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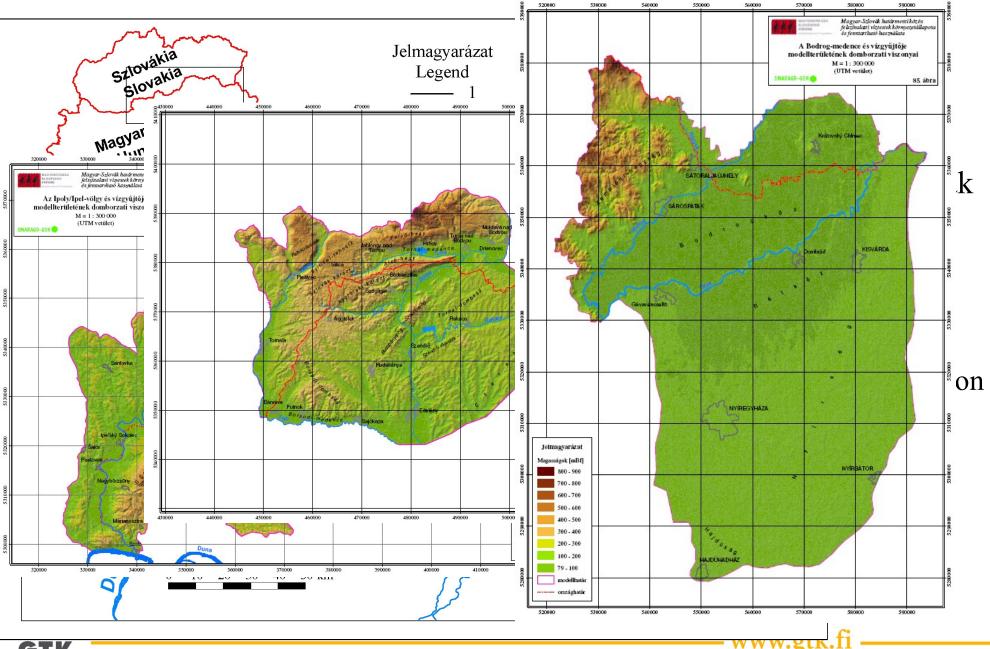
WATER MANAGEMENT OF THREE SLOVAKIAN-HUNGARIAN TRANSBOUNDARY GROUNDWATER BODIES

Summary of the ENWAT-project INTERREG IIIA

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Objectives of the ENWAT project

- To supply a water management plans for three transboundary groundwater bodies;
- To serve as environmental basis for decision-making process;
- To supply information on quantitative and qualitative status of groundwater;
- To inform the population of the region for rational use of water



TARGET GROUPS

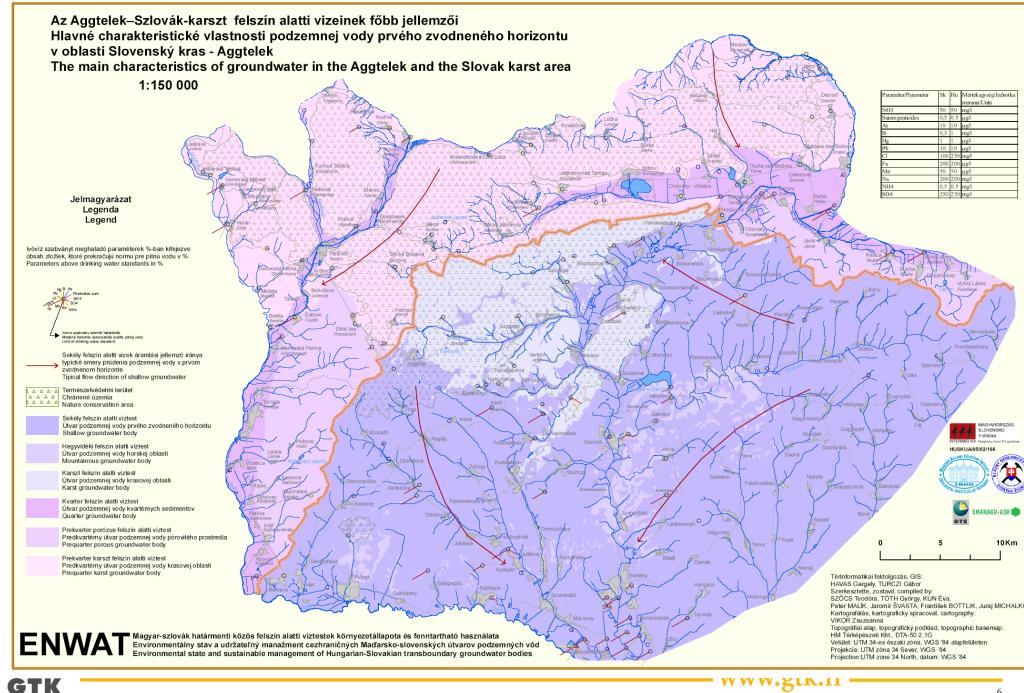
- National and regional authorities
- Local municipalities
- Farmers, agricultural enterprises
- Touristic enterprises
- Local water works and water suppliers
- The ultimate beneficient are the local population



