

# Common Initiative for an SDI Driven Development of the Tisza Basin

*Part One*

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# Foreword

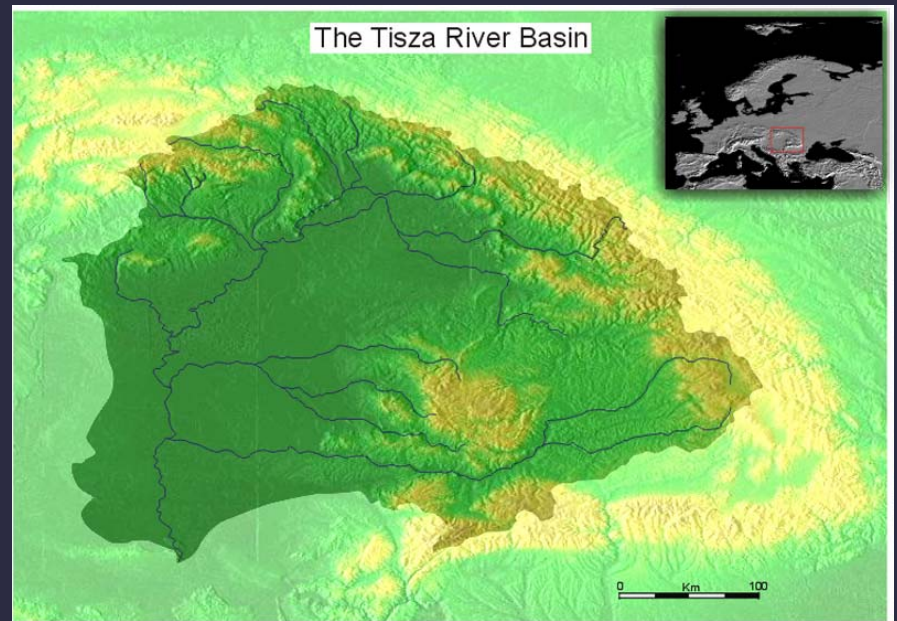
- This presentation reflects a single consultant's own understanding
- It is intended to provide a baseline for disputes
- Therefore:
  - Supplementary comments are required
  - Certain aspects should have more emphases
- Comments, critics are warmly welcome

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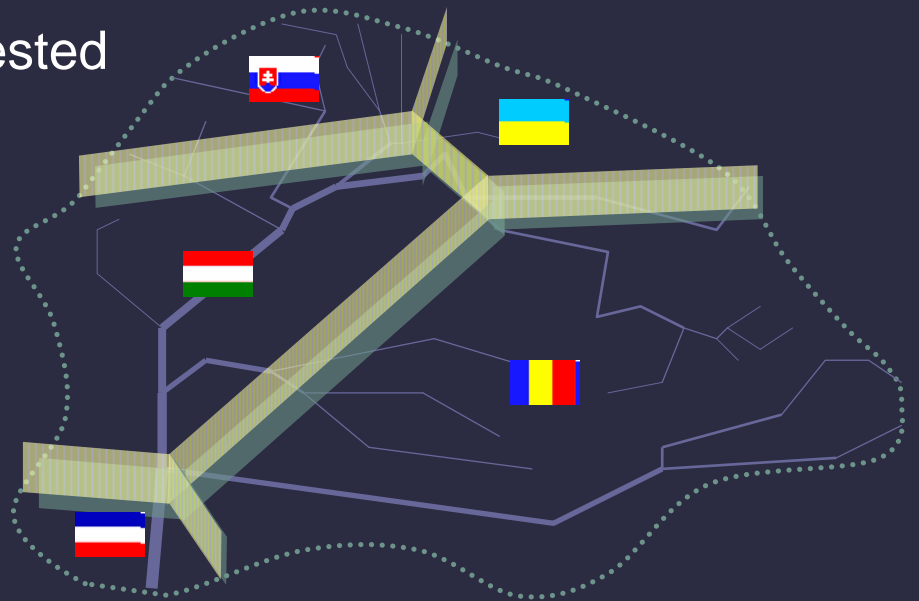
# Approaching the Tisza Basin

- General facts
  - Area: 154039 Km<sup>2</sup>
  - Population: ~15 million
    - Hungary: ~4 million
    - Romania: ~6 million
    - Serbia: ~2 million
    - Slovakia: ~2 million
    - Ukraine: ~1 million
  - settlements: ~6800
    - Hungary: 1 200
    - Romania: 4 500
    - Serbia: 150
    - Slovakia: 500
    - Ukraine: 500



# Approaching the Tisza Basin

- Separation
  - Five Countries are interested
    - H, RO, S&M, SK, UA
  - Seven border segments
    - Some 1200 km
  - Issues are fragmented
    - By countries
    - By border segments
    - By sectors
  - Ad hoc, indirect, slow,..
    - Horizontal communication
    - Horizontal cooperation



