

**Copernicus Tools for Monitoring Global Change
Effects in Rivers and Riparian Zones**

(Cop.RIVER)

**Deliverable 4: Regional and national stakeholders
and International Advisory Committee**

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1 BACKGROUND

Cop.RIVER aims to engage local, national and EU authorities in charge of riverscape management and monitoring to identify reporting needs and relevant associated services to facilitate, standardise and improve the process. This will allow end-user to co-design products and services considering local specificities and mutually agreed interests between scientists and stakeholders. Selected authorities from the various administrative and geographic scale will conform the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of *Cop.RIVER*.

The first step to reach the largest number of end-users and effectively engage target stakeholders is to identify relevant authorities at multiple levels. A list of all relevant stakeholders in the reporting and monitoring of the different European Directives and Strategies (Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive, Floods Directive and Biodiversity Strategy for 2030) was also generated based on the information available on the respective websites of the competent authorities. Those authorities whose involvement in the reporting was not clearly stated were not included in the list.

Later, the members of the IAC will be selected a series of interviews and meetings will allow to select the essential variables and the corresponding most relevant indicators needed for reporting the conservation status of riverscapes, including the ecological and optical status of main water bodies, the extension and integrity of floodplains and the conservation status (*sensu* Habitats Directive) of riparian forests. In addition, the IAC will help select the ideal pilot case study to implement the methodological framework developed in *Cop.RIVER*.

2 IDENTIFICATION OF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS IN EUROPE

2.1 Germany

Water Framework Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz* (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection)
- Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
- *Länder-Arbeitsgemeinschaft Wasser* (Working Group of the Federal States on Water)
- State Environmental Agencies: Each German federal state (*Bundesland* in German) has its own environmental agency responsible for implementing environmental policies at the state level.
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)
- The International Commission on the Protection of the Oder against Pollution (ICPO) (Czechia, Germany and Poland)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)

- International Meuse Commission (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands)

Habitats Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz* (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection)
- *Bundesamt für Naturschutz* (BfN) (Federal Agency for Nature Conservation)
- *Landesämter für Natur- und Umweltschutz* (State Offices for Nature Conservation) (p.e. *Landesamt für Natur, Umwelt und Verbraucherschutz Nordrhein-Westfalen* (North Rhine-Westphalia State Agency for Nature, Environment and Consumer Protection)): responsible for monitoring and managing nature conservation within their respective regions.

Floods Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, nukleare Sicherheit und Verbraucherschutz* (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection)
- *Bundesanstalt für Gewässerkunde* (BfG) (Federal Institute of Hydrology)
- *Bund/Länder-Arbeitsgemeinschaft Wasser* (LAWA) (German Working Group on water issues of the Federal States and the Federal Government)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe River (Germany, Czechia and Slovakia)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)

2.2 Belgium

Water Framework Directive

- Belgian Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- *Vlaamse Milieumaatschappij* (VMM) (Flanders Environment Agency): report at a regional level on the region of Flanders.
- Institutions at a regional level in Walloon and Brussels
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Meuse Commission (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands)

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2.3 Croatia

- **Water Framework Directive**
 - *Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i energetike* (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
 - *Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode (DZZP)* (State Institute for Nature Protection)
 - *Državni hidrometeorološki zavod (DHMZ)* (State Hydrometeorological Institute)
 - *Hrvatske vode* (Croatian Waters)
 - *Josip Juraj Strossmayer* (Water institute)
 - International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i energetike* (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Državni zavod za zaštitu prirode (DZZP)* (State Institute for Nature Protection)
- *Agencija za okoliš i prirodu (AZOP)* (Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature)

Floods Directive

- *Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i energetike* (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Državni hidrometeorološki zavod (DHMZ)* (State Hydrometeorological Institute)
- *Hrvatske vode* (Croatian Waters)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.4 Denmark

Water Framework Directive

- *Miljøministeriet* (Ministry of the environment)
- *Miljøstyrelsen* (Danish Environmental Protection Agency)

Habitats Directive

- *Miljøministeriet (Ministry of the environment)*
- *Miljøstyrelsen (Danish Environmental Protection Agency)*

Floods Directive

- *Miljøministeriet (Ministry of the environment)*

2.5 Spain

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge)*
- *Confederaciones hidrográficas (River Basin Authorities)*

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge)*
- *Fundación biodiversidad (Spanish Biodiversity Foundation) (For the objectives for 2030)*

Floods Directive

- *Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge)*
- *Confederaciones hidrográficas (River Basin Authorities)*

