

Program - Consultation Mechanism for the North Western Sahara Aquifer System
Study Tour

8 – 10 October 2014

Tuesday 7 October 2014

Arrival in Vienna, Austria

Wednesday 8 October 2014

- Visit to the premises of the Secretariat of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)
 - Morning [09.30 - 14.30] - Presentations followed by discussion:
 - Welcome (Mr. Benedikt Mandl, Technical Expert - Public Participation & Communication, ICPDR Secretariat)
 - Introduction of participants (tour de table)
 - International Cooperation in Water Management-Experiences from the Danube River Basin (Mr. Benedikt Mandl, Technical Expert - Public Participation & Communication, ICPDR Secretariat)
 - International Cooperation in Groundwater Management- Groundwater Governance in the Danube River Basin (Mr. Andreas Scheidleder, Groundwater Expert, Umweltbundesamt & Chairperson of the Groundwater Task Group, ICPDR)
 - Water Management and Cooperation in Austria (Mr. Andreas Scheidleder, Groundwater Expert, Umweltbundesamt & Chairperson of the Groundwater Task Group, ICPDR)
 - Discussion

Lunch [14.30 - 15.30]

Departure from Vienna, Austria – Arrival in Bratislava, Slovakia

Thursday 9 October 2014

- Visit to the premises of the Slovak Water Research Institute (WRI)
 - Morning [09.00 - 11.30] - Presentations followed by discussion:
 - Welcome (Dr. Ing. Lubica Kopcova, General Director, WRI)
 - Presentation of WRI main activities (Mgr. Zuzana Kolacanova, PR manager)

- Introduction of participants (tour de table)
 - Cooperation with ICPDR (Mr. Tomas Hajdin)
 - Discussion
 - Visit to the WRI Hydraulic Laboratories - presentation of a new model of the water reservoir Kolarovo (River Vah) (Ing. Dusan Abaffy and Ing. Marek Comaj, Department of Hydrology and Hydraulics)
- Noon [12.00 - 13.15] - Presentation followed by discussion:
- Cooperation process for the Management of the Drin Basin (Mr. Dimitris Faloutsos, Senior Programme Officer - Head, Southeastern Europe, GWP-Med)
 - Discussion

Lunch [13.30 - 14.30]

Departure from Bratislava, Slovakia – Arrival in Budapest, Hungary

Friday 10 October 2014

- Visit to the premises of the General Directorate of Water Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
 - Morning [10.00 – 13.00] - Presentations followed by discussion:
 - Welcome (Dr. Lazlo Dobi, Head of Department of International Affairs)
 - Introduction of participants (tour de table)
 - Water management in Hungary (Peter Kovacs, Head of Department of River Basin Management and Water Protection - RBMWP)
 - Groundwater aspects of cooperation at river basin and bilateral level (Reka Orsolya Gaul, Department of RBMWP)
 - Delineation of transboundary groundwater bodies (Agnes Tahy, Expert, General Directorate of Water Management)
 - Transboundary geo-scientific models of the TRANSENERGY project (Agnes Rotar-Szalkai, Expert, Hungarian Geological and Geophysical Institute)
 - Discussion (with the participation of Gabriella Jelinek, Deputy Head of Department of RBMWP)

Saturday 11 October 2014

Departure from Budapest, Hungary