



# Minutes of the Final Conference

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## Background

The approved Application Form in Work Package 2 – Communication Activity 2.2 Dissemination events, kick-off and final conference.

Final conference – to be organized at the end of the implementation period; venue to be decided later in coordination with on-going other regional events.

The kick-off event and the final event aim to gather a wide audience, including relevant key stakeholders/final beneficiaries/decision-makers.

## List of Participants

101 representatives and experts of the Project have been registered at the Final Conference. The meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in Szolnok, Hungary. The Final Conference was organised by the Middle Tisza District Water Directorate as contractor of the Lead Partner, General Directorate of Water Management of Hungary.

The participants participated at the meeting (name, institution name, country) is in the Annex 1.

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*‘Strengthening cooperation between river basin management planning and flood risk prevention to enhance the status of waters of the Tisza River Basin ‘*

## May 30th Thursday

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| 09.00-09.30 h                     | Tisza tree planting by the representatives of the five Tisza countries in Rózsapark (Rose Park in the downtown of Szolnok)   |
| <b>JOINTISZA Final conference</b> |  |
| <b>09.30-10.00 h</b>              | <b>Registration (Agora Center, Szolnok, Hild tér 1.)</b>   |
| 10.00-11.30 h                     | Welcome speech by Mr. Attila Lovas, Director, KÖTIVIZIG<br>Speeches  |
| <b>11.30-12.00 h</b>              | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| 12.00-13.40 h                     | Targets and results of the project<br>Water quality issues<br>Water quantity issues<br>Flood protection issues<br>Urban hydrology<br>Synthesis<br>Comments by stakeholders and WWF |
| 13.40-14.00 h                     | Conclusions, follow-up   |
| <b>14.00-15.00 h</b>              | <b>Lunch (ground level)</b><br><b>Departure</b>  |
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| 14.00-15.00 h                     | Lunch<br><b>Departure</b>  |

## Minutes writing

Mr. György Rátvai and Ms Melinda Váci from Middle Tisza District Water Directorate took the notes and prepared the Minutes of the meeting.

## Tisza Tree planting

Organizers of the final conference (the General Directorate of Water Management of Hungary and the Middle Tisza District Water Directorate) invited all JOINTISZA Project Partners and Associated Project Partners to take part in the ceremonial Tisza Tree planting in the downtown of Szolnok (Rose Park) in the morning of 30<sup>th</sup> May.



## Meeting

### Final Conference, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Szolnok

#### Aim of the meeting

The main aim of the meeting was to summarize the results of the long term project implementation, to greet the Project Partners and ASPs, and to introduce the draft version of Integrated Tisza River Basin Water Management Plan in a complete version as well as its Work Packages.

The JOINTISZA project entered to its final stage. It was the time to summarize the results and the achievements of the project.

## Welcome speeches

The conference was opened by **Mr. Attila Lovas**, the Director of Middle-Tisza District Water Directorate. After the great opening of Mr. Lovas, speeches have been held by the representative of Hungarian Ministry of Interior, Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the President of ICPDR, the General Director of OVF and the representative of DTP Secretariat.

It was highlighted that after 30 months of project implementation finally the partners agreed on the content of updated Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan to be endorsed and that it should be implemented by the countries of Tisza River Basin during the upcoming months and years. This plan has become complete thanks to the joint cooperation of experts from the five Tisza countries, several international organizations, and with the support of the Middle Tisza District Water Directorate Tisza Office in Szolnok under the leadership of the General Directorate of Water Management of Hungary.

**Mr. Attila Lovas**, Director of the Middle Tisza District Water Management Directorate (KÖTIVIZIG) welcomed the participants of the Final Conference. In his speech, Mr. Lovas underlined the important contribution of all partners and stakeholders, thanked their enthusiasm and efforts. Mr. Lovas highlighted the importance of the permanent cooperation in the Tisza River Basin for further development by initiating new projects.

Local leaders also gave speeches: **Mr. Attila Berkó** explained that the presence of the Tisza is important in Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County, since it has decisive importance in the lives of thousands of people within its tributaries and catchment areas. The Governmental Commissioner added that it would be pivotal to the county to ensure the safety of the settlements along the river and their surroundings.

**Mr. Miklós Piroška**, Chairman of the County Assembly underlined the significance and effects of the Tisza River in the life of people who lives in Szolnok area and pointed out the important role of the Middle Tisza District Water Directorate in the everyday life as well as in emergency situations.

**Mr. Miklós Piroška**, Chairman of the Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok County Assembly said that the five nations had successfully implemented the project with Hungarian partner organizations and NGOs.

