







# Sustainable Flood Protection measures in the Danube basin

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### Floods and Danube River Basin

- Repeated devastating flood events over past decades at the Danube Basin level (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Germany, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, etc.)
- Substantial efforts undertaken at the ICPDR level for the implementation of the EU Directive on assessment and management of floods risk
- Flood Risk Management Plan for the Danube River Basin has been developed and is under implementation
- Important EU funds for reconstruction works for damaged infrastructure but more resources needed for flood defence and prevention schemes
- Effects of climate change will influence floods events in the future







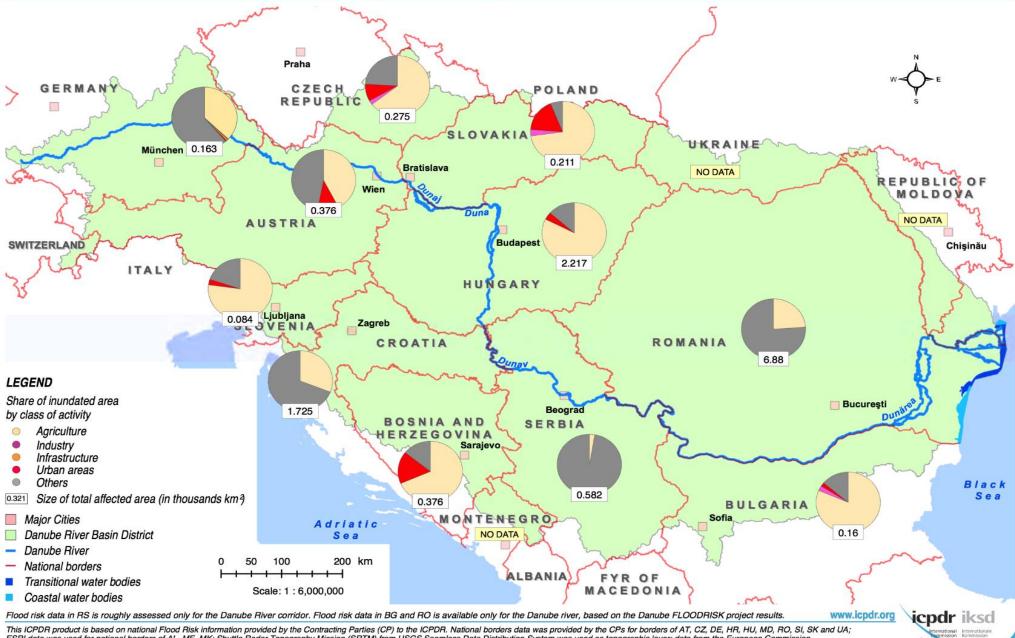
# Main objectives of the Flood Risk Management in the Danube River Basin

- Public safety reducing risk to people
- Property protection public infrastructure and private property
- Reduction in emergency response during floods
- Avoid loss of critical services fire, police, medical etc.
- Environmental enhancement and restoration