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030

- *Fundación biodiversidad (Biodiversity foundation)*

2.6 France

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministère de la Transition Écologique (Ministry of Ecological Transition)*
- *Agences de l'eau (Water Agencies):* each of the six agencies manage a water basin district
- *International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))*
- *International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)*

- International Meuse Commission (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministère de la Transition Écologique* (Ministry of Ecological Transition)

Floods Directive

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- International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030

- *Office français de la biodiversité* (French Biodiversity Office)

2.7 Ireland

Water Framework Directive

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Water Policy Advisory Committee/ National Co-ordination and Management Committee/ National Technical Implementation Group/ Five local authority regional committees, supported by the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO), will coordinate delivery of measures at regional and local level

Habitats Directive

- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

Floods Directive

- Office of Public Works (OPW)

2.8 Latvia

Water Framework Directive

- *Vides aizsardzības un reģionālās attīstības ministrija* (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)
- *Latvijas Hidroekoloģijas institūts* (LHEI) (Latvian Hydro-ecology Institute)

Habitats Directive

- *Vides aizsardzības un reģionālās attīstības ministrija* (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)
- *Latvijas Vides, ģeoloģijas un meteoroloģijas centrs* (Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre)
- *Latvijas Dabas aizsardzības pārvalde* (Latvian Nature Conservation Agency)

Floods Directive

- *Vides aizsardzības un reģionālās attīstības ministrija* (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development)
- *Latvijas Vides, ģeoloģijas un meteoroloģijas centrs* (Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre)

2.9 Luxembourg

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministère de l'Environnement, du Climat et du Développement durable* (Ministry of the Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Development)
- *Administration de la gestion de l'eau* (Water Management Administration)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)
- International Meuse Commission (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministère de l'Environnement, du Climat et du Développement durable* (Ministry of the Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Development)
- *Administration de la nature et des forêts* (Nature and Forestry Administration)

Floods Directive

- *Ministère de l'Environnement, du Climat et du Développement durable* (Ministry of the Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Development)
- *Administration de la gestion de l'eau* (Water Management Administration)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Commissions for the Protection of the Moselle and Saar (ICPMS) (France, Germany and Luxembourg)

2.10 The Netherlands

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat* (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management)
- *Rijkswaterstaat*
- *Waterschappen* (Dutch Water Boards)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))
- International Meuse Commission (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit* (Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality)

Floods Directive

- *Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat* (Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management)
- *Rijkswaterstaat*
- *Waterschappen* (Dutch Water Boards)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))

2.11 Sweden

Water Framework Directive

- *Naturvårdsverket* (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency)
- *Länsstyrelser* (County Administrative Boards): Sweden is divided into five county administrative boards responsible for regional environmental and natural resource management.
- *Havs- och vattenmyndigheten* (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management)

Habitats Directive

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Floods Directive

- *Havs- och vattenmyndigheten* (Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management)
- *Myndigheten för samhällsskydd och beredskap* (The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency)
- Responsible water authority for each region (usually county administrative boards) (*Länsstyrelsen Norrbotten (Haparanda, Älvsbyn)*, *Länsstyrelsen Västernorrland (Vansbro, Falun, Malung, Edsbyn)*, *Länsstyrelsen Västerbotten (Vännäsby)*, *Länsstyrelsen Västmanland (Lindesberg, Örebro, Uppsala, Stockholm)*, *Länsstyrelsen Kalmar (Jönköping, Kristianstad)*, *Länsstyrelsen Västra Götaland (Göteborg, Karlstad, Kungsbacka, Lidköping, Värnamo)*)

2.12 Bulgaria

Water Framework Directive

- *Министерство на околната среда и водите* (Ministry of Environment and Water)
- *Изпълнителна агенция по околна среда* (Executive Environment Agency)
- **БАСЕЙНОВИ ДИРЕКЦИИ** (Basin Directorates) Water management at the basin level is the responsibility of 4 Basin Directorates
- **Регионални инспекции по околна среда и вода** (regional inspections): There are 15 regional inspections in the system of the Ministry of the Interior and Communications. they guarantee the application of the state policy for the protection of the environment at the regional level. They carry out their activities in the territory of one or several districts, having functions of regulation, information and control.
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Министерство на околната среда и водите* (Ministry of Environment and Water)
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- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.13 Slovakia

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerstvo životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky* (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic)
- *Slovenská agentúra životného prostredia* (Slovak Environmental Agency)
- Slovenský vodohospodársky podnik, štátny podnik (Slovak Water Management Enterprise)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerstvo životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky* (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic)

