

Wastewater management in the Danube River Basin

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Progressing but unfinished business



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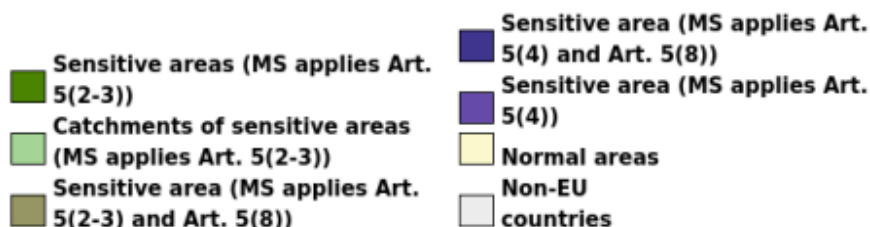
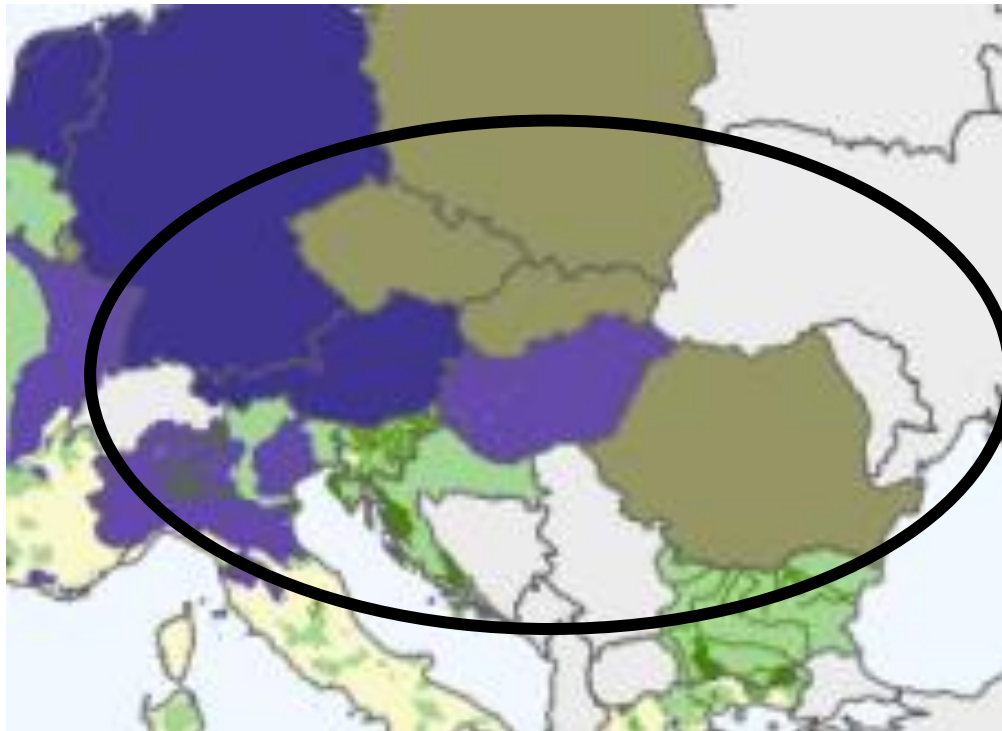
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Specific regional objectives from land to sea

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- Black Sea coastal area designated as **sensitive area** by Romania under Art 5(1) in 2007
- DRB as **catchment** of the sensitive area (Art 5(5))
- **68 million PE** at ca. 1,300 agglomerations above 10,000 PE: tertiary
- **18 million PE** at ca. 4,400 agglomerations below 10,000 PE: secondary

Recent developments

2019

- Improvement of wastewater infrastructure by around **6000** projects for **45 million PE**
- Connection to **enhanced** technologies (collection: 84%, treatment: 77%)
- Ca. 4000 treatment plants, 80% with high standards
- Remarkable **decrease** of emissions (BOD: 60%, TN: 40%, TP: 50%)
- Total **investments** in wastewater sector: ca. 28 billion EUR

