

Key Elements of the JS 2.0 Document

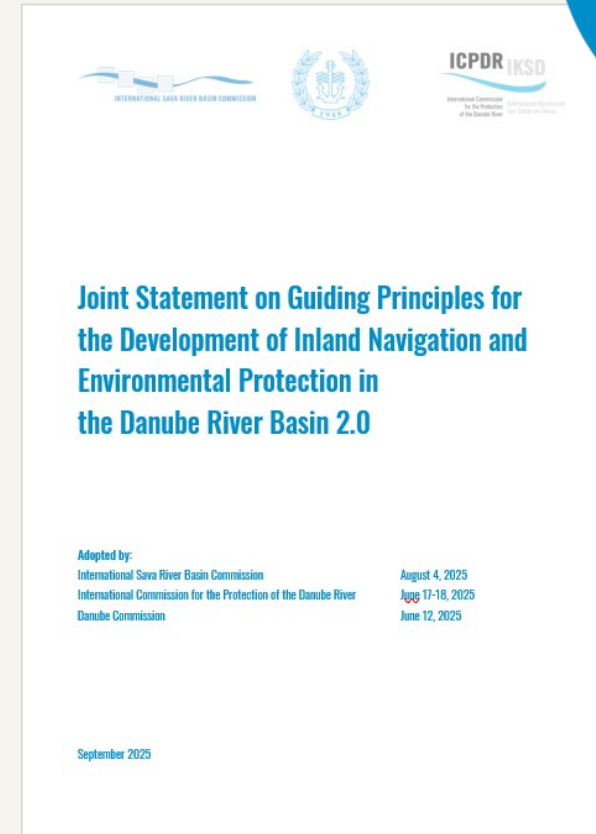


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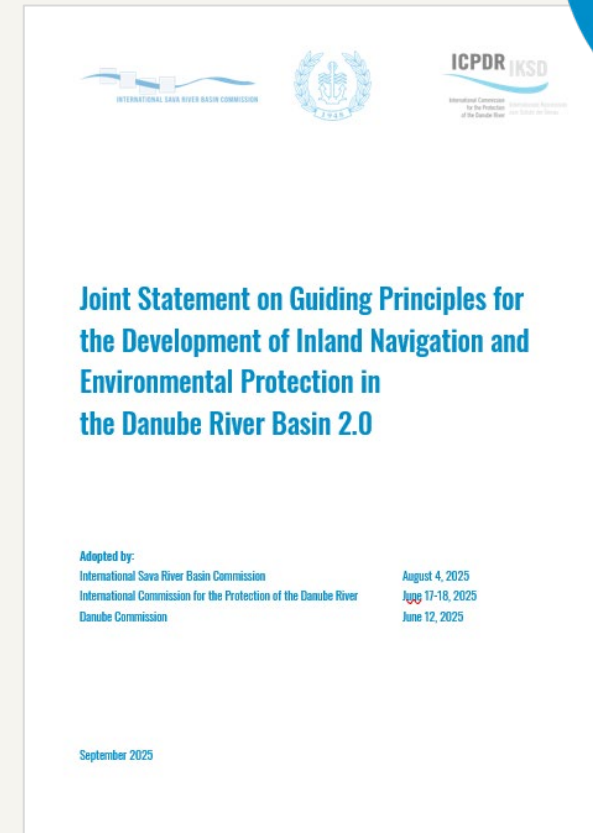
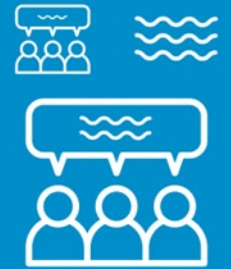
Objectives

- ◆ **Sustainable IWT development**
(GNS, GES/GEP, FCS)
- ◆ **Resilient rivers** (adaptable to climate change; maintaining natural dynamics)
- ◆ **Integrated river management**
(innovative and adaptive approaches)
- ◆ **Effective implementation of JS 2.0**
(capacity, coordination, monitoring)



