CROSS-BORDER PROJECT ON RIVER RESTORATION BETWEEN SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY

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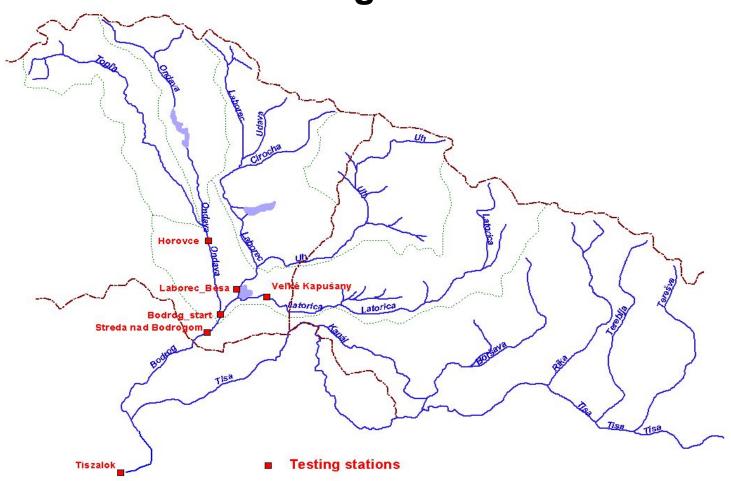
Presented project was elaborated in frame of the INTERREG IIIA Initiative between the Hungary and Slovakia

The main reason for the project proposal was that in this region five flowing rivers were "alive" in this region fifty years ago. Except of two rivers Latorica, Bodrog and Tisa rivers there were another two rivers – Tice and Krčava - which were due to construction of flood protection and drainage measures in the years 1946-64 more or less dried out.

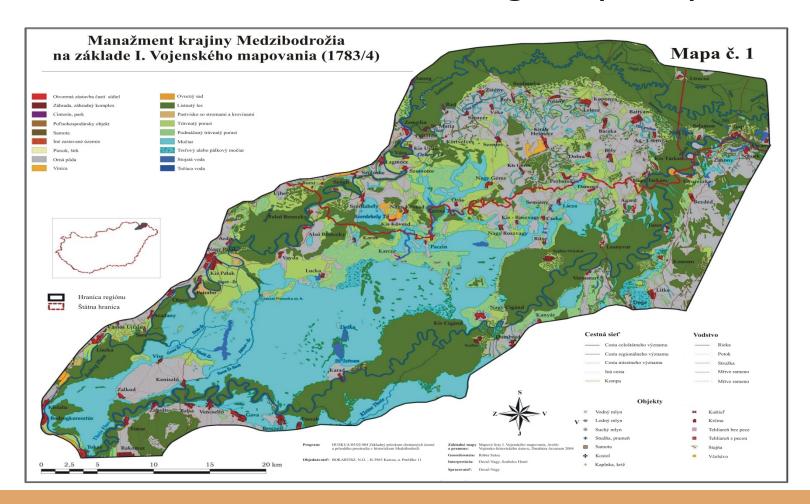
Partners of the INTERREG project from Hungary and Slovakia

- EKOVIZIG (North-Hungarian Directorate for Environment Protection and Water Management)
- STUBA (Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, FCE)
- Slovak Bodrog River Directorate in Eastern Slovakia
- IH SAS (Institute of Hydrology, Slovak Academy of Sciences)
- ICP SAH (Institute of Chemistry and Pedology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- Bokartisz (Hungarian NGO on protection of Bodrog and Tisza rivers)
- Water Research Institute in Bratislava

