



AUDIT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DANUBE CONVENTION

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STATE AUDIT OFFICE – background information

- established in 1993
- based on state Audit Act
- headed by Auditor General
- organization: Central Office + 20 regional offices
- independent position



STATE AUDIT OFFICE – mandates

Broad authorities – includes audit:

- at all levels
- in all aspects
- through all the phases



STATE AUDIT OFFICE – mandates

Audit types:

- financial audits
- regularity audits
- performance audits (“3E”)



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PURPOSE OF THE AUDIT

“To assess the implementation of the provisions of the Danube Convention, express an opinion and contribute to the efficiency of the implementation of the Convention by preparing the recommendations with respect to the elimination of the deficiencies”.



SUBJECTS OF THE AUDIT

- 1) State Water Directorate
- 2) Croatian Waters
- 3) Services of other bodies and institutions



SCOPE OF THE AUDIT

- Exchange of information and experiences in the field of water management (*Art. 4.b*)
- Recording of conditions of natural water resources within the Danube catchment area (*Art. 5.a*)
- Adaptation of legal provisions on waste water discharges (*Art. 5.b*)
- Enumeration of ground water resources subject to a long – term protection (*Art. 6.a*)
- Prevention of pollution of the ground water resources (*Art. 6.b*)



METHODS OF THE AUDIT

- **Documents** (conventions, acts of law, policies), **maps and statistics**
- **Questionnaires**
 - ◆ State Water Directorate's and Croatian Water's regional offices
 - ◆ The counties
 - ◆ The municipalities in the area concerned
 - ◆ Faculty of Construction
- **Meetings and Interviews**



AUDIT CONCLUSIONS I

**The Republic of Croatia fulfils the undertakings
assumed by the adoption of the
Danube Convention.**



AUDIT CONCLUSIONS II

To completely fulfil the undertakings, it is necessary to improve:

- Legal framework
- International cooperation
- Water quality examination
- Wastewater discharges
- Establishment of the total quantity of groundwater
- Prevention of pollution of groundwater resources

as recommended in the audit report.



FINAL RESULTS

- 1) ***Subjects of audit*** – became aware of deficiencies in their work and got useful recommendations for improvement
- 2) ***Parliament and general public*** – have been informed on work of subjects of audit and of fulfilment of provisions of the Convention
- 3) ***The SAO*** - enriched its work and methodologies
 - achieved its vision of increasing general wellbeing in the area concerned



Thanks for your attention !

