WFD implementation at half time in Hungary

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Law harmonization 2004

Governmental decrees

• on groundwater protection,
• on surface water protection,
• on river basin management (RBMP, PoM).

Ministerial decrees

• on monitoring and assessment of groundwaters,
• on monitoring and assessment of surface waters.
Interministerial coordination mechanism

Ministry of Environment and Water

Interministerial Committee for the coordination of WFD implementation

NGOs

Health

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Pilot projects

Zagyva-Tarna

Hernád (transb.)

Rába

Által-ér

Upper-Tisza

Körös/Crisuri (transb.)

100 km
Promoting the implementation of Water Framework Directive Phase II. (2006-2007)

Objectives to develop / set up:

(1) an economic-analytical system for the selection of the most cost-effective PoM,

(2) a Pilot River Basin Management Plan (Upper-Tisza),

(3) a PP strategy,

(4) four water information centres.

www.vkiprojekt.hu  EN summary
Support system to facilitate harmonised planning at every level

- Uniform principles (importance and approach of problems)
- Common criteria
- Clear aspects for decisions
- Uniform economic methods
- Centralised operation, continuous development

Optional use, not user friendly

Catalogue of 63 measures!!!
Main structure of RBMP

Be as specific as needed and as general as possible!!!

Iterative process of „top-down” and „bottom up” approach
Levels of RBM planning

1. Danube: 34,730 km
2. Tisza: 46,380 km
3. Dráva: 6,145 km
4. Balaton: 5,775 km
Levels of RBM planning

42 planning sub-units

(1) Danube: 16
(2) Tisza: 21
(3) Drava: 3
(4) Balaton: 2

€ 10 million project
Beneficiaries:
12 E&W directorates & CWED

Border of E&W Directorates
Infringement (formal letter 2007/2249)

Other reasons as well:

• GW directive,
• lessons of pilot projects,
• results of PP

Amendement of gov. & min. decrees 2008
Conclusion

- Unprecedented exercise
- Costly but unavoidable
- Hungary is gladly challenged with the implementation and succeeded to meet the requirements so far
- Make better use of project results
- Open process (PP & regular fine-tuning)
Thank you for your attention