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ICPDR 16th Ordinary Meeting was opened for observers from 13:00 o'clock on 10 December. It ended up on 11 December in the afternoon. The following points are relevant to GWP and the full list of resolutions will be available on Danubis.

ICPDR approached Danube Strategy National Coordinators to develop a paper how governance system of the Danube Strategy works. European Commission asks the similar information from Priority Area Coordinators 4 and 5. Annual Conference of the Danube Strategy will be held on 26-27 June 2014 in Vienna. Delegations would prefer common actions and not discussions and clarification who is doing what. Communication and outreach of the Danube Strategy could be improved.

Resolution approved by the Heads of Delegations *“Thanks GWP CEE for organizing Danube Art Master 2013 as well as GWP for its generous contribution towards a winner’s trip and requests the Danube Art Master to be continued next year”*. In addition, high-level mobilization potential of GWP Hungary during Budapest Water Summit in October 2013 was acknowledged.

German delegation supported online game proposed by Public Participation Expert Group, funded by Coca Cola.

During a reception on 10 December Fritz Holzwarth and Wolfgang Stalzer were announced Danube Ambassadors. Chair of Flood Protection Expert Group Péter Bakonyi retired and resigned from the Expert Group. Head of Delegation of Germany, Fritz Holzwarth also announced his retirement in 2014.

We spoke with Dejan Komatina, Executive Secretary of Sava Commission about a support and possible involvement in Sava Water Partnership that will be established in cooperation with GWP Mediterranean.

ICPDR River Basin Management Expert Group is dealing with climate change adaptation therefore; participation of IDMP CEE Guidelines Activity Leader will be beneficial for the guidelines and information exchange.

In the plenary, GWP CEE briefly presented IDMP CEE. We also offered support to Stakeholder Forum in 2015 and national public participation events, budget permitting.

[Danube Strategy Technical Assistance Facility](#) was set up in 2013. Next call of proposals will be published in spring 2014. Project ideas should be submitted by the Priority Area Coordinators on behalf of preselected applicants.

ICPDR will do inventory of experts in Expert Groups in 2014.

Next steps and events:

- ICPDR Standing Working Group meeting will be held on 19-20 June in Bulgaria
- Contacts were made with REC with regard to Natural Water Retention Measures Project and participation in upcoming regional workshops in winter and spring 2014
- Nominate IDMP CEE Guideline Activity Leader as an observer to ICPDR River Basin Management Expert Group
- Next year marks 20th anniversary of Danube Convention and 10th anniversary of the Danube Day and Danube Art Master
- Annual Conference of the Danube Strategy will be held on 26-27 June 2014 in Vienna.
- Coordinate presentation of IDMP CEE at ICPDR 17th Ordinary Meeting
- ICPDR 17th Ordinary Meeting will take place on 9-10 December 2014 in Vienna

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