

EUROPEAN RIVER SYMPOSIUM 2021

SESSION 14: PARTICIPATORY BASIN MANAGEMENT“

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EUWI+ EXPERIENCE ON PARTICIPATION

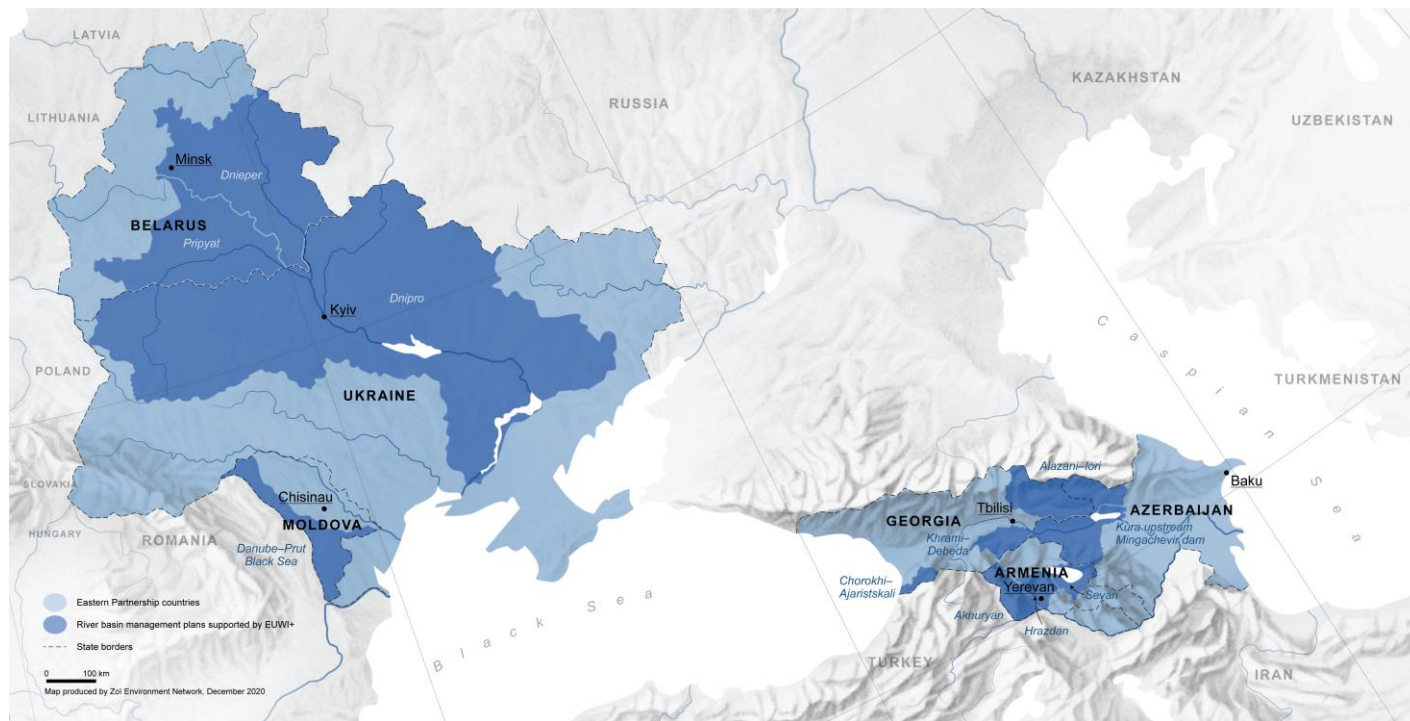


- **11 RBMPs** (8 new) in line with WFD

53 consultations

(some Basin Council meetings)

- 1300 stakeholders
- very diverse meeting style
- 350 written comments, also oral & personal





European Union Water Initiative Plus for
Eastern Partnership Countries (EUWI+)

Result 3

DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVER BASIN
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR KURA
UPSTREAM MINGACHEVIR DAM RIVER
BASIN

CONSULTATION ON THE PROGRAMME OF
MEASURES

REPORT
& QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS



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PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT HELPS

- RBM is a multi-manager and multi-user action.
- There are gaps of knowledge, understanding and interest
 - Sitting together and reflecting key issues jointly
 - Meeting once is no involvement
 - Sharing problems and finding joint solutions is unusual in most countries
- Involvement increases confidence in a fair and sound management of resources



