

International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

The International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) is a transnational body, which has been established to implement the Danube River Protection Convention. The ICPDR is formally comprised by the Delegations of all Contracting Parties to the Danube River Protection Convention, but has also established a framework for other organisations to join.

In 2000, the ICPDR contracting parties nominated the ICPDR as the platform for the implementation of all transboundary aspects of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD). The work for the successful implementation of the EU WFD is therefore high on the political agenda of the countries of the Danube river basin district. In 2007, the ICPDR also took responsibility for coordinating the implementation of the EU Floods Directive in the Danube River Basin.

Today national delegates, representatives from highest ministerial levels, technical experts, and members of the civil society and of the scientific community cooperate in the ICPDR to ensure the sustainable and equitable use of waters in the Danube River Basin.

The goals of the ICPDR

- Safeguarding the Danube's Water resources for future generations
- Naturally balanced waters free from excess nutrients
- No more risk from toxic chemicals
- Healthy and sustainable river systems
- Less damage from floods

Since its creation in 1998 the ICPDR has promoted policy agreements and the setting of joint priorities and strategies for improving the state of the Danube and its tributaries.

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