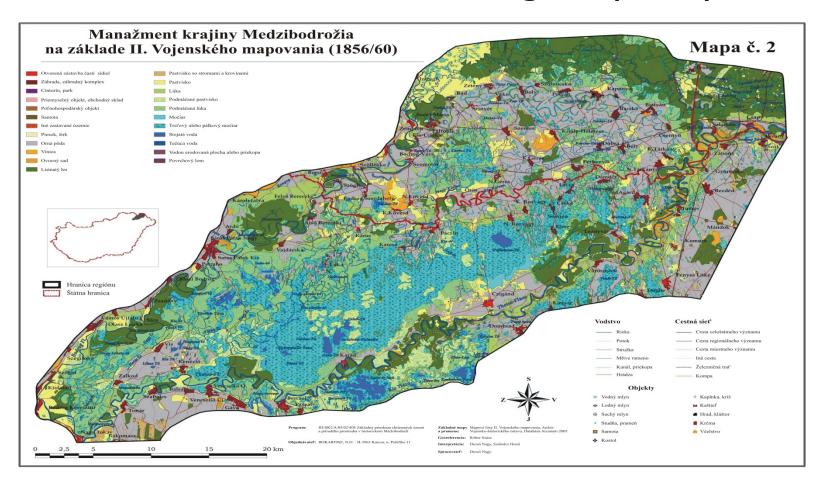
The Bodrog River Basin



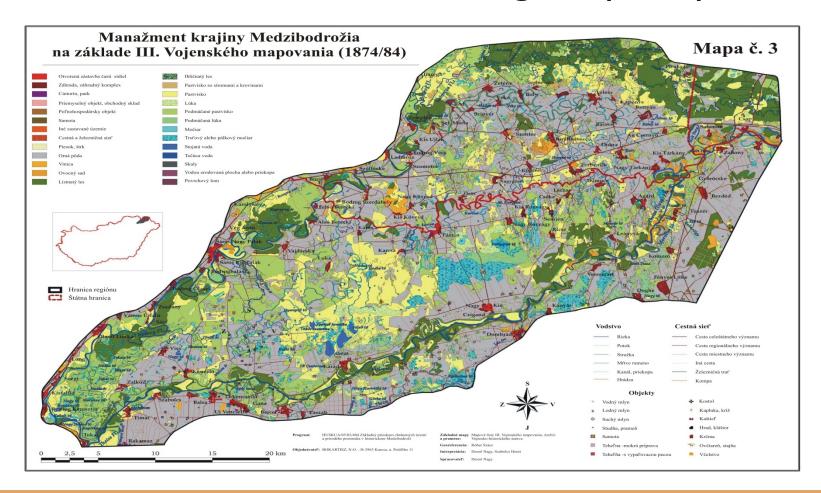
The Medzibodrožie Region (1783)



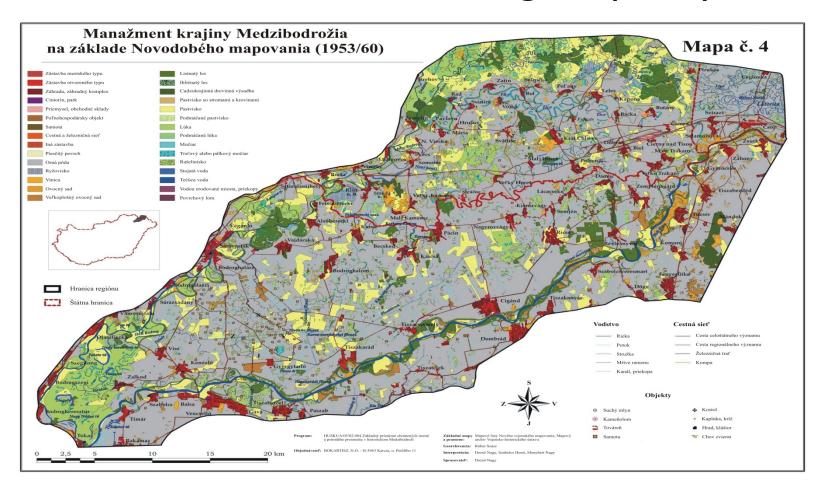
The Medzibodrožie Region (1856)



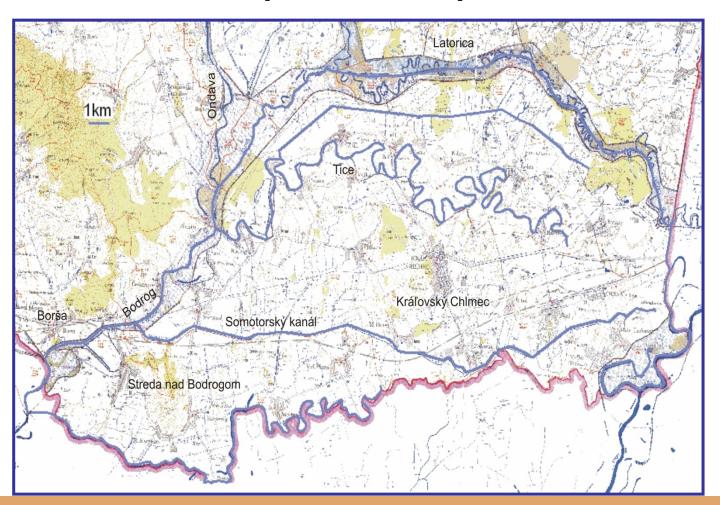
The Medzibodrožie Region (1880)



