

# **6<sup>th</sup> Screening Workshop**

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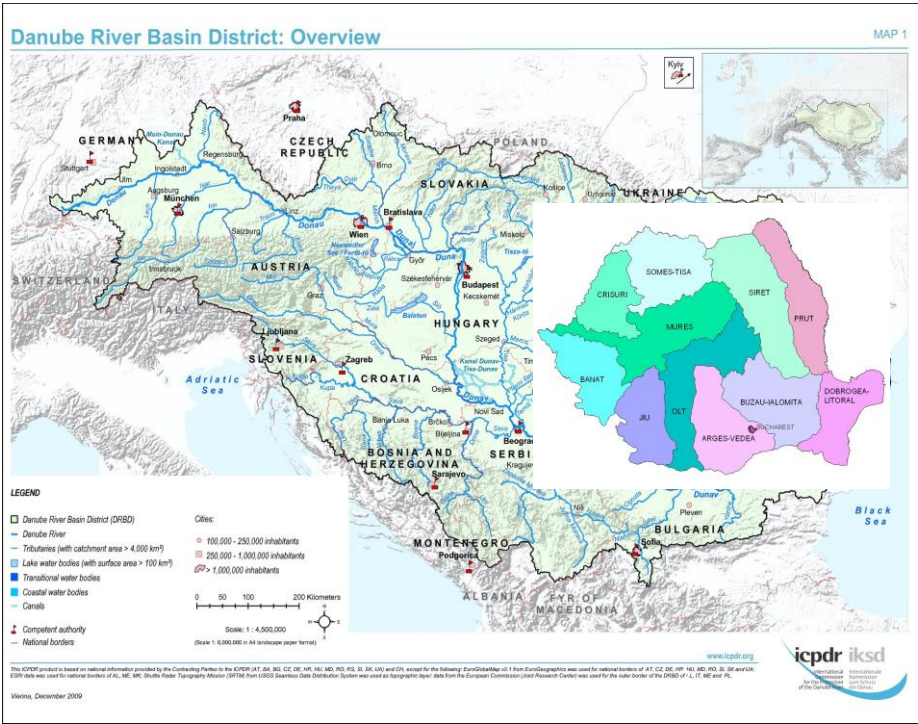
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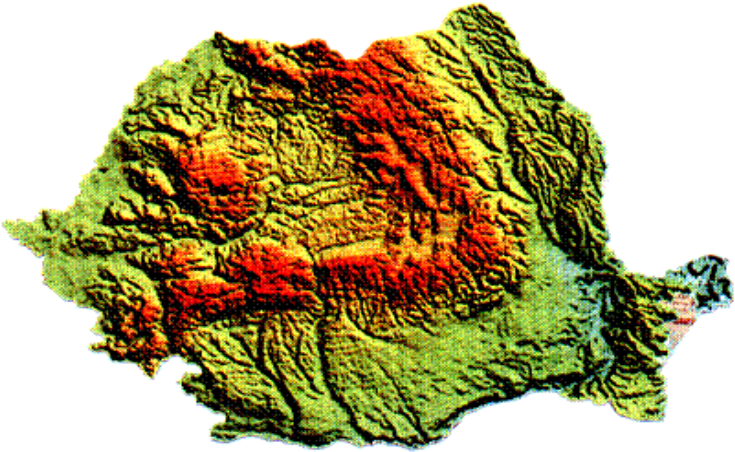


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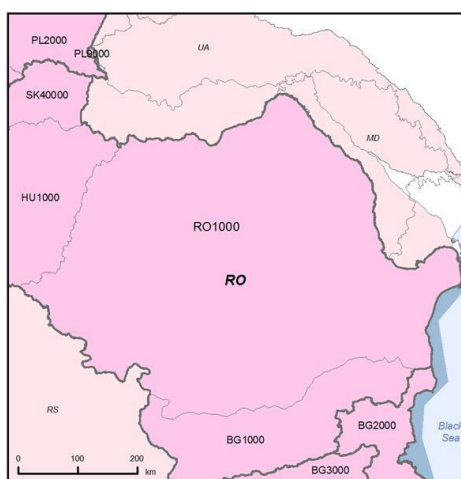
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## Overview map Romania

97.4% of Romania's surface is part of the international Danube River Basin District (DRBD), representing approximately 29% of its surface. The Romanian part of the DRBD encompasses 11 sub-basins.



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## Responsibilities for water infrastructure (1)

Institutionally and administratively the local authorities have the responsibility of the sewerage and waste-water treatment infrastructure.

