

Session 5: Is the water clean and passable enough for fish to survive?

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Globally... Water is essential



**Water sustains
the planet**



**Water is a vital
factor of production**



**Water is the
essence of life**

But... Water is in crisis

Too much



Too polluted



Too little



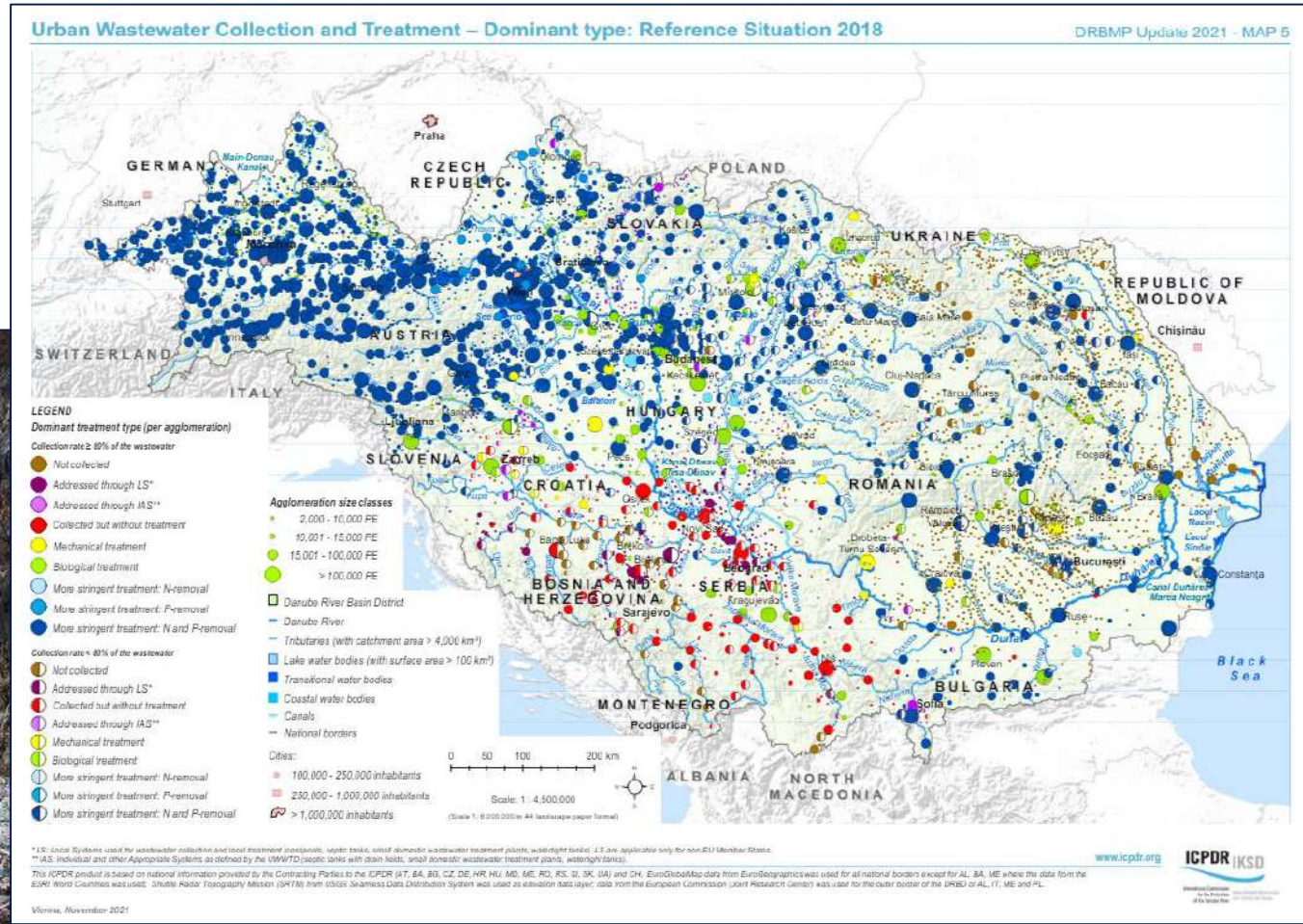
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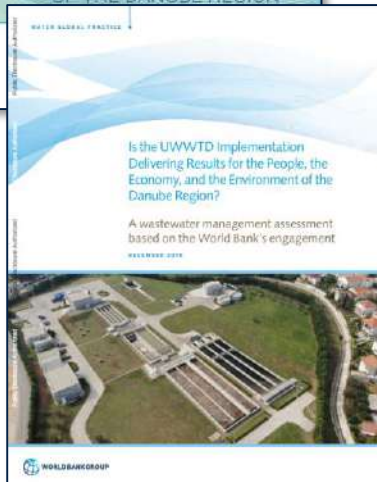
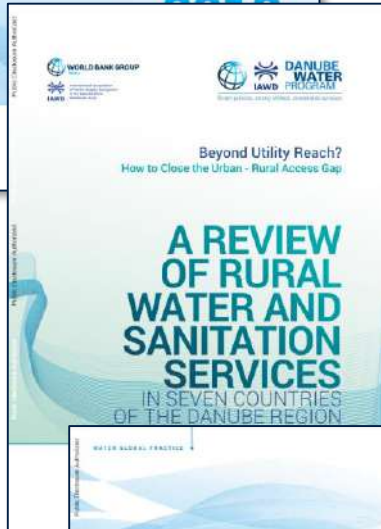


Source: Le Monde



What about the Danube River Basin?





As a result of the efforts, countries in the region have witnessed major **improvements in terms of water pollution.**



Improvements partially derived from **UWWTD** implementation; others, such as the **Nitrates Directive** and **Industrial Emissions Directive** also substantially contribute.



A total of **€42.5 billion** have been invested by the seven latest EU member states of the Danube Region to implement the UWWTD. An **additional €57 billion** will be needed to reach and maintain compliance until 2040.



Addressing bottlenecks and creating the **enabling environment**: Technical and institutional capacity enhancement and effective regulation crucial for successful project implementation.

Technical Assistance and Institutional Capacity Building efforts in the Danube Region



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Capacity
building



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