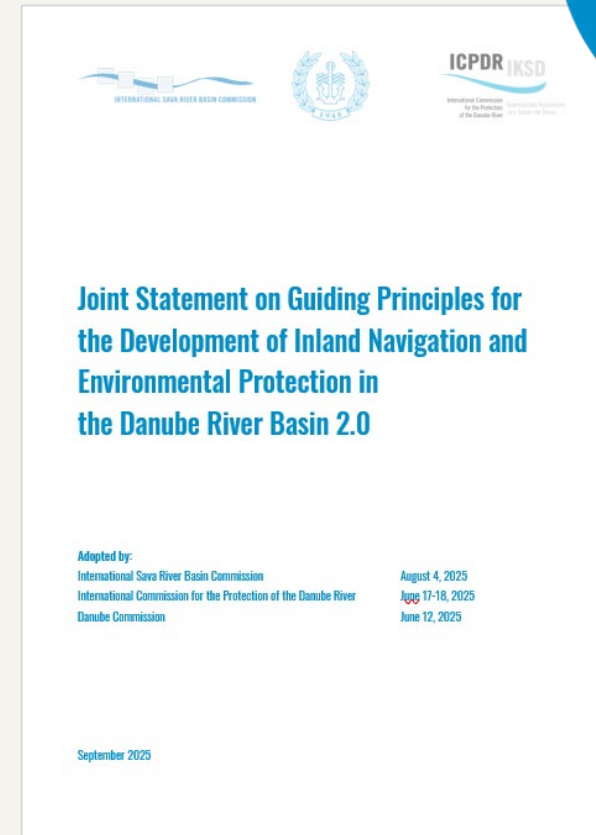
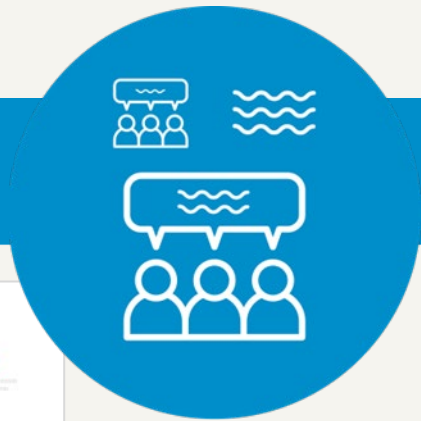
Developments since 2007

- ◆ Updated legal and policy framework
- ◆ New scientific knowledge
(IWT, RBM, biodiversity, climate change)
- ◆ Changing conditions in the basins
(navigation, environment)
- ◆ Impacts of extreme weather events
(floods, droughts / low flows)

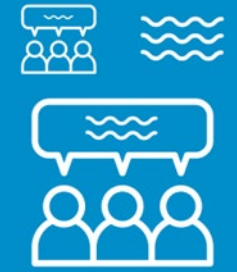


Legal and policy framework

- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Nature and biodiversity
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Climate
- ◆ Intersectoral coordination
- ◆ Financing