**Mr. István Szabó**, Deputy Mayor of Szolnok reminded us to the traditionally strong connection between Szolnok city and the Tisza River. István Szabó, Deputy Mayor of Szolnok, spoke about the fact that the Tisza River and the water management experts are continuously contributing to the existence and development of the city. The project is also important for the development of the river and Szolnok, Mr. Szabó added.

**Mr. Péter Kovács**, Chairman of ICPDR, Head of Water Management Department of Ministry of Interior of Hungary –

Mr. Kovács said that for Hungary, the Tisza Valley is highly important and therefore the country strongly supports the cooperation of Tisza countries. He mentioned that communal waste, pollution by pet bottles is a major problem in the Tisza Valley. As Mr. Kovács said, the ICPDR is looking for a solution and they will provide an appropriate framework to strengthen the cooperation between all the countries concerned. Mr. Kovács emphasized that he believes in the continuation of "Tisza Cooperation".

**Mr. Gheorghe Constantin, Co-Chair of ICPDR Tisza Group, Director, Ministry of Environment and Forests of Romania – Mr. Constantin** complimented the work of Project Partners and ASPs that they have done so far in the JOINTISZA Project and also suggested to continue the project-based cooperation in the future.

**Mr. Zoran Major, Expert – Mr. Major** spoke about the ICPDR's role in the project including the preparation of maps in collaboration with national experts and about the improvement of GIS database.

**Mr. Viktor Oroszi, PA4 Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary – Mr. Oroszi** highlighted that after 30 months of project implementation, the partners agreed on the content of updated Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan to be endorsed and that it should be implemented by the countries of Tisza River Basin during the upcoming months and years. This plan has become complete thanks to the joint cooperation of experts from the five Tisza countries, several international organizations, and with the support of the Tisza Office in Szolnok.

Although, the joint efforts were fruitful and the project reached a lot during the last years, it was also concluded that there is still a lot to do and the countries should work even harder in the coming years.

**Mr. Gusztáv Csomor, Project Officer, EU DTP Secretariat – Mr. Csomor** highlighted the importance of JOINTISZA project and similar projects in EU co-operation and talked about the professional results achieved within the project.

## **Contributions – presentations – The Final Draft of the Updated ITRBMP**

**Mr. Balázs Horváth, Head of International Department (OVF), WP1 & WP2 (Project management & Communication) – Mr. Horváth** introduced the overall project implementation and mentioned the importance of cooperation between the five Tisza countries.

**Ms Jarmila Makovinska, Head of Department, VUVH, WP3 (Surface water quality) – Ms Makovinska** emphasised the importance of Tisza River Basin characterisation and the importance of identification of pressures as well as the Significant Water Management Issues (SWMIs).

**Ms Branislava Matic, Expert, JCI – WP4 (Water quantity - Surface water quantity, groundwater quality and quantity). Ms Matic** summarized the results and outcomes of the actual ITRBMP and compared it to the 1<sup>st</sup> ITRBMP. **Mr. Attila Nagy, University of Debrecen**



**Mr. Nagy** presented the actions and the results of Urban Hydrology pilot of JOINTISZA managed by the University of Debrecen.

**Mr. Razvan Bogzianu, Expert, Apele Romane, WP5 (Flood risks and flood management) – Mr. Bogzianu** introduced the activities of WPs including the so-called Kraszna-modelling managed together with Hungarian and Romanian experts.

**Mr. János Fehér, Expert, GWP CEE, WP6 (Synthesis) –** Based on the results of harmonization of technical Work Packages and the outcomes as the project's main results – The Final Draft version of ITRBMP. Within WP6 many sub-activities' results supported the updated ITRBMP, Climate change effect – pilot action on water demand and water use.

**Mr. Iván Balla, Director, Marosszög Water Management Association** introduced the results and the cooperation among Tisza countries and encouraged them to continue their cooperation.

**Mr. Tamás Gruber, Expert, WWF Hungary** highlighted the importance of Stakeholder involvement and presented the public participation process during the project implementation.

## Closure

**Mr. Balázs Horváth from OVF** thanked to all PPs and ASPs their hard and effective work during the two and half year of project implementation and expressed his faith in having a chance to continue this fruitful and result-oriented cooperation among the concerned actors and stakeholders.

**The Final Conference ended at 14.00 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**





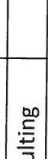



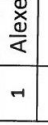


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






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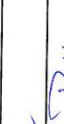








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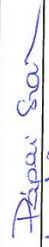















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