

Public Consultation on Draft River Basin Management Plan Updates 2021



Vienna, 31 March 2021. The Danube River Basin Management Plan and Danube Flood Risk Management Plan Update 2021 are now published for public consultation! Your comments can be sent until 30th September 2021.

As the culmination of our six-year management cycle, the ICPDR is currently developing its Danube River Basin Management Plan and Danube Flood Risk Management Plan Updates 2021, which will guide activities throughout the Danube River Basin for the next six years from 2021 - 2027. These plans aim to make the waters of the Danube River Basin cleaner, healthier, and safer. They will further protect and enhance the status of all waters and to ensure the sustainable, long-term use of water resources as well as the sustainable management of flood risks.

For the development of the management plans, representatives of civil society and stakeholders are called upon to contribute their views, give us their opinions, and have their say. The people of the Danube River Basin will be affected by the measures following the plans for generations to come, and therefore, they are given an opportunity to have a word on their development from the beginning.

As of today, 31st March 2021, the ICPDR provides the draft management plans for comments on its website. The public is invited to submit comments on the documents – which can be downloaded [here](#) – to the ICPDR Secretariat until the **30th September 2021**. These can be sent in writing to the address below, or to the dedicated email address: wfd-fd@icpdr.org. Comments will be taken into account during the review and finalisation of the plans until December 2021.

The ICPDR is also hosting an online questionnaire about the plans, which enables the people of the Danube to have their say. You can fill in the questionnaire RIGHT NOW on our website [here](#).

Finally, the ICPDR is also going to be hosting an online stakeholder consultation workshop. Our Opinion – Our Danube will be taking place via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All details regarding this open and public event scheduled for 29th–30th June 2021 can be found [here](#).

The consultation will be taking place in the following ways:

Online As we already informed you, we've added a section on the ICPDR website dedicated to this process. You can find most of the relevant details here by visiting <https://www.icpdr.org/main/activities-projects/public-consultation-draft-management-plan-updates-2021>

Draft Plan Text As is mandated in this process, the draft text of both management plans is now live and online at ICPDR.org for the public to access. These plans, annexes, plus maps can be downloaded in PDF form here:

<https://www.icpdr.org/main/wfd-fd-plans-published-2021>

Comments We will be receiving comments on the plans until 30th September 2021. So until then, it is possible for everybody and anybody to send the ICPDR written feedback by post, or electronically to a special dedicated email address: wfd-fd@icpdr.org.

Questionnaire The online questionnaire we completed with all of your excellent input, is now online [in a variety of Danubian languages \(auch auf deutsch verfügbar\)](https://www.icpdr.org/main/activities-projects/public-consultation-questionnaire) for the public/stakeholders to fill out. Its aim is to engage with and get input from a broader public on the issue of the two plans, even without *any prior knowledge* of them. The questionnaires can be filled out by visiting this link: <https://www.icpdr.org/main/activities-projects/public-consultation-questionnaire>

Stakeholder Workshops (Forthcoming) We will also be hosting the *Our Opinion - Our Danube* (online) stakeholder workshop, open to the public along with various ICPDR stakeholders. The save the date s being sent out for this Zoom event, scheduled for **29th/30th June 2021**. Invitations and agenda will be sent out shortly. The draft agenda for the Consultation/Stakeholder event will be shared with the documents for the upcoming PP EG meeting, and will be central to the discussions at this meeting.

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