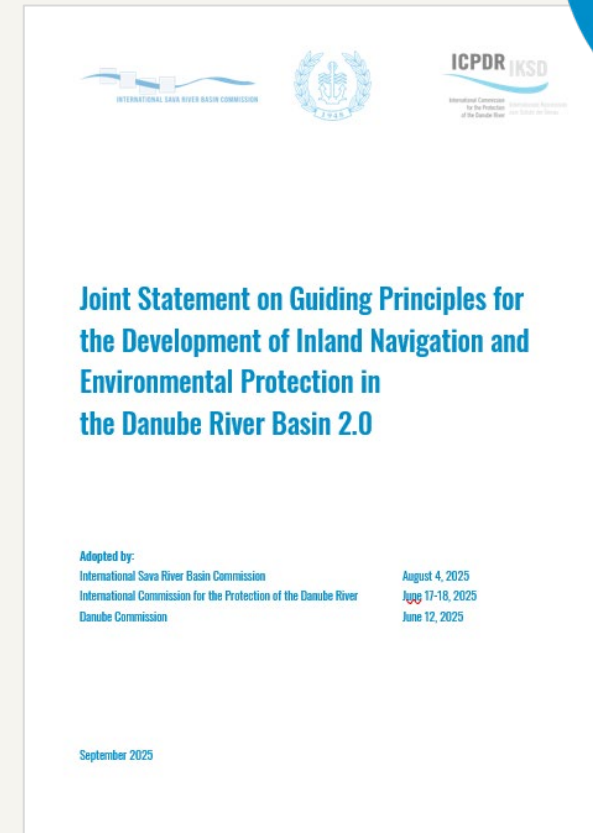
Current state and challenges (Danube/Sava)



- ◆ **State and needs** (IWT, river environment)

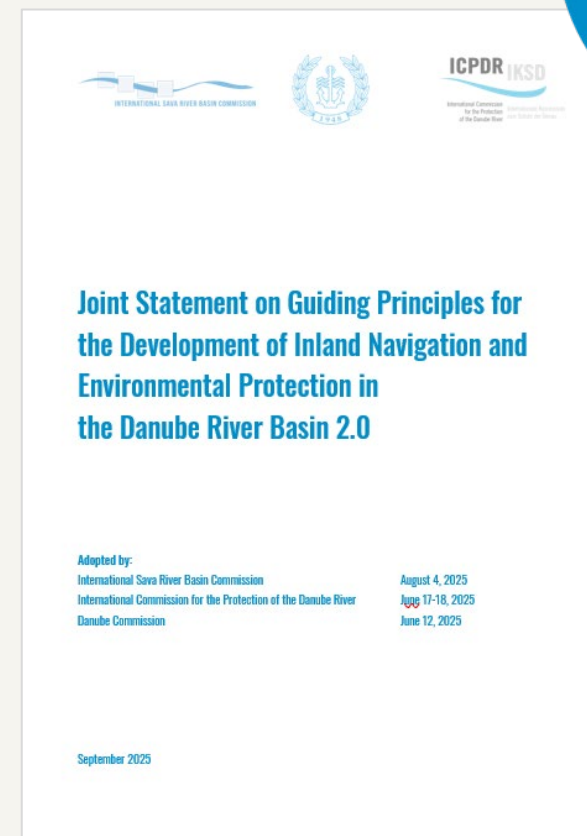
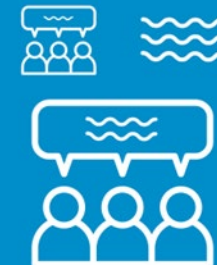
- ◆ **Pressures and challenges**

- ◆ Hydro-morphological alterations
- ◆ Water pollution
- ◆ Overuse of resources
- ◆ Natural hazards
- ◆ Extraordinary events
- ◆ Climate change impact

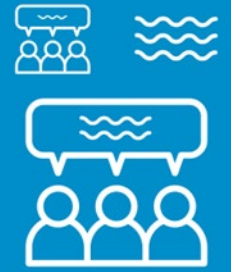


JS 2.0 approach

- ◆ **Holistic concept**
(objectives, scales, stakeholders)
- ◆ **Systems thinking**
(interactions, feedbacks, change over time)
- ◆ **Planning and management framework**
(scoping, planning, implementation, operations)
- ◆ **Monitoring and adaptive management**

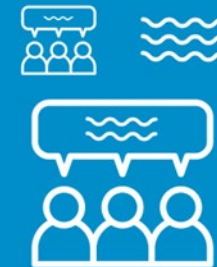


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- ◆ **Strategic IWT planning and management** (corridor-wide thinking; assessing cumulative effects; balancing short-term gains with long-term outcomes)
- ◆ **Sustainable and resilient management** (innovative and multifunctional solutions; adaptive and flexible approaches)
- ◆ **Diversified financing opportunities**
- ◆ **Meeting biodiversity commitments and environmental requirements**