The Medzibodrožie Region (1953)



Medzibodrožie Region after water management measures (on Slovak side)



The Czechoslovak National Parliament in Prague in 1937 decided financially to support the construction of protection dams in the Medzibodrožie Region

Because of

- ... disaster floods from 1924, 1926, 1932 and 1937
- ... inhabitants are hungry, living in risky conditions
- ... inhabitants are suffering from malaria, typhus, disentary

The water management part of the project involved a detailed analysis of hydrological conditions of the whole Medzibodrožie region, hydraulic and morphological conditions of surface flows (last passports have been elaborated almost 40 years ago), hydro-geological conditions of the whole region as well as hydro-pedological conditions of the Medzibodrožie region.

It has to be considered that the "inter-regional" means that the water knows no political or regional restrictions and it is flowing with no respect to state frontiers.

To achieve the goal of the project:

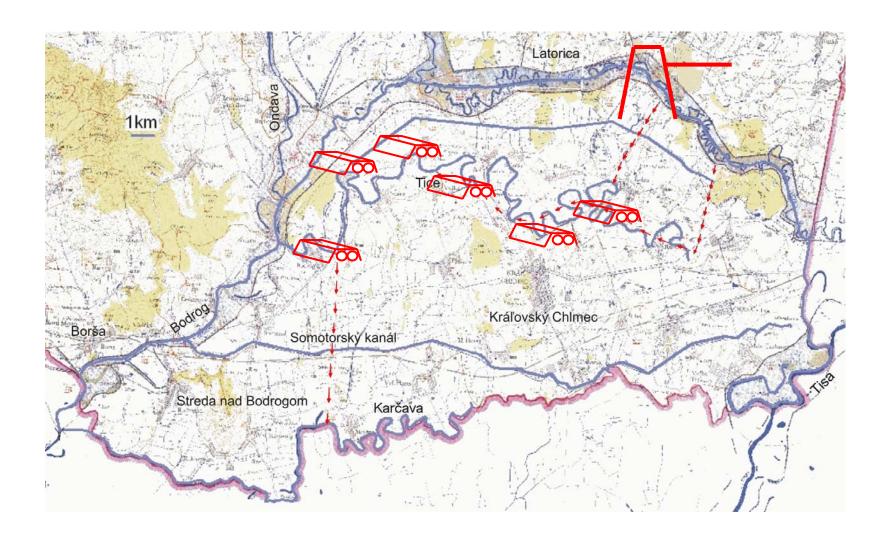
- Geodetic measurements of the river bed connected with airborne scanning (DTM)
- Hydraulic measurements discharge, water level analysis
- Groundwater level regime evaluation
- Soil-water regime measurements
- Water quality measurements

Contour map: rPHI1 0 - 0.06 0 0.06 - 0.12 0 .12 - 0.18 0 .18 - 0.24 0 .24 - 0.3 0 .36 - 0.42 0 .42 - 0.48 0 .48 - 0.54 0 .66 - 0.66 0 .66 - 0.84 Boundary \sim Sources Rivers \sim 0.36 0.48

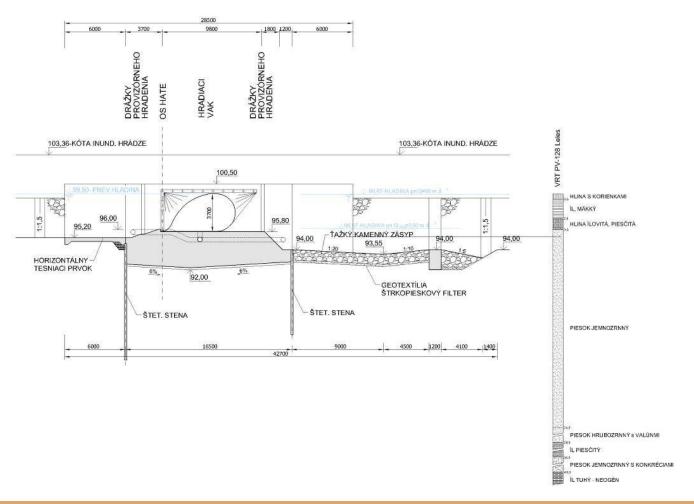
After theoretical background a practical engineering project has to be elaborated using digital terrain model to fulfill

