

Interactive comment on “Cooperation of hydrologists from the Danube River Basin” by Stevan Prohaska et al.

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The paper describes cooperation concerning the hydrology of the Danube basin, with an emphasis on cooperation in the framework of the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO. The political and economic context of the cooperation is sometimes briefly referred to, but it would have been interesting to get a more systematic account of this, discussing for instance the following points:

- why the cooperation was started during the cold war
- how it proceeded in the first years
- the consequences of the fall of the iron curtain and the accession of several basin states to the European Union

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- the link, if any, with the International Commission on the Protection of the Danube
- the impact of all these changes on the basin states and more specifically their hydrological research
- the functioning of the national IHP committees (e.g. who are involved and what do they do?), and
- the (changing?) role of government research institutes and universities.

What to include in the paper depends on the problem statement, but the paper does not seem to have one. Consequently, it also lacks a conclusion. In addition, it gives no information on the methodology used (e.g. interviews, literature study, and/ or personal experience/ participant observation); referencing is very limited; and the English would require editing. A more detailed comment: the current International Danube Commission (DC) was established in 1948, but it had a pre-war precursor and already in 1856 the European Commission of the Danube was established.

The paper could be presented at an appropriate conference on the hydrology of the Danube, but in my eyes it is not suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

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