Floods Directive

- *Ministerstvo životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky* (Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic)
- *Slovenský vodohospodársky podnik, štátny podnik* (Slovak Water Management Enterprise)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe River (Germany, Czechia and Slovakia)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.14 Estonia

Water Framework Directive

- *Eesti Vabariigi Keskkonnaministeerium* (Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia)
- *Keskkonnaamet* (Environmental Board)

Habitats Directive

- *Eesti Vabariigi Keskkonnaministeerium* (Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Estonia)
- *Keskkonnaamet* (Environmental Board)

2.15 Greece

Water Framework Directive

- Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος και Ενέργειας (Ministry of Environment and Energy)

Habitats Directive

- Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος και Ενέργειας (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- Γενική Διεύθυνση Περιβάλλοντος και Χωροταξίας (Greek General Directorate for Environment and Spatial Planning)

Floods Directive

- Υπουργείο Περιβάλλοντος και Ενέργειας (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Ειδική Γραμματεία Υδάτων (ΕΓΥ)* (Special Secretariat of Waters (SWS))
- *Διευθύνσεις Υδάτων των Αποκεντρωμένων* (Water Directorates of the Decentralised Administrations)

2.16 Malta

Water Framework Directive

- Ministry for Energy, Enterprise, and Sustainable Development

Habitats Directive

- Ministry for Energy, Enterprise, and Sustainable Development

Floods Directive

- Ministry for Energy, Enterprise, and Sustainable Development

2.17 Poland

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerstwo Klimatu i Środowiska* (Ministry of Climate and Environment)
- *Regionalne Zarządy Gospodarki Wodnej* (Regional Water Management Boards): a total of 11 regional boards for the different regions
- The International Commission on the Protection of the Oder against Pollution (ICPO) (Czechia, Germany and Poland)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerstwo Klimatu i Środowiska* (Ministry of Climate and Environment)
- *Generalna Dyrekcja Ochrony Środowiska* (General Directorate for Environmental Protection)

Floods Directive

- *Ministerstwo Klimatu i Środowiska* (Ministry of Climate and Environment)
- *Regionalne Zarządy Gospodarki Wodnej* (Regional Water Management Boards): a total of 11 regional boards for the different regions

2.18 Czechia

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerstvo životního prostředí České republiky* (Ministry of the Environment)
- *Česká inspekce životního prostředí* (Czech Environmental Inspectorate)
- *Český hydrometeorologický ústav* (Czech Hydrometeorological Institute)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)
- The International Commission on the Protection of the Oder against Pollution (ICPO) (Czechia, Germany and Poland)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerstvo životního prostředí České republiky* (Ministry of the Environment)
- *Česká inspekce životního prostředí* (Czech Environmental Inspectorate)
- *Agentura ochrany přírody a krajiny České republiky* (Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic)

Floods Directive

- *Ministerstvo životního prostředí České republiky* (Ministry of the Environment)
- *Český hydrometeorologický ústav* (Czech Hydrometeorological Institute)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe River (Germany, Czechia and Slovakia)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.19 Austria

Water Framework Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie* (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation, and Technology)
- *Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, Regionen und Tourismus* (Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism)
- *Bundesanstalt für Wasserwirtschaft* (Federal Agency for Water Management)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))

Habitats Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, Regionen und Tourismus* (Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism)
- *Umweltbundesamt – UBA* (Environmental Agency Austria)

Floods Directive

- *Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie* (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation, and Technology)
- *Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, Regionen und Tourismus* (Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands (plus the non EU States Liechtenstein and Switzerland))

2.20 Cyprus

Water Framework Directive

- *Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης και Περιβάλλοντος* (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment)
- *Τμήμα Αναπτύξεως Υδάτων* (Water Development Department)

Habitats Directive

- *Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης και Περιβάλλοντος* (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment)

Floods Directive

- *Υπουργείο Γεωργίας, Αγροτικής Ανάπτυξης και Περιβάλλοντος* (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment)
- *Τμήμα Αναπτύξεως Υδάτων* (Water Development Department)

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030

- *Τμήμα Περιβάλλοντος* (Department of Environment)

2.21 Slovenia

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministrstvo za okolje in proctor* (Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning)
- *Agencija Republike Slovenije za okolje* (ARSO) (Slovenian Environment Agency)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministrstvo za okolje in proctor* (Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning)
- *Agencija Republike Slovenije za okolje* (ARSO) (Slovenian Environment Agency)
- *Zavod Republike Slovenije za varstvo narave* (ZRSVN) (Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation)

