

## International Commission for Elbe protection (IKSE-MKOL)

### BACKGROUND

Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD) became a basic political document for water protection in Europe. Most of the European legislative was integrated with modern aspects of water protection. Surface, estuarial water and groundwater must be reviewed as a unit and in geomorphologic basin borders. After the Czech Republic and Poland made entry to European Union (EU), the whole Elbe basin is in legislative agency of WFD. <http://elise.bafg.de/servlet/is/1537/>



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### PROBLEMS

- An objective of WFD is to have a good state of all rivers, lakes, coastal water and groundwater in the area of EU till the year 2015.
- For this purpose must be finished till the year 2009 River basin plans and Programmes of measures for each basin areas.
- A basic step for plans and programmes creation is an Analysis of present situation, and it is from ecological, economical and sociological point of view. The Analysis had to be finished till end of the year 2004 and had to be sent in to European commission till 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005.

## SOLUTIONS

- One of the important principles WFD is the common coordinated process of the states situated in the international basin area in water protection activities.
- International Elbe basin is situated in the area of the Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and Austria. Elbe basin was divided by 10 coordinating areas. IKSE-MKOL should coordinate the cooperation within WFD implementation.
- EU member states have to announce to European commission authorities, responsible for administrative rules exercise of WFD. The Czech Republic, Germany, Austria and Poland gave this information in June 2004.
- General information on competitive authorities is also written in the Report for International Commission for Elbe protection due to Article 15, paragraph 2 of WFD (Report 2005).  
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PICTURE: MASARYK LOCK IN USTI NAD LABEM IN ELBE RIVER WITH STREKOV CASTLE ON THE LEFT



## BENEFITS

- The main principle of WFD is an intensive public participation to all implementation phases.
- Therefore IKSE-MKOL publish non-periodically the “Informative paper MKOL”, which will inform public about results and coordination within WFD implementation in the International Elbe basin.
- Also other institutions and NGO can contribute in paper publishing and apply their interests.
- <http://elise.bafg.de/servlet/is/7187/>

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