
Terms of Reference of the Pressures and Measures Expert Group (PM EG) of the ICPDR¹

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The PM EG is an Expert Body of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).
- 1.2 The ToR provide a mandate to the PM EG to take action in the subject areas described below. The ToR also provide guidance to the work, which the PM EG is expected to undertake, and to its general working arrangements.

2. Objective

The overall objective of the PM EG is to support ICPDR activities to reduce or eliminate, as far as possible, pollution from point and diffuse sources, negative impacts of hydromorphological alterations, and other significant pressures. This includes description and quantification of pressures, proposals for measures to address them and the assessment of their effect.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 The PM EG is responsible for initiating, guiding and ensuring the successful completion of the work required under its ToR.
- 3.2 The PM EG will report regularly to the ICPDR and its Standing Working Group on the implementation of ongoing activities, on proposed activities and the results achieved.
- 3.3 Proposed activities with policy or financial implications for the ICPDR must be approved, in advance, by the ICPDR.

4. Main tasks of the PM EG

The PM EG is entrusted to carry out the following main tasks:

- 4.1 develop and compile inventory of pollution sources (EMIS inventory);
- 4.2 prepare basin-wide compilation of nutrients and hazardous substances inputs from point and diffuse sources;
- 4.3 maintain and update, in cooperation with MA EG, the list of Danube Priority Substances;
- 4.4 develop proposals and assessment of measures addressing substance inputs including substance use-specific measures (e.g. phosphates in detergents, accidental pollution, oil and chemical pollution);
- 4.5 identification of hydromorphological/quantitative pressures to water bodies, including proposals and assessment of measures addressing hydromorphological alterations. Close coordination with RBM EG required;
- 4.6 prepare inputs to the draft programme of measures at a basin-wide level for consideration by the River Basin Management Expert Group and MA EG;
- 4.7 ensure harmonisation of methodology for identification and assessment of heavily modified water bodies;
- 4.8 maintain and update an inventory of accident risk sites and of the development of accident prevention strategies and measures for risk sites;

- 4.9 review its ToR on a regular basis and propose amendments for approval by the ICPDR;
- 4.10 prepare a Work Programme for future activities of the PM EG. This will be prepared according to the requirements of the ICPDR and should include action(s) planned for the following year (in detail), and for subsequent years (in outline);
- 4.11 establishment - subject to the approval of the ICPDR or its Standing Working Group - and guidance of time limited Task Groups to provide needed input to fulfil the tasks listed above;
- 4.12 prepare appropriate information about PM EG activities for dissemination to interested bodies and the public.

5. Cooperation with other ICPDR bodies

The PM EG will collaborate closely with all other EGs, in particular the RBM EG, and the MA EG.

6. Membership

- 6.1 The PM EG consists of the representatives as nominated by the Contracting Parties to be a standing member of the PM EG. Additional experts may also participate in meetings if their particular specialist knowledge is required.
- 6.2 Each Contracting Party may propose candidates (one or more) to participate in time-limited Task Groups organised to address specific issues.
- 6.3 Representatives of other organisations may become accredited observers to the PM EG and/or its Task Groups by following the relevant procedures of the ICPDR relating to observer status.

7. Working Arrangements

The general working arrangements for the PM EG are provided by the ICPDR Rules of Procedure.