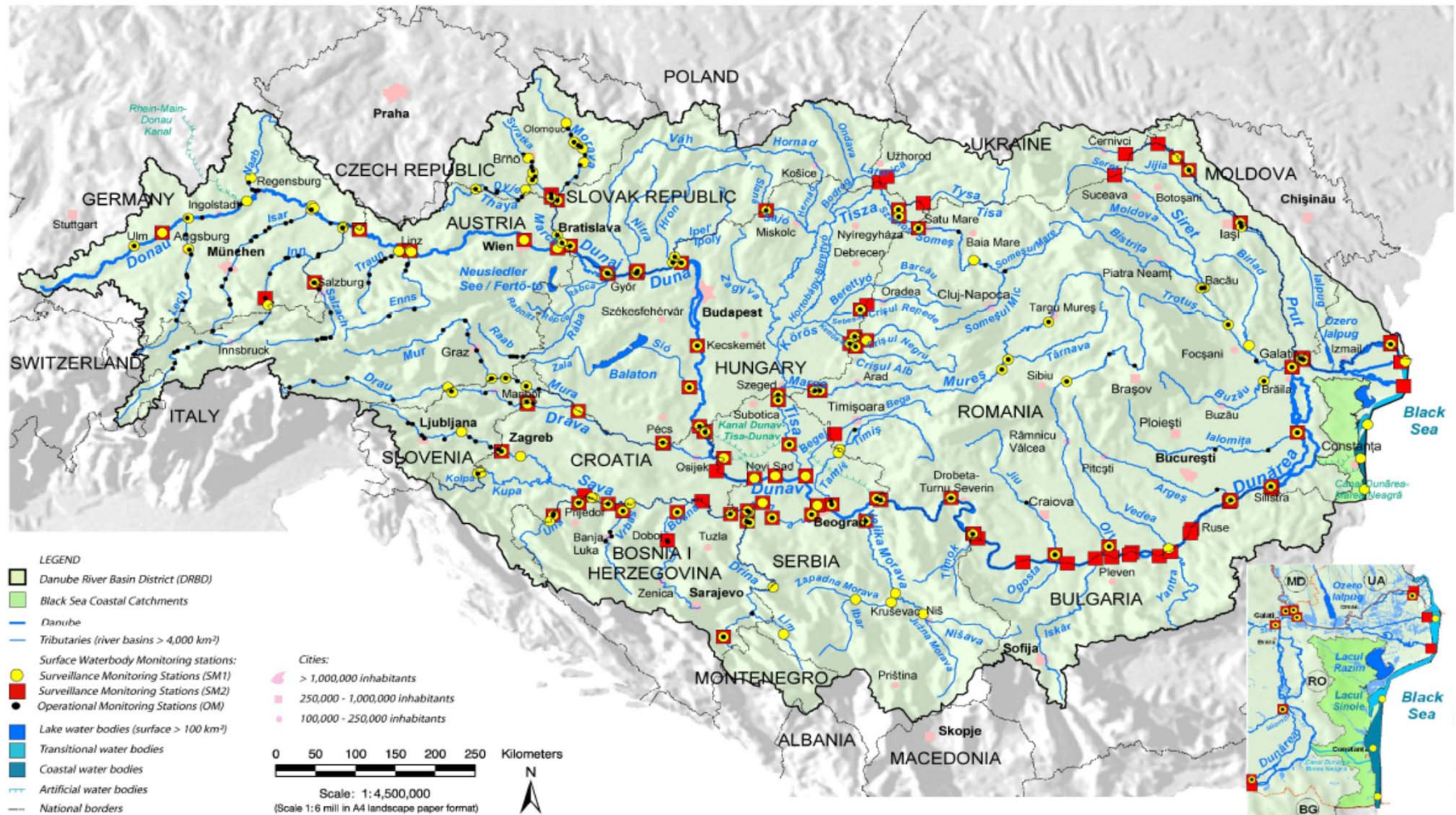


# TransNational Monitoring Network (TNMN)

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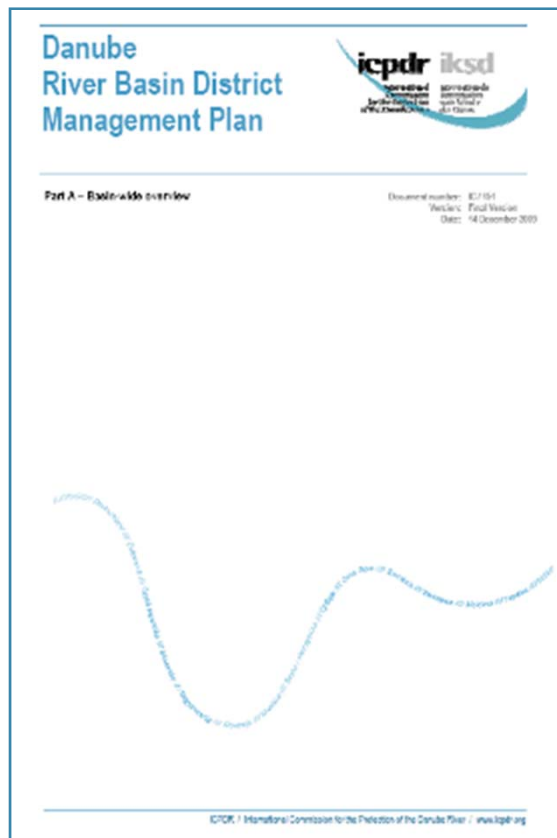
# Accident Emergency Warning System (AEWS)

- Oct 2010: Red sludge spill results in loss of human life & environmental damage
- AEWS alert for down-stream countries
- Underlined importance of coordinated, international warning systems





# Danube River Basin Management Plan



## Reflects

- Water status of the DRB waters
- Significant Water Management Issues

## Includes

- Joint Programme of Measures
