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# Terms of Reference of the Flood Protection Expert Group (FP EG)

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## 1. Introduction

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- 1.1 The Flood Protection Expert Group (FP EG) is an Expert Body of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).
- 1.2 The ToR provide a mandate to the FP EG to take action in the subject areas described below. The ToR also provide guidance to the work, which the FP EG is expected to undertake, and to its general working arrangements.

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## 2. Objective (Mission statement)

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The overall objective of the FP EG is to develop and coordinate the actions needed for the implementation of the EU Floods Directive (FD) at the level of the Danube River Basin District (level A) as a continuation of the implementation of the ICPDR Action Programme for Sustainable Flood Protection in the Danube River Basin.

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## 3. Responsibilities

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- 3.1 The FP EG is responsible for initiating, guiding and ensuring the successful completion of the work required under its ToR.
- 3.2 The FP EG will report regularly to the ICPDR and its Standing Working Group on the implementation of ongoing activities, on proposed activities and the results achieved.
- 3.3 The FP EG is responsible for the establishment - subject to the approval of the ICPDR or its Standing Working Group - and guidance of time limited Task Groups to provide needed input to fulfil the tasks listed below.
- 3.4 Proposed activities with policy or financial implications for the ICPDR must be approved, in advance, by the ICPDR.

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## 4. Main tasks of the FP EG

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The FP EG is entrusted to carry out the following main tasks, taking into consideration experiences gained from the last implementation cycle of the FD:

- 4.1 Basin-wide coordination of the implementation of the FD on the level of the Danube River Basin District (level A), giving particular attention to a harmonized approach in preparation of preliminary flood risk assessment, flood hazard maps and flood risk maps and the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan (DFRMP).
- 4.2 Coordinated implementation of measures from the Annex 2 of the DFRMP on the basin-wide level and cooperation with the EU Strategy for the Danube Region on this issue;

- 4.3 Development and improvement of data exchange;
- 4.4 Strengthening of efficiency and operability of Flood Forecasting and Early Warning Systems at the basin-wide level ensuring interlinking of the national or regional systems and supporting the further development and operation of the Danube Flood Awareness System as a part of the EFAS;
- 4.5 Cooperation with the River Basin Management Expert Group (RBM EG) on all aspects of coordination of the Danube River Basin Management Plan and the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan;
- 4.6 Coordination of the activities in the Danube River Basin with the relevant FD implementation activities at the European Union level;
- 4.7 Producing reports on major floods in the Danube River Basin;
- 4.8 Preparation, as appropriate, of project proposals in support of its tasks and following up on project implementation;
- 4.9 Review its ToR on a regular basis and propose amendments for approval by the ICPDR;
- 4.10 Preparation of appropriate information for dissemination to interested bodies and the public about FP EG activities in close cooperation with the Public Participation Expert Group (PP EG);
- 4.11 Development of a Work Program for future activities of the FP EG. This will be prepared according to the requirements of the ICPDR and should include action(s) planned for the following three years (in detail) and for subsequent years (in outline).

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## 5. Cooperation with other ICPDR bodies

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The FP EG will collaborate closely with all other ICPDR Expert Bodies, as appropriate. The FP EG has a coordinating function in the preparation of all necessary steps for the implementation of the EU Floods Directive (i.e. the development of the Danube Flood Risk Management Plan).

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## 6. Membership

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- 6.1 The FP EG consists of the representatives as nominated by the Contracting Parties to be a standing member of the FP EG. Additional experts may also participate in meetings if their particular specialist knowledge is required.
- 6.2 Each Contracting Party may propose candidates (one or more) to participate in time-limited Task Groups organised to address specific issues.
- 6.3 Representatives of other organisations may become accredited observers to the FP EG and/or its Task Groups by following the relevant procedures of the ICPDR relating to observer status.

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## 7. Working Arrangements

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The general working arrangements for the FP EG are provided by the ICPDR Rules of Procedure.