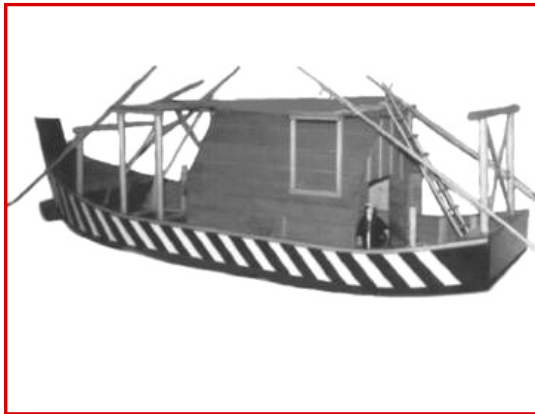


Relevance of GMES concerning flood risk management for cities and regions in the Danube Area

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The role of Ulm/Neu-Ulm



- Ulm and Neu-Ulm as the first big urban district on the Danube
- Long history along the river: thousands of people moved from Ulm downwards the river with Ulmer Schachtels (Danube Swabians)
- Personal relationships are kept up until this day
- After the political turnround Ulm/Neu-Ulm started various initiatives for a European partnership among the cities and regions along the Danube

Danube Office Ulm/Neu-Ulm

- Set up in 2002
- Non-profit organisation of the cities Ulm/Baden-Württemberg, Neu-Ulm/Bavaria
- Grass-roots organisation and project agency for the cooperation of the Danube cities and regions (idea-giver, coordinator and partner)



Ulm/Neu-Ulm – Danube Offices Network

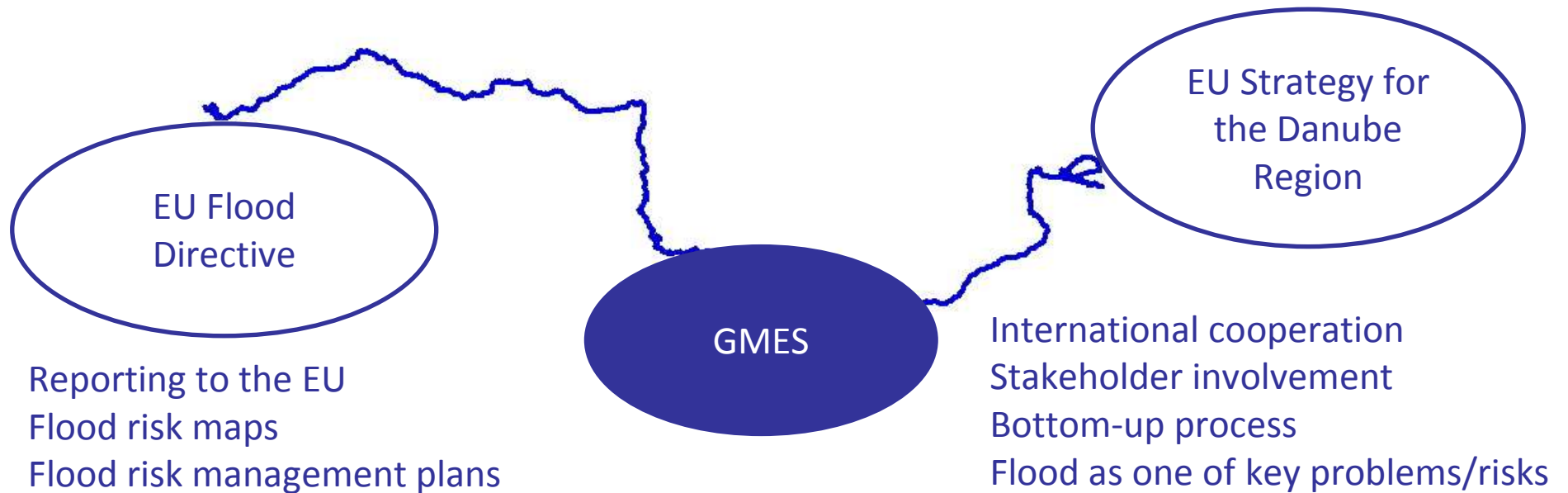


15 Danube Offices along the Danube – **Strong partnership**

GMES & Flood Risk Management in the Danube Area

- **Flood most common natural**
- **Big social, economic and environmental impact**
- **South-East Danube countries face major challenges**
- **No common map material exists for the Danube Region**
- **GMES services** ready for implementation
- Strong **network** along the Danube
- Interest from different **cities** and **regions** along the Danube river
- **Direct discussion** with responsible regional and local stakeholders
- **Flagship project** for a EU macro-region combining space technology with EU areas of interest

GMES & Flood Risk Management in the Danube Area



- **Up-dated, cross-border harmonised wide-area geo-information on a Danube wide level**
- **Network of Danube cities and regions**



Thank you for your attention

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