Transboundary cooperation of the Republic of Hungary

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The Danube river basin in Central-Europe

 most international basin in the world 17 riparian countries •Basin area: 779500 km² •Hungary and its 7 neighbours (Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Slovenia) share 77,7 % of the basin area (605700 km²) •Longitude: 2842 km (Hungarian stretch: 417 (m

Transboundary Cooperation, Hungary Comparison with South-American basins •The Danube basin is small compared with the **Amazonas or the La Plata basins** •The Amazonas basin appr. 7.5 times bigger •The La Plata basin appr. 4.3 times bigger The latter have fewer riparian countries Longitude of Danube similar to Sao Francisco, **Rio Negro or the Paraguay** These rivers have 1 or max. 3 riparian countries

European Outlook

•Basel Convention 1879. - (timber floating, navigation) Hispano-Portugal agreements on river **Duero** (Duoro) - use of hydro-energy •Use of international rivers (Danube) navigation(role of non riparian countries) •Peace treaties after the I.WW - (use of the divided basin)

Consequences of the I. World War

Peace Treaties of the Environs of Paris (1919-1920.) legally closed the I. WW
Trianon Treaty 4 June 1920. (Division of the Carpathian-basin)
Clause 292 Common Interest Principle
Clause 293 Organisation of C. R. E. D.

Commission Technique de Regime des Eaux du Danube (C.R.E.D.)

Permanent Technical Commission for the Water Regime of the Danube
C.R.E.D. worked in the period 1924-1938.
Liquidation of the water boards
Initiated bilateral and trilateral frontier water agreements among the interested states

Transboundary Cooperation, Hungary The first frontier water agreements Hungarian-Roumanian General Water Agreement 1924. Hungarian-Austrian Frontier Water Agreement 1927. Hungarian-Czecho-Slovakian Frontier Water Agreement 1937. •Hungarian-Roumanian-Czecho-**Slovakian Technical Committee for Transcarpathia**



Hungarian-Austrian Water Committee

Most traditional agreement and committee
Catchment areas: Lake of Fertõ, Ikva, Pinka, Hanság, Rába, Lapincs rivers
Operational and preparatory activities managed by the H-A Water Subcommittee
Working Group for Water Quality Control
New topics: subsurface waters, EU matters

Transboundary Cooperation, Hungary Hungarian-Slovakian Committee of Frontier Waters Danube Subcommittee Ipoly Subcommittee Tisza Subcommittee Water Quality Control Subcommittee Financial Subcommittee Group of Hydrological Experts

Hungarian-Ukrainian Frontier Water Agreement

- •1993. New agreement with the independent Ukraine, the use of the Hungarian-Soviet agreement is ended
- •1998. Modified agreement with reference to Helsinki Convention
- •Water Demage Averting Group of Experts
- •Water Quality Control GoE
- •Hydrological and Water Management GoE

Hungarian-Roumanian Water Technical Joint Committee

Preparation of a new agreement is going on by an Inter-governmental Committee
Hydrometeorological Subcommittee
Longterm WM Planning Subcommittee
Water Quality Control Subcommittee
Many additional regulations are in force



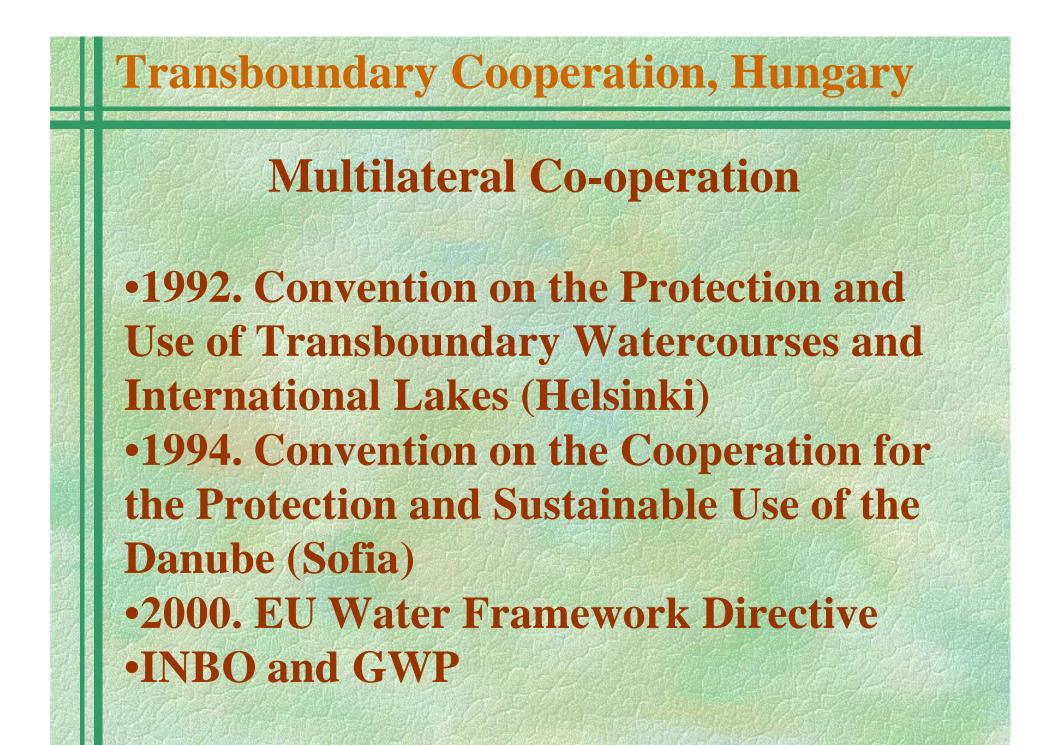
Permanent Hungarian-Slovenian Water Management Committee

•1995. Transboundary Water Agreement with the independent Slovenia with reference to the Helsinki and the Sophia Conventions

Smallest common interest territory

•Working Group of Water Management

Working Group of Water Quality Control





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