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**“International cooperation & basin
management”**

- *Hungary, ICPDR, UNECE Water Convention*

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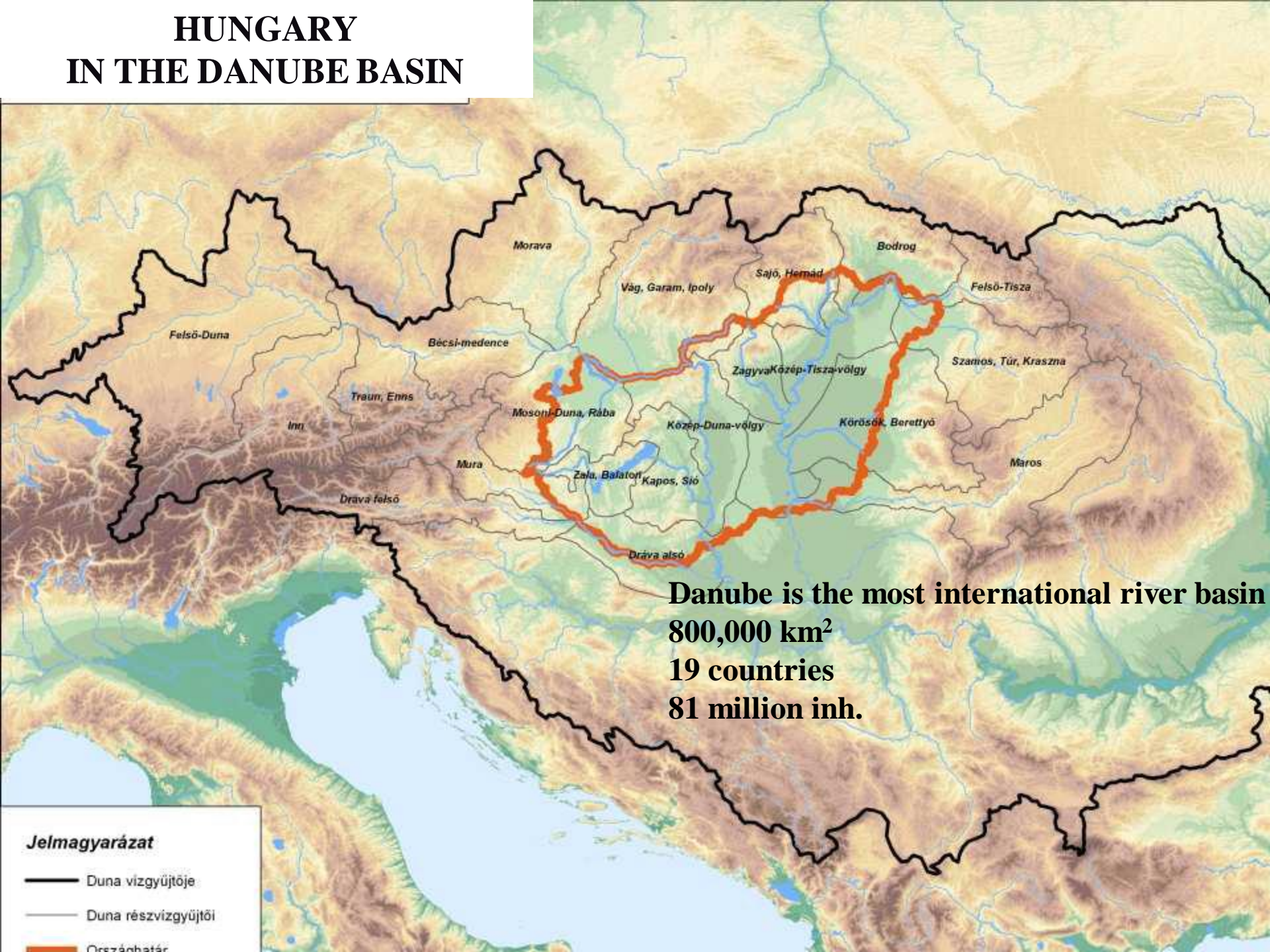
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HUNGARY IN THE DANUBE BASIN



Danube is the most international river basin
800,000 km²
19 countries
81 million inh.



Transboundary River Commissions

HU – has TRC with all 7 neighboring country – historical form of cooperation – different structures – identical objectives

AT, SK, UA, RO, RS, HR, SL

- **Flood management, river engineering**
- **Hydrological forecast, data exchange**
- **Water quality protection**
- **Water management, protection of water resources (quality & quantity)**
- **Integrated River Basin Management based on WFD**

Danube River Protection Convention

29 June 1994, Sofia (Bulgaria)



Protection of water & ecological resources



Sustainable use of water



Reduce nutrients & hazardous substances



Manage floods & ice hazards

ICPDR coordinates basin-wide implementation of EU Water Framework Directive & EU Floods Directive



ICPDR and the EU Water Framework and Flood Directive

- ▶ Implementation legal requirement for 8 EU Member States
- ▶ Political commitment of 6 Non-EU Member States

Revision of the EBMP and FRMP plans are in progress, adoption February 2022 during a Ministerial Meeting!



EU Danube Region Strategy

Connecting the Danube Region

- (1) improving mobility -
- 1a (inland navigation) – AT, RO;
- 1b (rail, road air) – SI, SRB
- (2) encouraging sustainable energy – CZ, HU
- (3) promoting culture and tourism – BG, RO

Protecting the environment in the Danube Region

- (4) restoring water quality – HU, SK
- (5) managing environmental risks – HU, RO
- (6) preserving biodiversity – GE, CRO

Building prosperity in the Danube Region

- (7) developing research capacity – SK, SRB
- (8) education and information technologies, supporting the competitiveness of enterprises - DE, CRO
- (9) investing in people's skills – AT, MD

Strengthening the Danube Region

- (10) stepping up institutional capacity, and cooperation of institutions – AT, SI
- (11) improving cooperation to tackle organised crime, security – DE, BG

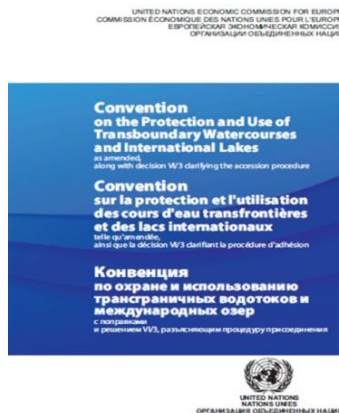




The UNECE Water Convention

Strengthening transboundary water cooperation through:

A legal framework based on cooperation principles



An institutional framework with possibility to adapt to evolving challenges



Projects & capacity building to support accession and implementation



Handbook on water allocation in the transboundary context
Practical Guide on the development of agreements or other arrangements for transboundary water cooperation



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Thank You very much for your kind attention!