JS 2.0 guiding principles



Scoping

Balance sectoral objectives

Promote transparency

Ensure flexibility of the process

Planning and implementation

Coordinate with other frameworks

Ensure sustainability and resilience

Promote adaptive approaches

Operations

Strengthen monitoring and assessment

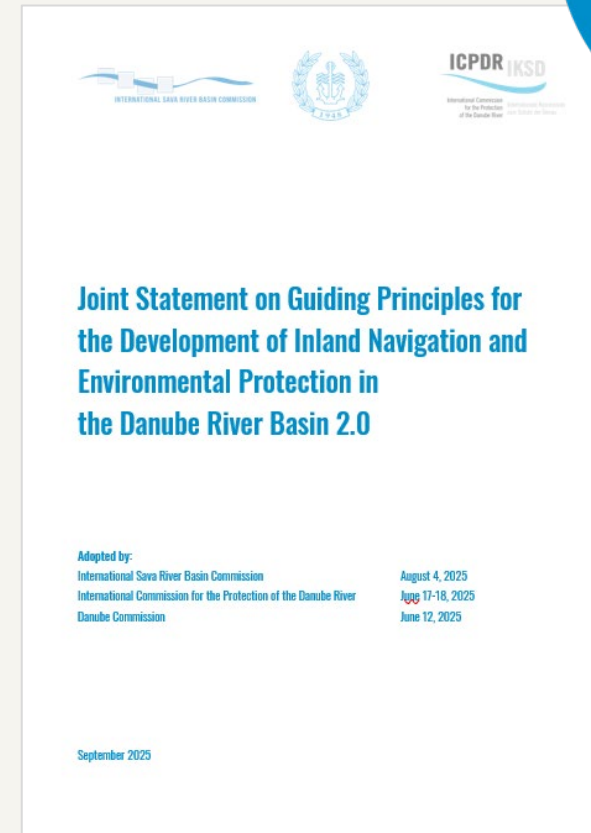
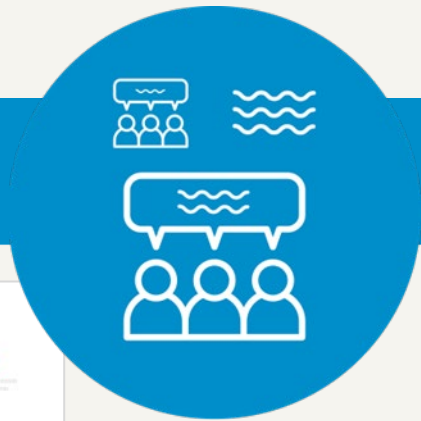
Enhance information sharing

Integrate disaster risk management into operational strategies

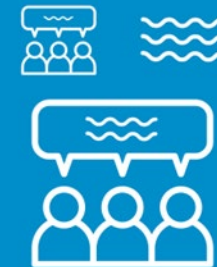
Apply proportionate procedures for routine fairway maintenance

JS 2.0 measures

- ◆ Shift to innovative approaches
- ◆ Structural and ecological enhancement measures
- ◆ Nature-based solutions ('Working with nature')
- ◆ Non-structural measures for IWT improvement



JS 2.0 implementation recommendations



◆ National level

Institutional capacity

Awareness raising

Capacity building (human, operational)

Knowledge exchange

Promoting research and education

Stakeholder involvement and ownership

Improving communication / cooperation

Building common understanding

Ensuring balanced involvement

Recognizing and promoting success

Coordination and monitoring

Facilitating cross-sectoral communication / coordination

Coordinating and overseeing the implementation

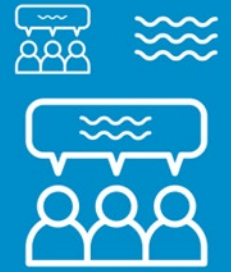
Ensuring coherence (sectoral policies, strategies, plans)



