Manejamiento de las aguas de Danubio: bilaterismo y multilateralismo

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The start of international co-operation after the World War I

• Commission de Regime des Eaux du Danube (CRED)
  – Hungarian-Austrian Water Regime Agreement (1923)
  – Hungarian-Romanian Water Regime Agreement (1924)
  – Hungarian-Czechoslovakian Water Regime Agreement (1928)

• Transcarpathian Region (Czechoslovak-Hungarian-Romanian) Commission
Bilateral agreements

- Hungary - Sovietunion (1949)
- Hungary - Romania (1950)
- Hungary - Chechoslovakia (1954)
- Hungary - Yugoslavia (1955)
- Hungary - Austria (1956)
- Hungary - Ukraine (1993)
- Hungary - Slovenia (1994)
- Hungary - Croatia (1994)
Important tasks of water commissions

• water level and volume measurements
• checking the state of the dykes and the hydrotechnical constructions
• flood protection
• agreement of development and technical plans
• water balance
• water quality measurements and evaluation
Multilateral Cooperation in the ICPDR – Sofia Convention 1994

- Leading the Flood Protection Working Group
- Participation in the River Basin Management Group
- Ad hoc Tisza Group (sustainable management plan for the Tisza river)
- Participation in the preparation of Roof Report
- Co-ordination of the implementation of WFD
New challenges

- Pollution, Floods, Deforestation, Loss of biodiversity
  - Cyanid and heavy metal pollutions in 2000
  - Environmental Protection Programme (2001)
  - Heavy floods on the river Tisza 1998-2000
  - Budapest Declaration / Tisza Water Forum (2001)
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National aims:
- Considering the special needs and circumstances of flood control
- Introduction of the open planning process in water management

EU objectives: sustainable use of water

ICPDR aims:
- Coordinating the common objectives of the Danube basin

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Latest developments in the bilateral co-operation

- Hungarian-Slovakian Committee of Common Water Basins and Frontier Waters
- Referencies relating to multilateral conventions
- Bilateral enforcement of multilateral goals
- Implementation of WDF
Summary

- After WW I: Bilateralism relying on CRED
- After WW II till 1994: Stronger bilateralism
- Sofia Convention: Possibility of multilateralism
- Important role of international organisations
- 2004 Tisza MoU: Stronger multilateralism
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