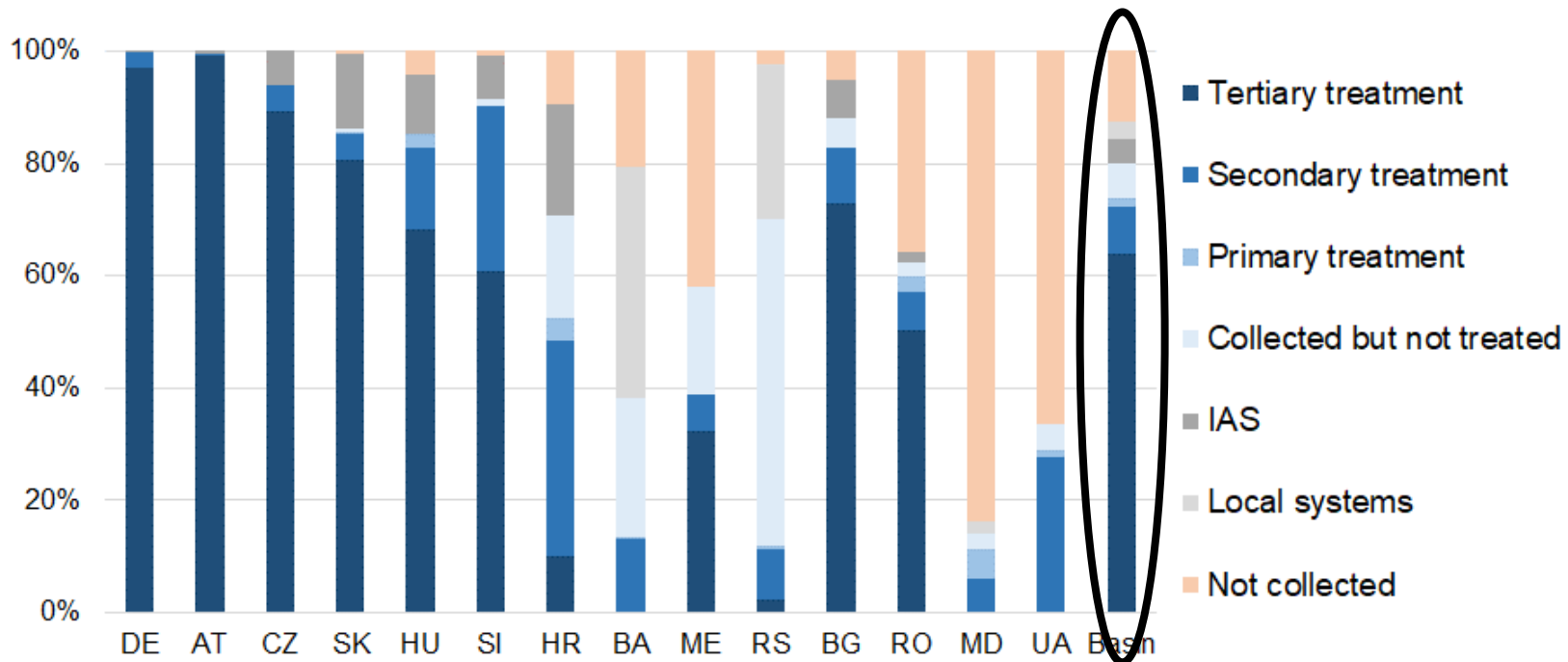


Future development needs

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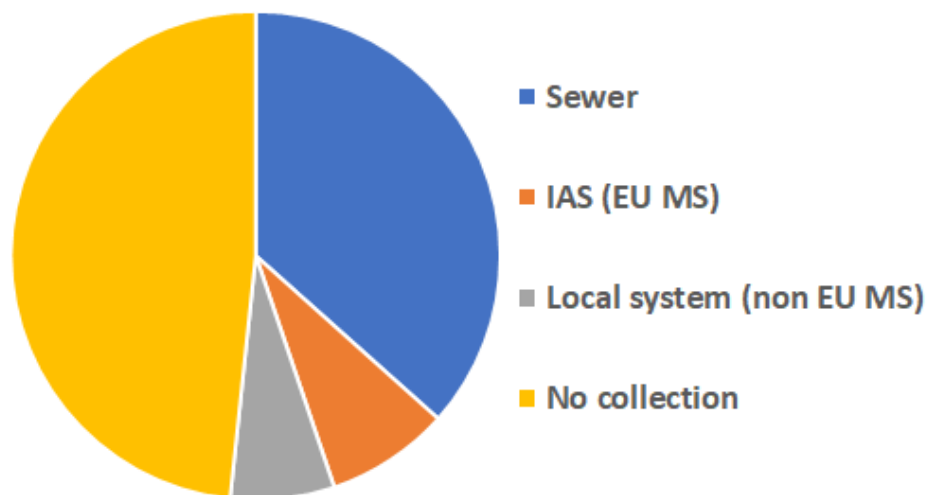


- Need of **basic infrastructural** development for 20 million PE (collection and treatment)
- Need of **technological upgrade** for 5.5 million PE (from secondary to tertiary)
- Country **investments** needed in wastewater sector by 2040: 57 billion EUR (WB estimate)

Agglomerations between 2,000-5,000 PE

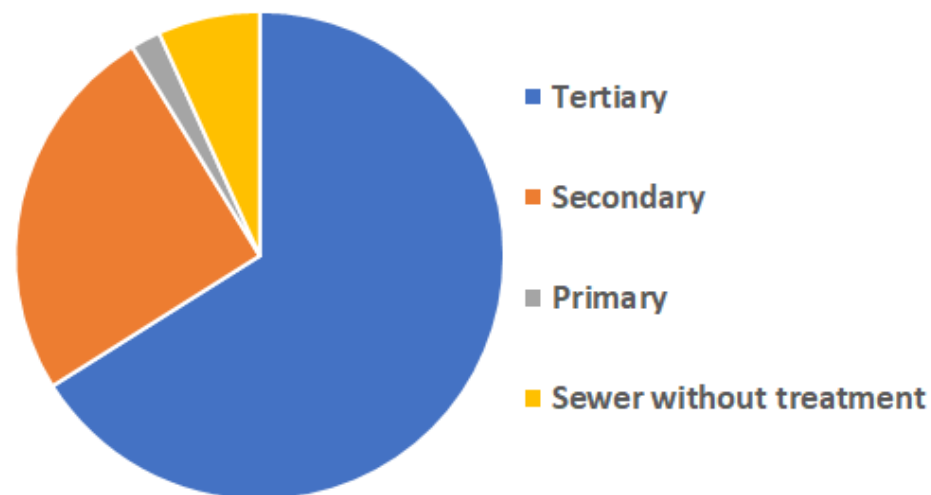
Wastewater collection:

3,254 agglomerations
9,830,048 PE



Centralized wastewater treatment:

1,245 agglomerations
3,598,162 PE



Number of agglomerations and population below 2,000 inhabitants:

55,000 (EU MS) + 16,000 (non EU MS) agglomerations
16 million (EU MS) + 5 million (non EU MS) PE

Future challenges

- **High number of** wastewater treatment and sewer **projects** still to come in the DRB (new investments for more than 25 million PE & maintenance)
- Old EU MS: proper **maintenance and rehabilitation** of existing infrastructure, ensuring **good performance**
- New and non-EU MS: **financing** infrastructure projects, **tariff setting and affordability**, establishing proper **legal framework** and **restructuring** the utility sector, service provision for **small rural agglomerations**
- Addressing **new challenges** such as emerging contaminants, microplastic pollution, urban runoff management
- Going to **circular**: water reuse, sludge management, energy optimization
- Need for **capacity strengthening** at national and local **administration** level as well as at **utility** level

Thank you for your attention!

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