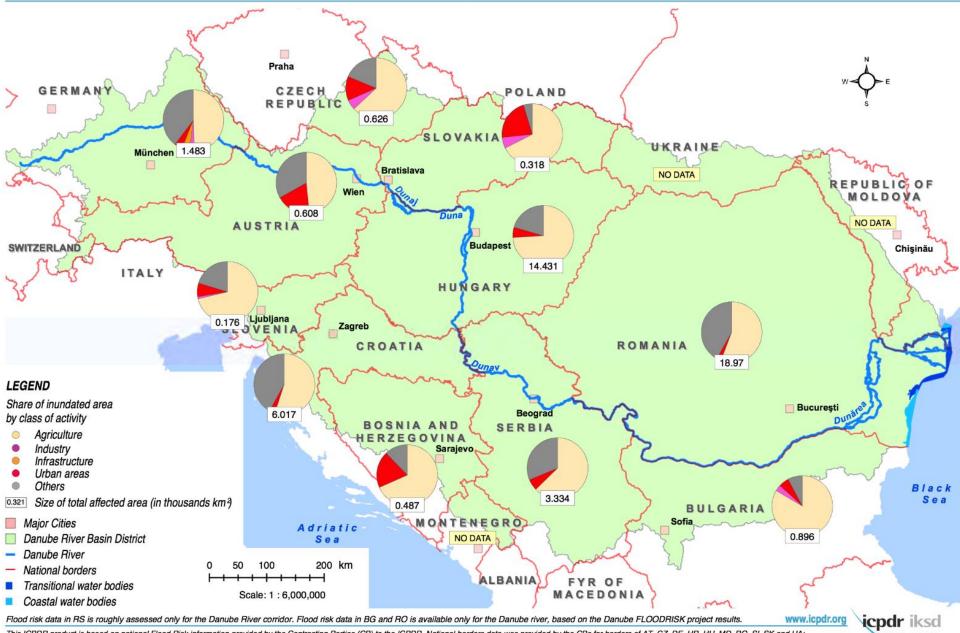




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## River flooding and flash floods/ debris flow





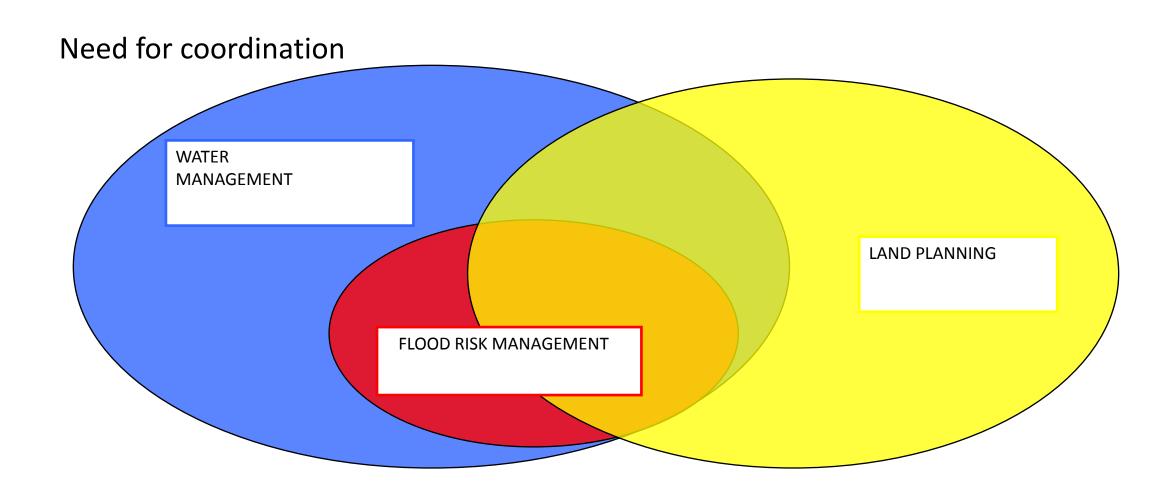
## Main measures in the Danube River Flood Risk Management Plan

- To avoid new risks
- To reduce existing risks
- To strengthen resilience
- To increase resilience
- To apply solidarity principle

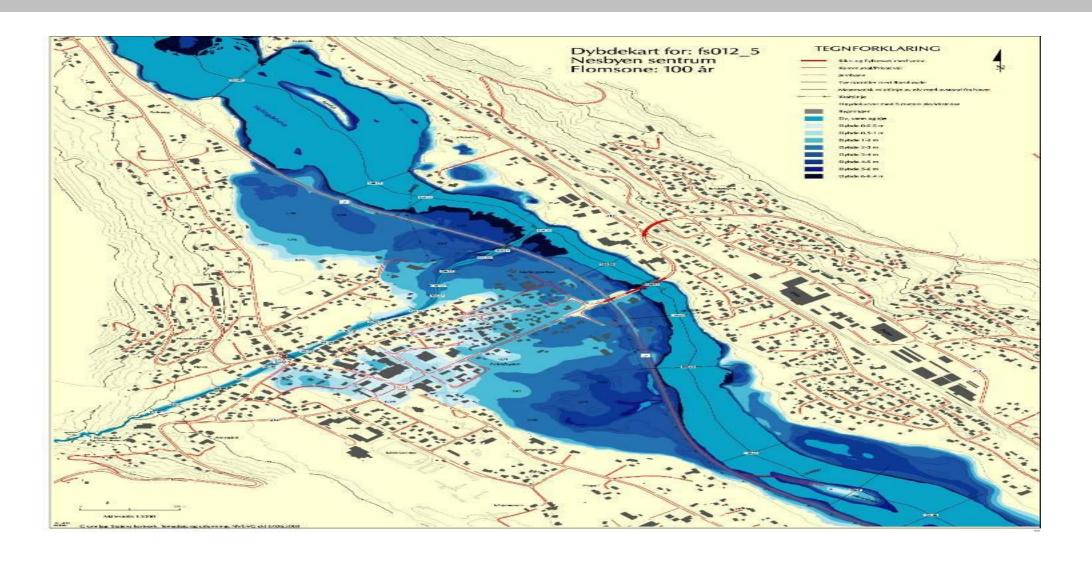
## Type of measures in the Danube River Flood Risk Management Plan

