



PROJECT INFORMATION

Hazard prevention and Crisis Management in the Danube River Delta



Flora and Fauna in the Danube Delta

Source: Wikipedia

Background

The Danube Delta is one of the biggest and environmental intact deltas in Europe and is a designated World Natural Heritage Site. Industrial accidents could have catastrophic consequences for the ecosystem of the Danube Delta. Therefore UBA supported a project proposal from the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention for protection of the Danube Delta from industrial accidents. The project was implemented within the Assistance Programme of the Convention.

Project details

The goal of the project was to improve the transboundary risk management in the three Danube Delta countries the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine through strengthening the cross-border communication and the hazard- and crisis management. The project supported the countries in implementing the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and in approximating the environmental standards of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to that of the European Union.

Under the leadership of UBA, an international expert group developed safety guidelines and good industry practices for oil terminals. The reason is the presence of three such terminals in the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine directly upstream the Danube Delta, which represent the biggest risk for the Delta. Several workshops, capacity building activities and a table-top and field exercise were organized in all three countries. The countries have also drafted a joint contingency plan for the region.

The Conference of the Parties of the Industrial Accidents Convention recommended the use of the safety guidelines by the UNECE member countries in order to ensure a basic level of safety at oil terminals.

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Target country/region: Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine

Duration: 12/2010 – 11/2015

Beneficiary: Environment ministries, civil protection authorities and representatives of the Industry from the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine

Implementing organisation: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

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