The Ministry of Environment and Water had the responsibility of the complete harmonization of the Romanian legislation with the requirements of the UWWTD, of the sensitive areas establishment and of the monitoring of the way the legislation in force is implemented

In the territory, by its territorial departments, the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Ministry of Public Administration and the local authorities established the program of all actions and measures to be taken in order to comply with the UWWTD requirements



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## Responsibilities for water infrastructure (2)

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Water operators are organized, usually, either as regia's or as commercial companies with the municipalities or counties as main shareholder.

This means that the operator has a status of submission in regard to the municipal council or the county council.

Regionalization of operators in order to accede easier to European funds. There are a number of public-private partnerships by different methods: leasing, BOT.

Regarding the problem of the private sector, Investments are based on complex financial arrangements: European funds, own budget, national or local budget, loans and in some cases different forms of private investments.

The Directorate of Public Health under the Ministry of Health and the municipal level water services share responsibility for implementing and enforcing the Drinking Water Directive



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## Administrative arrangements (1)

- The responsibility for drinking water supply, wastewater disposal and treatment belongs to the local authorities. The water users are obliged to prepare and apply, if necessary, their own plans for prevention and control of accidental pollution that might occur as the result of their activity.
- Public water resources are managed by the National Administration "Romanian Waters" (NARW) which implements the national strategy and policy. NARW is the major regulatory unit in the field of raw water.
- Water management activity in Romania is planned and carried out across river basin units within which surface and ground waters are considered as a unit both from a quantitative and qualitative perspective, with the view to ensure sustainable development.



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## Administrative arrangements (2)

The National Administration Romanian Waters (NARW) was established in 2002 as the water management authority in Romania.

Together with the Ministry of Environment and Water (MoEW), NARW was designated as the competent authority to implement the Water Framework Directive in Romania throughout the 11 Water Directorates encompassed by the national part of the DRBD

NARW elaborates the River Basin Development and Management Schemes under the coordination of the (MoEW)

Within the NARW, the Department for elaboration of the RBMP was created. At the Institute for Hydrology and Water Management belonging to NARW, a department concerning the elaboration of the RBDPs was created, to ensure the management of the quantitative aspects of water resources.



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## Administrative arrangements (3)

The Romanian National RBMP was elaborated in agreement with the international Danube RBMP coordinated by the ICPDR.

The frame established together with other countries in the Danube River Basin was used as a basis of the national and sub-basin management plans.

The National Plan represents a synthesis of the 11 Management Plans elaborated for the 11 sub-basins.



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## RBMPs - Structure, completeness, legal status (1)

The Ministry of Environment and Water coordinated the elaboration of the National Management Plan by NARW, which supervised further the elaboration of the sub-basin Management Plans by the 11 Water Directorates

The chapters concerning the groundwater were realized by the National Institute for Hydrology and Water Management

The 11 sub-basin Management Plans were further agreed by the Basin Committees

These structures aim to support the public consultations in every Water Directorate by involving the local stakeholders in the decision making process.

In 2010, the national plan (the synthesis of the 11 sub-basin plans), undertook the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).



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## RBMPs - Structure, completeness, legal status (2)

An Environmental Report was drafted after SEA, and together with the national plan was submitted for public consultations.

The finalized Environmental Report was submitted to the National Authority in order to receive the Environmental Permit. The national RBMP was finally adopted by a Governmental Decision.

According to the Romanian Constitution, the Government adopts decisions to organise the application of laws. Therefore, the Government's decision cannot contradict laws, and stands above any acts that may be issued by local administrations.

The Water Law lays down that all programmes and administrative decisions related to water need to comply with the content of the RBMP as approved.



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## RBMPs - Structure, completeness, legal status (3)

The binding effect of the environmental objectives set out in the RBMP is regulated according to the Water Law.

However, since all programmes and administrative decisions need to be in accordance with the RBMP, the environmental objectives laid therein have a binding effect on authorities that can be in charge of developing programmes or issue administrative decisions, and also on water users which implement the provision of the RBMPs and POMs.

In 2010 the national RBMP, representing the synthesis of the 11 sub-basin plans, undertook the SEA. After the SEA, an environmental report was elaborated, discussed with stakeholders and submitted for acceptance to the Ministry of Environment and Water.



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## Timeline WFD good status in Romania

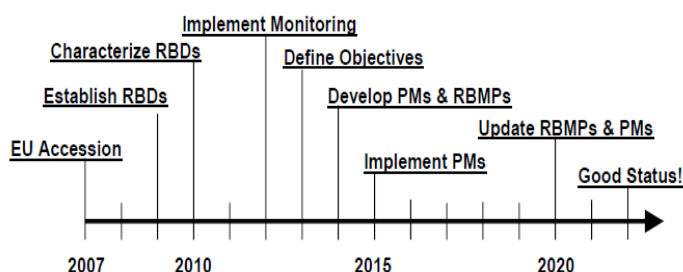


Figure 1. Timeline for EU Water Framework Directive implementation in Romania.



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