- Preventive, operational and reparatory
- Structural and non-structural
- Environmentally friendly
- Taking into account the climate change and future developments
- Involving public participation
- Planned at the basin level and implemented at the national and local level

## Land planning for flood management

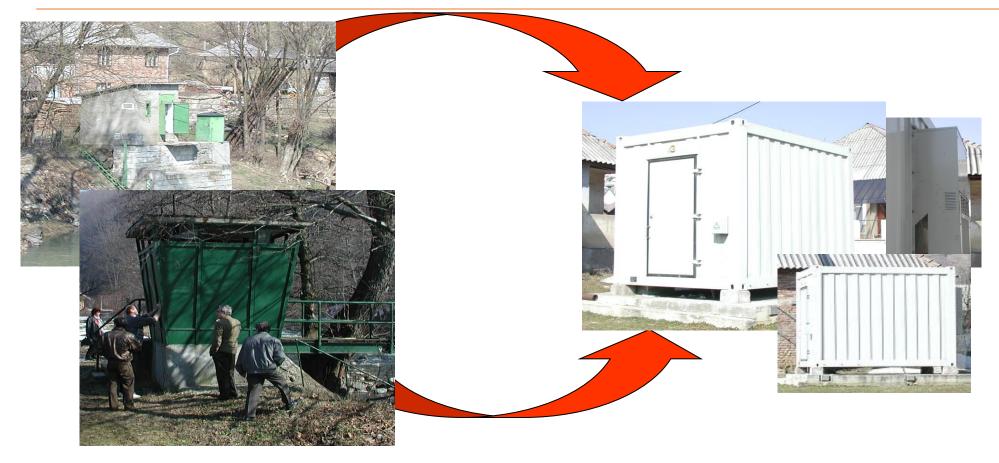


## Flood Risk Maps important for land planning



### **DESWAT**

#### **UPGRADE HYDROLOGICAL MONITORING STATIONS**



**UPGRADE OR REPLACE THE EXISTING STRUCTURES:** 

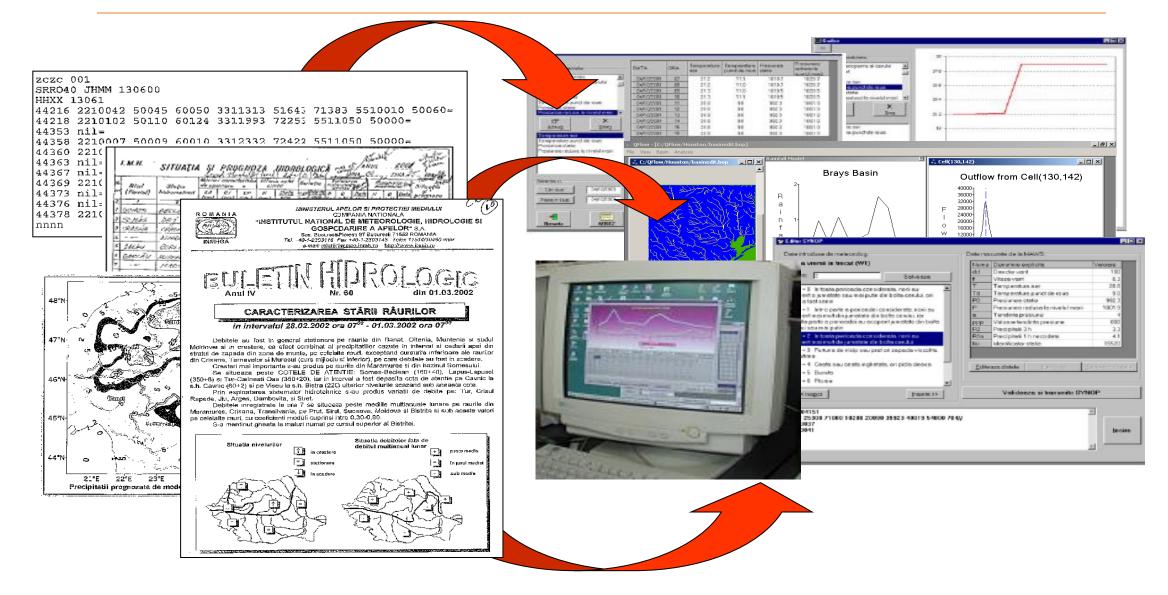