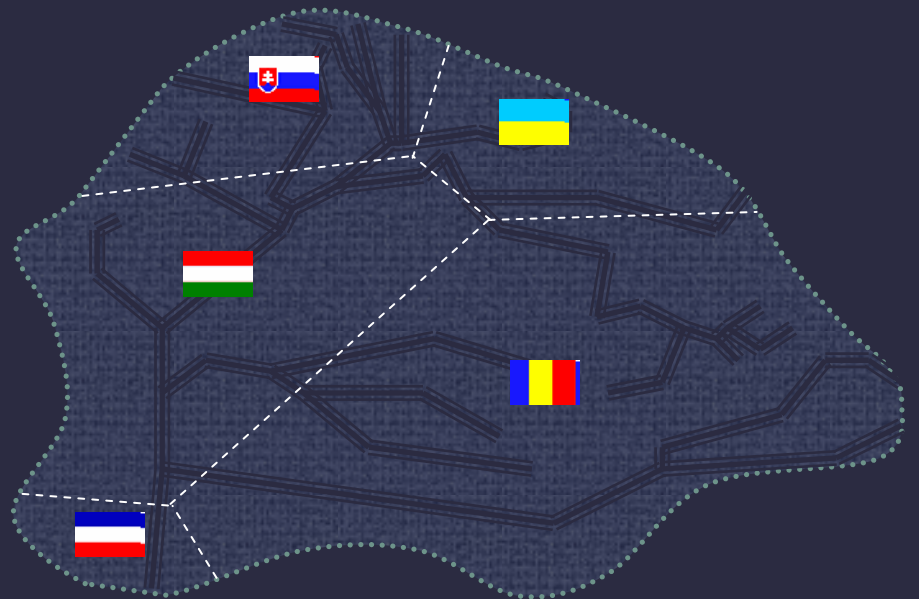
# Approaching the Tisza Basin

- Togetherness
  - Common History
    - Economic, politic, ..
  - Living relations
    - Institutional
    - Private
  - Cultural Heritage
    - work, custom, arts, ..
  - Ethnical diversity
    - More than 10 ethnics



# Approaching the Tisza Basin

- Interdependence
  - Common treats
    - Flooding
    - Ecological disaster
    - Poverty
    - Migration
    - Etc.
  - Common opportunities in:
    - Political Integration
    - Economic Transition
    - Technology transfer
    - Transportation
    - Etc.



# Goal

- ✿ The goal of the Common Initiative for an SDI Driven Development of the Tisza Basin is:

Improving living conditions in the Tisza Basin driven by cooperation and access to information related to shared space



# History of this Initiative

1992 The initial idea occurred

1995- Establishing partner relations

2000 1<sup>st</sup> International Forum

Partnership agreement of Local Authorities

2001 Hungarian PMO declares their support

2001 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum

Agreement on Local Offices and their financing

2003 Searching for EU partners

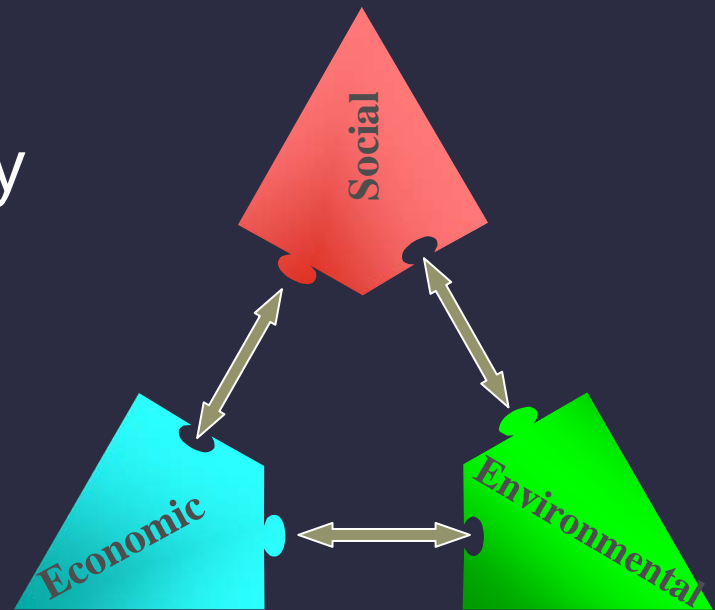
2003- Workshops: Planning Implementation

# Principles

- Holistic approach covering Environmental, Economic and Social aspects as the three components of the Sustainable Development
- Based on cross-border cooperation
- Well established partnership arrangement
- New services to be established based on PPP – Public Private Partnership
- Subsidiarity with a special attention to NUTS4/5 levels
- Considering the Information Society concept

# Holistic approach

- Standard in sustainable development
- Several particular issues of Tisza Basin are already tackled, but not in a broader context
- Consequence:  
Not competing just complementing



# Partnership

- Tackling common problems needs partnership
- Trans-border cooperation to be encouraged
- Local initiatives are the starting point and local bodies should receive funds
- Projects should be developed and managed locally
- Consequence: Close node points to partners needed

# PPP – Public Private Partnership

- Provides more transparency
- Establishes new institution more flexible
- Gives governments more freedom
- Balances multilateral cooperations
- Consequence: A public benefit organisation should undertake the implementation and operation

# Subsidiarity

- „... decisions are taken as closely as possible to the citizen..” *Glossary Inforegio*
- After having adopted this concept by the democratization of the 90s it strengthened Local Authorities
- Consequence: Information services are needed that support decision making structure

# Information Society Concept

Quotes from the '97 list of *the Information Society*:

- .. electronic data interchange and electronic commerce among businesses globally,
- .. to „outsource” portions of their information processing to different countries around the world, creating transborder data flow issues for the countries involved and increasing the rapidity with which jobs migrate globally,
- .. baseline information services or fees-for-all-services,
- the role of place and space in visions and practice of digital libraries and electronic forums,

# Institutional Background

1997-2000

Association of 10 Settlements

2000-2003

Regional Central European Centre for  
Environmental Technology

2003-

Regional Environmental Technology Centre

2004-

Consortium of 48 locally established Public  
Companies



# Role of the Regional Environmental Technology Centre

- Mission: Implementing the Common Initiative for an SDI Driven Development of the Tisza Basin
- Vision: Network of Local Offices that provides information, knowledge and financial services to support local players in identifying, planning and implementing projects

# Role of the Regional Environmental Technology Centre

- Present tasks:
  - strategic planning
  - organising
  - building local institutions, called local offices
- Future tasks:
  - to run joint IT systems (e.g. early warning)
  - to support the coordination of local offices
  - to foster innovation transfer
  - to assist in co-financing of projects