- Evaluation on measure implementation

## Enables

- Conclusions on investment & funding

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Inter-sectoral effort needed:  
Governments alone do not manage water resources

# Areas of inter-sectoral work



Navigation



Climate Adaptation



Agriculture



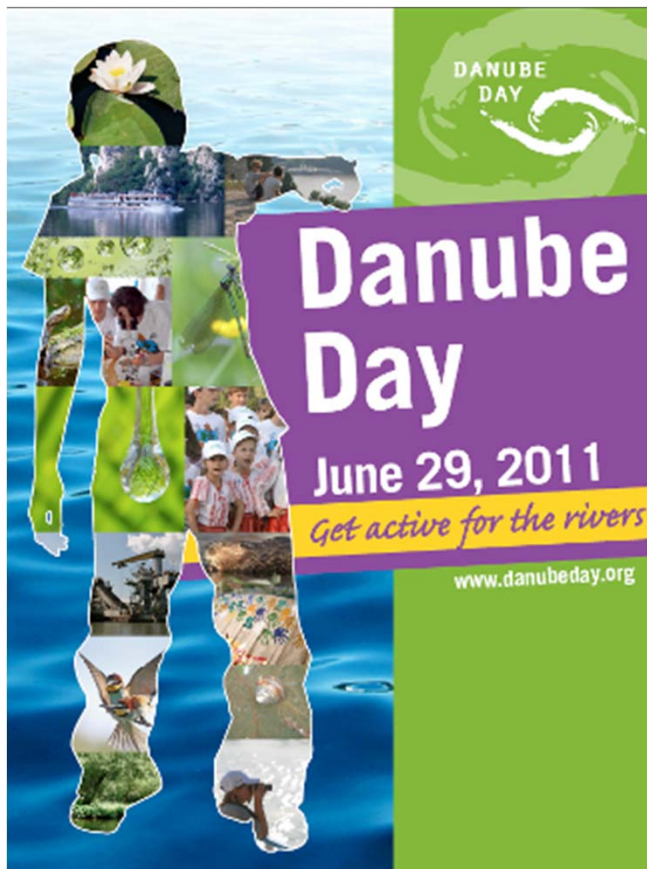
Hydropower

# Danube Day: June 29

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Promoting Danube solidarity

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# Thank you!

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