#### REPLACE MANUAL SENSORS WITH AUTOMATIC HYDROMETRIC STATIONS:

- **\***Water level sensors (float, pressure, radar, soil moisture);
- \*Water temperature sensors;
  \*Precipitation sensors;
- \*Environmental quality sensors (dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity);
- **\***Heavy metal ion (nitrates, phosphates, etc.)



#### DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROLOGICAL DATA INTEGRATION SOFTWARE



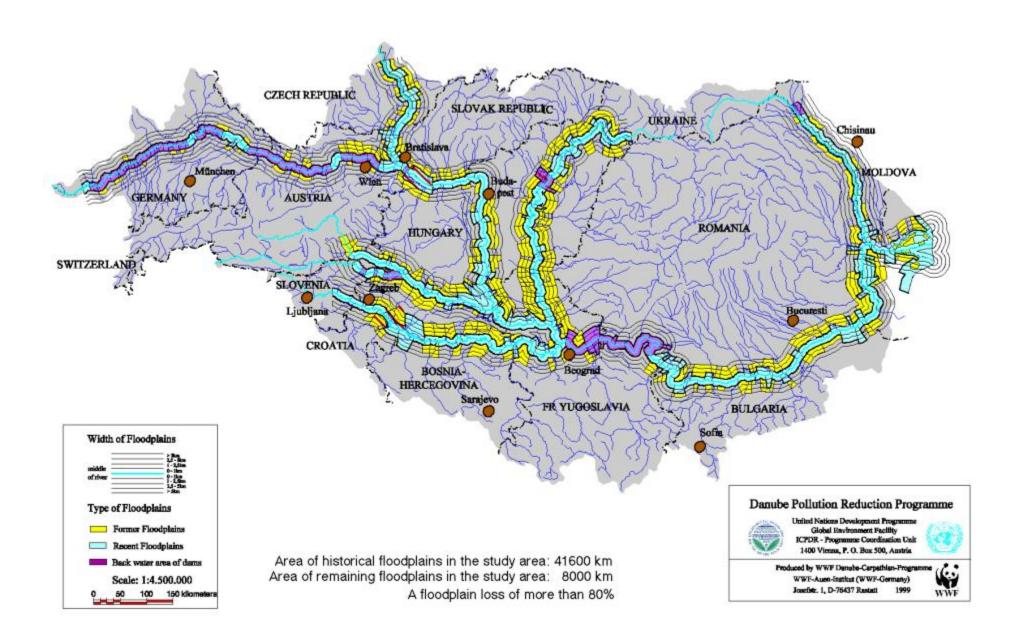
Enhance analysis and product generation capabilities.