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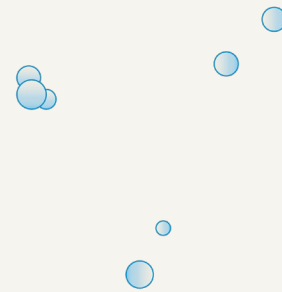
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JS 2.0 implementation recommendations



◆ International level

- ◆ Complementing / supporting the capacity-building and awareness-raising activities performed at the national level
- ◆ Improving project reporting
- ◆ Increasing the effectiveness of JS follow-up meetings
- ◆ Promoting and coordinating the implementation of JS 2.0
- ◆ Seeking external support for the process (EC, EUSDR, JASPERS)



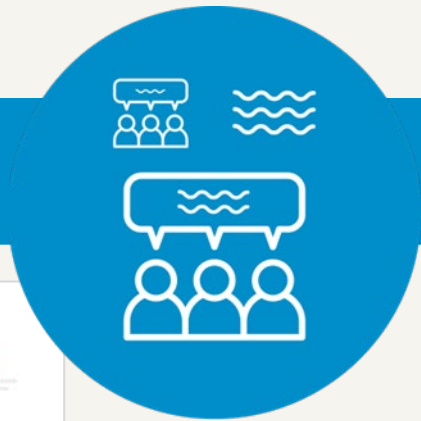
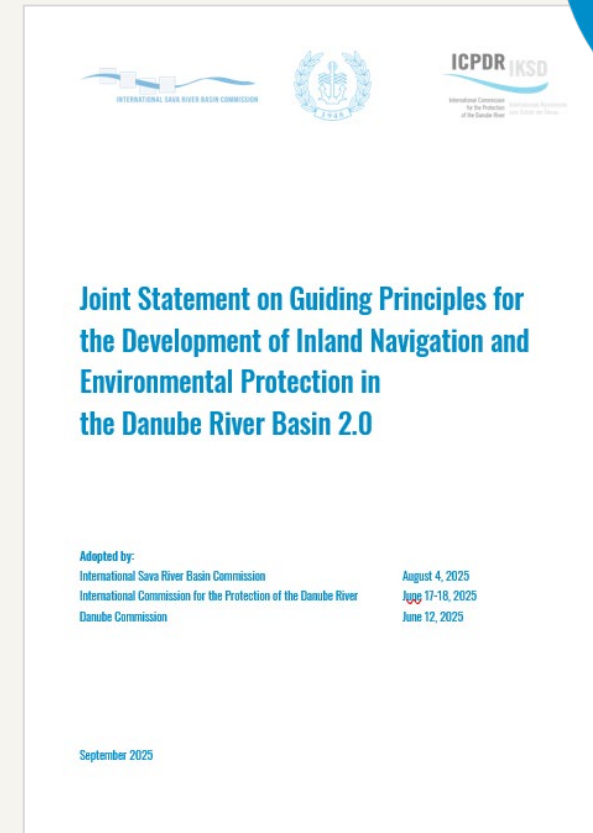
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JS 2.0 - A framework for transformation

- ◆ **Project-based** → **comprehensive management approach**
- ◆ **Integrative and adaptive approach**
(holistic concept, systems thinking)
- ◆ **Innovative, sustainable, resilient solutions**
(multiple benefits)
- ◆ **Requires national-level policy and capacity adjustments**



JS 2.0 - A framework for transformation

- ◆ **Start of a long-term transformation**
(integrated governance, policy coherence)
- ◆ **Support tool, rather than obligation**
- ◆ **Allows for countries' gradual progress based on national circumstances**
- ◆ **Applies within existing systems and processes**

