

Danube Water Balance

Danube Water Balance Project Newsletter (Second Half of 2025)

Project updates & highlights from the past six months

The second half of 2025 has been an active and productive period for the Danube Water Balance (DWB) project. Partners across the Danube River Basin engaged in a series of professional events, stakeholder consultations, and project meetings that strengthened cooperation, supported model development, and enhanced visibility of the initiative. Below is a short overview of the key activities that shaped the past months.



Strengthening regional cooperation: BFPE Annual Seminar, 13 September 2025

Our Serbian partner BFPE for a Responsible Society participated in its Annual Seminar, bringing together representatives committed to leadership development and civic engagement. The event provided an excellent opportunity to present ongoing water-related initiatives in Serbia and highlight how the DWB project contributes to evidence-based policymaking and responsible water governance. Through their participation, BFPE helped connect the project with broader societal and policy dialogues in the region.



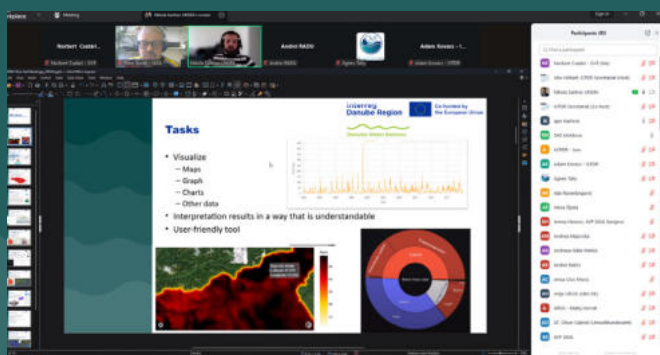
Engaging with thematic EU projects: DanubeSediment_Q2 Stakeholder Event, 17 June 2025

In June, OVF represented the DWB project at the stakeholder event of the DanubeSediment_Q2 project in Vienna. The event focused on the development of the Integrated Sediment Management Plan (ISMP) for the Danube River Basin. Interactive workshops and discussions addressed sediment quantity and quality, an area closely linked to hydrological processes. OVF delivered an online presentation about the DWB project, contributing to synergy building across parallel DRP projects and strengthening cooperation between expert communities working on basin-wide water management challenges.



Two-day Partner Meeting in Novi Sad, 15–16 October 2025

A key internal milestone of the project was the partner meeting hosted by UNSFA in Novi Sad. The two-day event allowed partners to review progress on the Danube River Basin Water Balance Model (DRBWM), discuss data integration issues, and jointly evaluate the results of the first simulation rounds. The meeting also provided space for detailed technical exchanges.



between modelling teams, and for planning the next implementation steps. The strong professional engagement demonstrated once again the commitment of all partners to improving water balance understanding across the basin.

Successful ICPDR Stakeholder Workshop, 10 November 2025

The highlight of the autumn period was the online stakeholder workshop organised by ICPDR, attracting more than 80 participants from across the Danube countries. The event offered a basin-wide platform to present key achievements of the DWB project, discuss preliminary model results, and gather valuable feedback from national water authorities. Importantly, the workshop also introduced the concept of the planned follow-up project, receiving very positive reactions from participants. The high attendance and active dialogue confirmed the strong relevance of the project at regional level and its potential to support long-term water management cooperation in the Danube Basin.



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