

**Workshop on the IHLET Tisza River Development Program: A Cross-Border SDI Approach
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INTERNATIONAL PROJECT TISZA: PECULIARITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION IN UKRAINE

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Factors specifying the necessity of the implementation of Tisza River Development Program

- **High density of population** - Five countries population concentrated on a small area (157 200 sq. km); these countries differ in historic heritage, mentality, industrial and ecological safety levels;
 - **Nature-biosphere uniqueness**, more than 50% forest area, crystal clear surface and ground water formation for more than 18 million people;
 - **High rate of unfavorable** phenomena occurrence, both of natural origin (disastrous flood, soil slips, erosion etc.), and of industrial origin (major blowouts of high-toxic chemical compounds, ground waters pollution, forest area shortening, undercoat destruction, backwaters devastation, declining of living conditions of aboriginal population);
- The highest (in Europe) **Roma settlements density** with very low level of social protection and safety.





Key segments of efficient development of region after the project implementation:

- Reduction and optimization of industrial pressure on natural resources, protection, monitoring and natural resources conservation;
- Providing innovations and favorable investments conditions for economic growth;
- Facilitating social safety level raising and sustainable development of Roma ethnic settlements.





Ukrainian way:

Constituting regional centers, which can unite and implement public interests, scientific and non-governmental environmental organizations.

Regional centers' activities and responsibilities:

- Provision of ecological safety and natural integrity of specific areas of the territory of Ukraine;
- Mineral resources conservation;
- Optimization of the solution of economic and social problems of the region.





Criteria of successful project implementation:

- Establishing favorable legal framework and standards for environmentally sustainable development of the Tisza river region;
- Optimizing (raising) economic capacity of all countries – project members;
- Optimizing social sustainability of the low-income groups of population (first of all, Roma nation).





Prerequisites for project implementation in Ukraine:

- Existing conventions and agreements for regulations in Tisza region are mainly optimizing hydrologic and industrial processes in Tisza catchment-basin;
- The project offers a comprehensive solution for the issue of cross-border and border collaboration;
- The project aims at a comprehensive region development and social, economic and environmental problems solving;
- At the stage of approval the project is completely supported both at a local (municipal) level, and at a nationwide level in Ukraine.



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