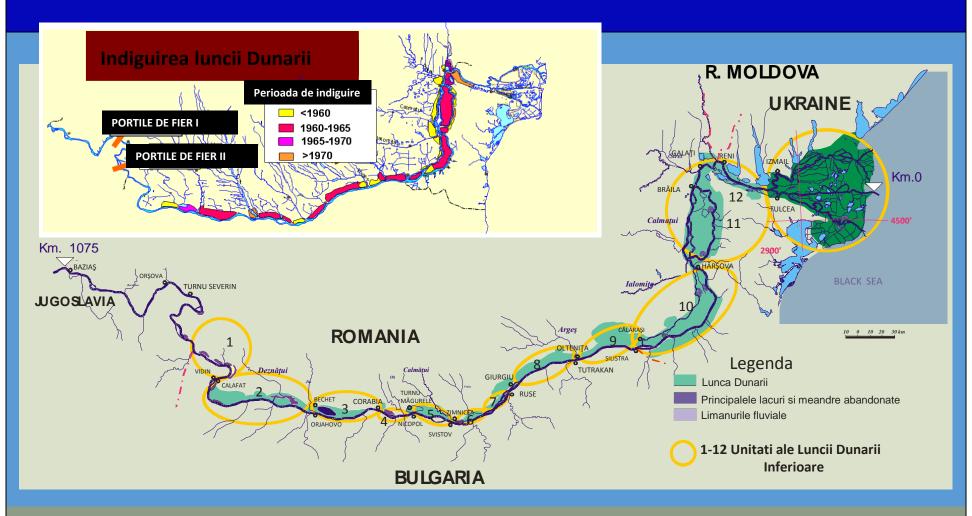


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### Symbolized view of floodplains in the Danube River Basin

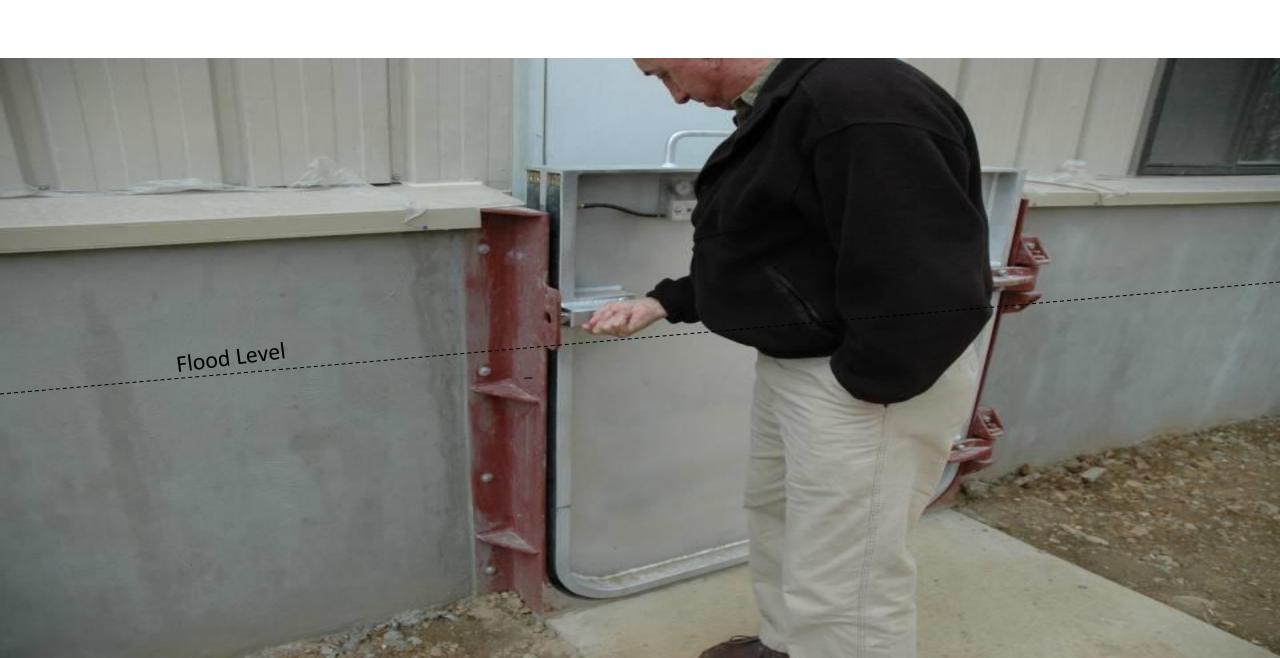


# Rehabilitation of the wetland areas in the Danube floodplain



## Floodplain restoration





### Flood related activities within EUSDR PA5

- Development and adoption of an overarching Flood Management Plan at the River Basin level
- Support for the rehabilitation of wetlands and floodplains as an effective measure to increase flood protection
- Extension of the coverage of the European Flood Alert System at the entire Danube River Basin

All activities are developed in close cooperation with the ICPDR

# Example of projects related to floods promoted by PA5

- DAREFFORT
- DANUBE FLOODPLAIN
- DAMWARM+
- JOINTISZA
- DANUBE SEDIMENT
- WATERatRISK