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Overview of Sava Commission PP activities & *Sava Water Partnership*

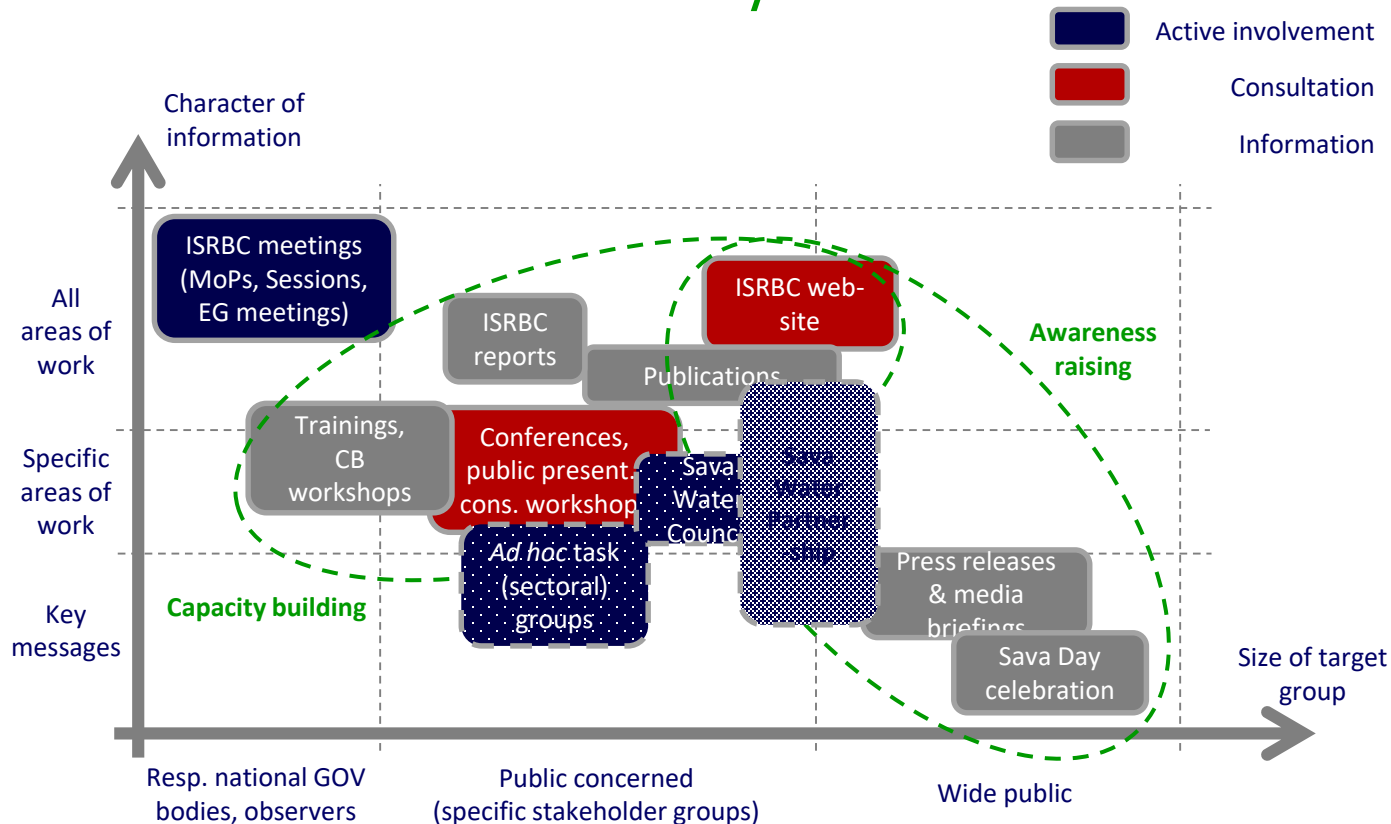


Figure: Zinke 2015

Sava Water Partnership options

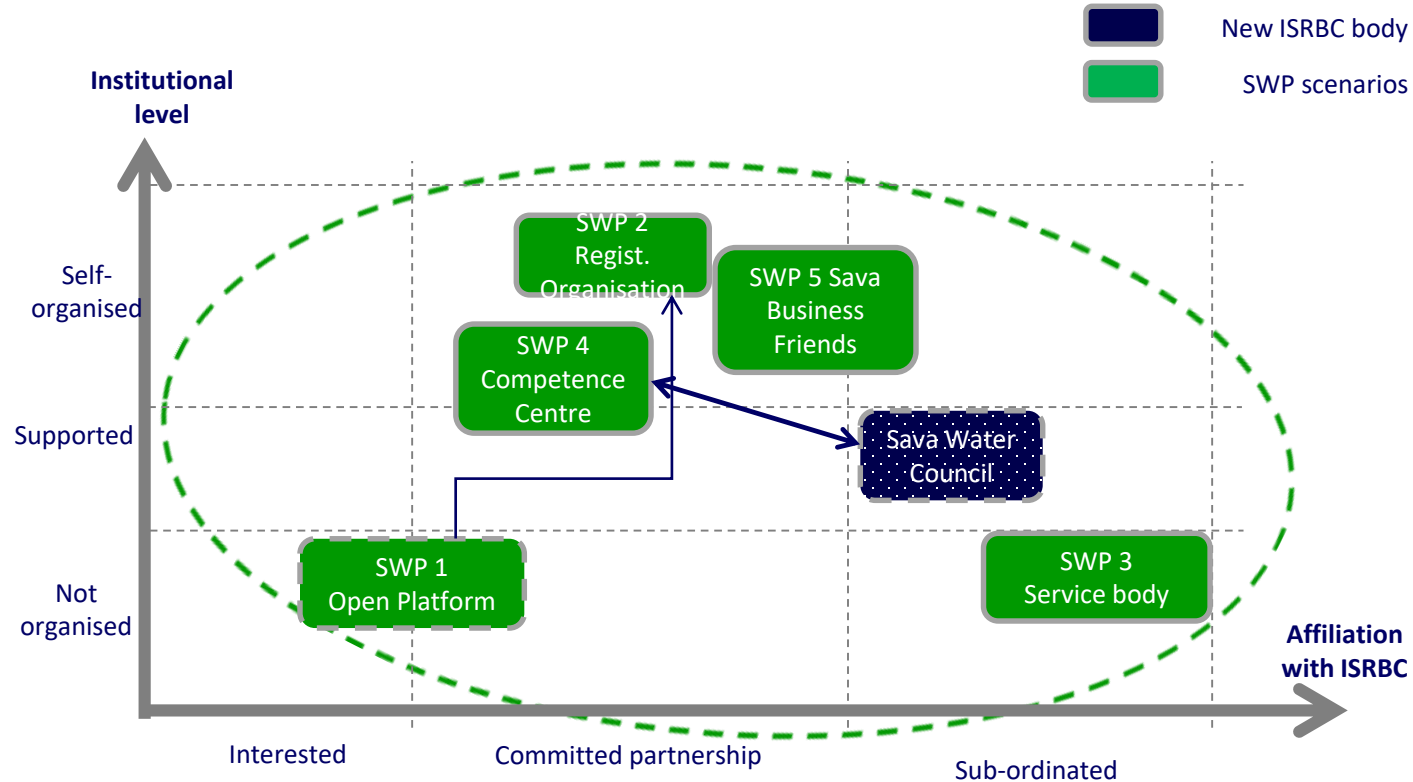


Figure: Zinke 2015

PRE-REQUISITES AND TRAPS

- Government willingness.
- Stakeholder interest
- Increasing awareness
 - SH may have extra knowledge
 - Water management is more complex than ever
 - Monitoring evidence of pressure-impact relations
 - Basin approach; polluter pays principle
- Fair share of limited natural resources
- Real costs for the society (accounting)
- No compromise but good solutions.
- Extra work – no budget – no experience.
- No mutual trust and confidence
- Disclosure of decision-making
 - What happens with valid comments?
 - No external access to data and information
- Local water user & property rights
- Power vs control
- We cannot afford...



ESSENTIALS FOR SUCCESS

- A responsible facilitating team with a **clear mandate and budget**
 - A participation **strategy** and road map
 - An early, inclusive and updated **SH analysis**
 - Regular public information
 - Stimulated and facilitated stakeholder contributions
 - A **public report** on the effects of contributions in RBM
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- A **river basin council** with wide representation (rotating?) and rules of procedure
 - A compensation for volunteers' expenses
 - Regular monitoring of progress in water mgmt.
 - Jointly endorsed and published achievements

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