- the Tice River as well as
- The Krčava River on the border with Hungary

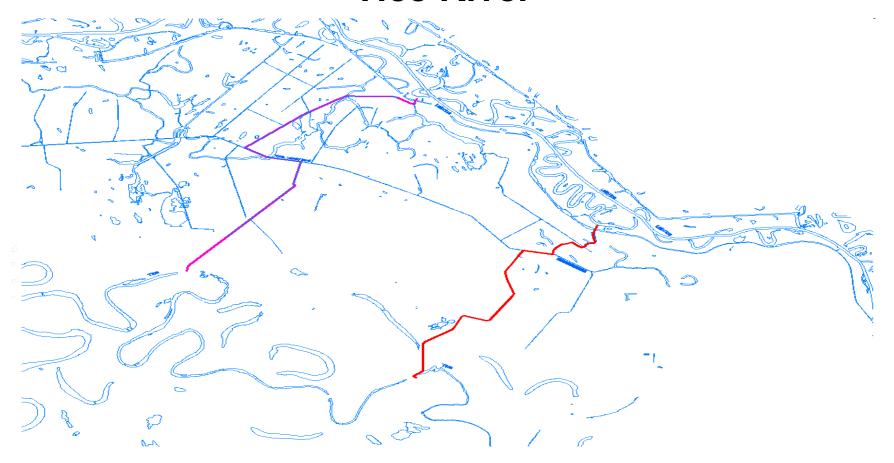
Philosophy of the design



Longitudinal section of the bag weir



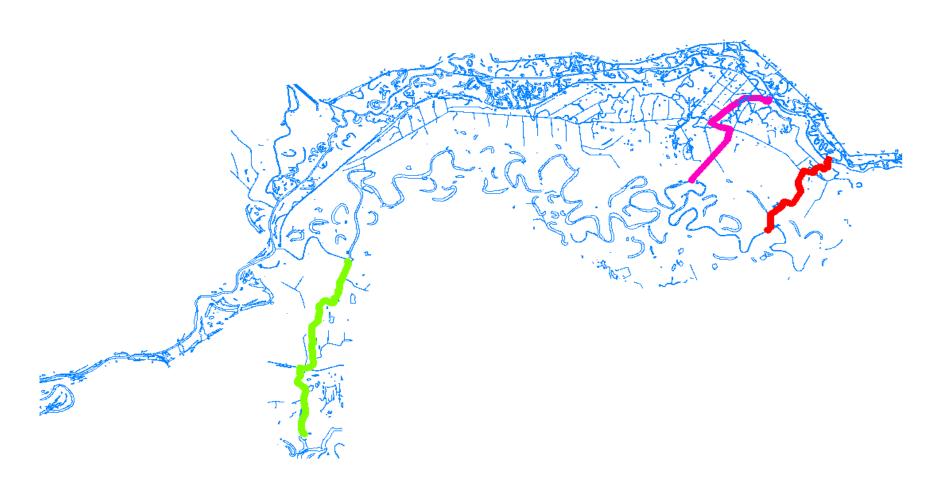
Connection between the Latorica River to the Tice River



Connection of Tice and Krčava rivers



The whole solution in digital form



Situation of the weir location on Latorica River



Visualisation of the weir with a fish-pass



Result of the water management solution

- revitalisation (restoration) 44,4 km of the Tice River
- inflow and accumulation in the region 2 954 000 m³ of water in the Tice River and its branch system

140 000 m³ of water in channels

- creation of water surface in the region 2 805 000 m² in the Tice River
 133 000 m² in channels
- water supply of approx. 45 mil. m³ of water annualy into the Krčava River.

Thank you for your kind attention !!!