Floods Directive

- *Ministrstvo za okolje in proctor* (Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.22 Finland

Water Framework Directive

- *Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö* (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry)
- *Suomen ympäristökeskus* (SYKE) (Finnish Environment Institute)
- *Suomen Vesilaitosyhdistys* (SVY) (Finnish Water Utilities Association)
- *ELY-keskus* (regional authorities responsible for various aspects of regional development, including environmental management)

Habitats Directive

- *Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö* (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry)
- *Suomen ympäristökeskus* (SYKE) (Finnish Environment Institute)
- *ELY-keskus* (regional authorities responsible for various aspects of regional development, including environmental management)
- *Metsähallitus* (Parks & Wildlife Finland)

Floods Directive

- *Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö* (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry)
- *Suomen ympäristökeskus* (SYKE) (Finnish Environment Institute)
- *Suomen Vesilaitosyhdistys* (SVY) (Finnish Water Utilities Association)

2.23 Hungary

Water Framework Directive

- *Környezetvédelmi és Vízügyi Igazgatóságok* (Directorates of Environmental Protection and Water Affairs): regional level
- Országos Vízügyi Főigazgatóság (National General Directorate of Water Affairs)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Nemzeti Park Igazgatóságok* (National Parks Directorate)

Floods Directive

- *Országos Vízügyi Főigazgatóság* (National General Directorate of Water Affairs)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

2.24 Italy

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministero della Transizione Ecologica* (Ministry of Ecological Transition)
- *Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale* (ISPRA) (National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research)
- *Autorità di bacino* (Basin Authorities): regional authorities for each of the 7 Italian basins.

Habitats Directive

- *Ministero della Transizione Ecologica* (Ministry of Ecological Transition)
- *Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale* (ISPRA) (National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research)

Floods Directive

- *Ministero della Transizione Ecologica* (Ministry of Ecological Transition)
- *Autorità di bacino* (Basin Authorities): regional authorities for each of the 7 Italian basins.

2.25 Lithuania

Water Framework Directive

- *Aplinkos ministerija* (Ministry of Environment)
- *Aplinkos apsaugos agentūra* (Environmental Protection Agency)

Habitats Directive

- *Aplinkos ministerija* (Ministry of Environment)
- *Aplinkos apsaugos agentūra* (Environmental Protection Agency)
- *Valstybinė saugomų teritorijų tarnyba* (State Service for Protected Areas)

Floods Directive

- *Aplinkos ministerija* (Ministry of Environment)

2.26 Portugal

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministério do Ambiente e da Ação Climática* (Ministry of Environment and Climate Action)
- *Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente (APA)* (Portuguese Environment Agency)
- *Administrações das Regiões Hidrográficas* (River Basin Administrations): six river basins administrations for the six river basins districts

Habitats Directive

- *Ministério do Ambiente e da Ação Climática* (Ministry of Environment and Climate Action)
- *Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente (APA)* (Portuguese Environment Agency)
- *Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF)* (Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests)

Floods Directive

- *Ministério do Ambiente e da Ação Climática* (Ministry of Environment and Climate Action)
- *Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente (APA)* (Portuguese Environment Agency)

2.27 Romania

Water Framework Directive

- *Ministerul Mediului, Apelor și Pădurilor* (Ministry of Environment, Waters, and Forests)
- *Administrația Națională "Apele Române"* (National Administration "Romanian Waters")
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

Habitats Directive

- *Ministerul Mediului, Apelor și Pădurilor* (Ministry of Environment, Waters, and Forests)
- *Agenția pentru Protecția Mediului (APM)* (National Environmental Protection Agency)
- *Administrația Națională a Pădurilor "Romsilva"* (National Forest Administration "Romsilva")

Floods Directive

- *Ministerul Mediului, Apelor și Pădurilor* (Ministry of Environment, Waters, and Forests)
- International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia)

3 INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The stakeholders and members of the IAC have been already identified. In Spain, contacts with the “Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge” have been initiated by means of email exchange and telephonic conversations with the General Directorate for Biodiversity, Forests and Desertification (terrestrial domain) and the General Directorate for Water (aquatic domain) to present the Cop.RIVER project. The contacts with the local, regional and EU authorities will start in the forthcoming months (i.e., October-November 2023). A series of meetings, interviews and workshops with the groups of interest are scheduled for the second year and the project. The organization of these events is ongoing.