Stages of the ENWAT project

- Delineation of the GW body groups,
- Preparation existing data sets for harmonization
- Selection of the additional sampling sites and harmonized water sampling
- Shared laboratory works
- Evaluation of existing and new chemical data
- Building ENWAT data-base
- Groundwater modeling
- Preparation of the groundwater management planning

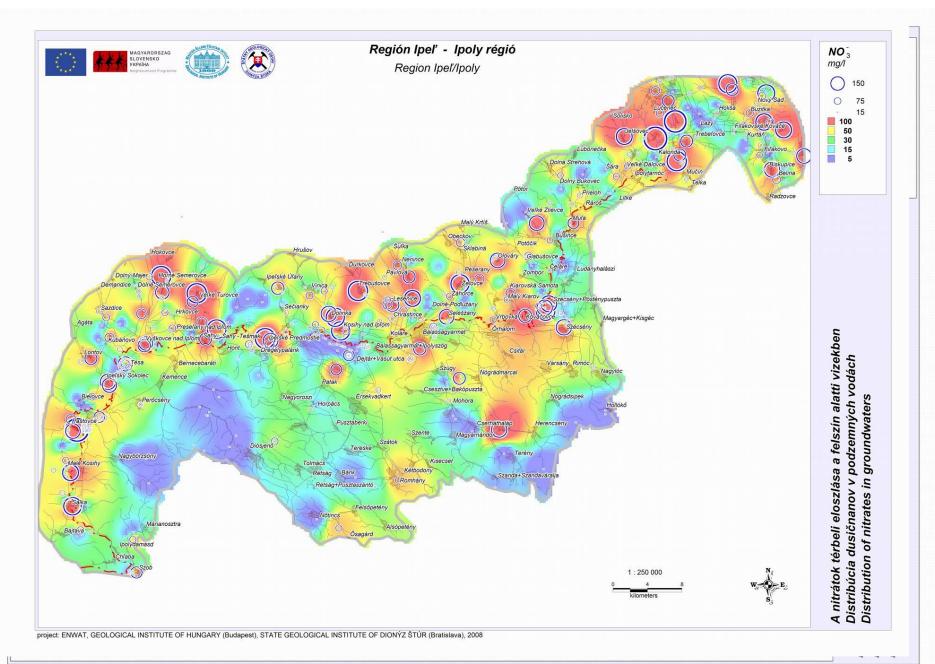


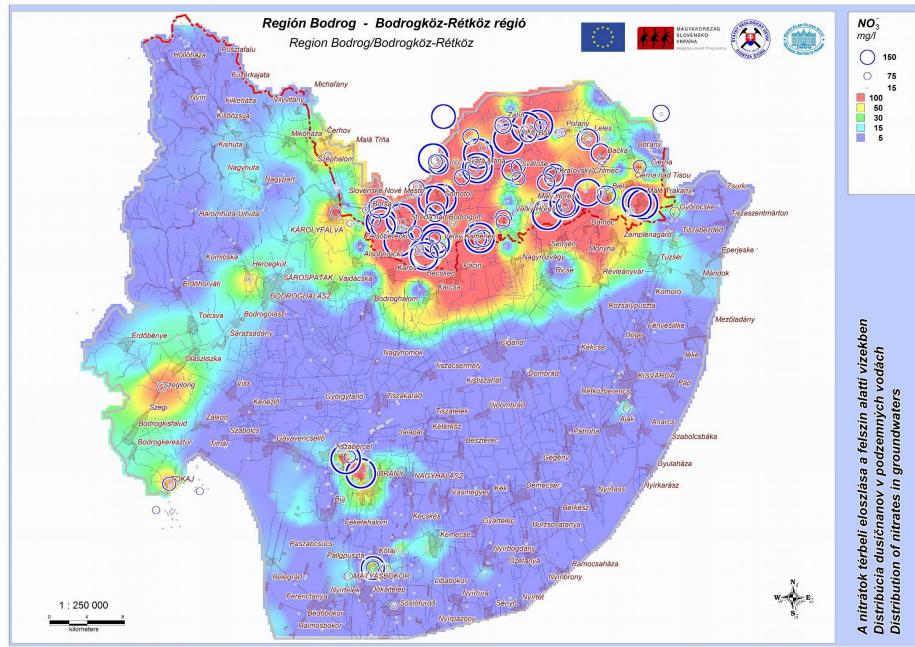


MAIN RESULTS

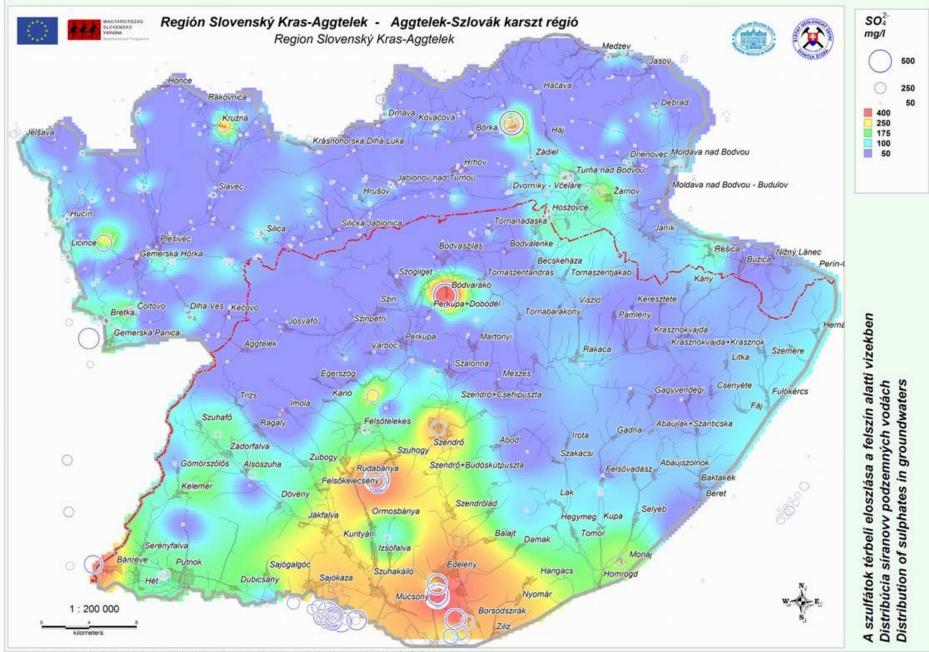
Groundwater management

- Synthesis of all available information → propose measures needed for reaching Environmental Objectives of WFD
- Support tools to the ongoing River Basin Management Planningprocess
- What was evaluated:
- The trend of the relationship of surface and subsurface water, especially for ecosystems depending on subsurface waters;
- The effects influencing the current water usage and the future possibilities and limitations of water production;
- The effects influencing the chemical status of groundwater, so that the present unfavorable influences could be stopped, the expected adverse effects could be avoided, and the necessary actions could be formed www.gtk.fi





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Development of water services in rural areas

- Part of the social and economical development
- Current focus on the development of water services by regional operators and large entities
- Small municipalities /substantial parts out side the target areas
- Waste water and solid waste induce environmental problems
- Possibilities to develop sustainable water and waste water management
 - Examples with small rural communities with economically competent drinking water services
 - Good practices e.g. from Finland
 - Training of local experts e.g. veterinarians
 - Water co-operatives, ppp-solutions, service contracts
 - Active regional participation and planning
 - Regional/transboundary co-operation



Lessons learnt

- WFD good motivation for transboundary joint activities
- Regional scale 3D groundwater modeling is significant tool for support the decision making.
- Joint models and database: the best basis for the quantitative and qualitative status assessment
- Joint work reduces overlapping and provides logistical advantages
- Preparation GW management by the third independent party gives good audit of the present GW management strength or weaknesses
- Stakeholder meetings, important information on the issues of their concern effecting the groundwater status
- Direct links and cross-border co-operation between **regional** and even **municipal authorities and expert organizations** (rather than using high-level representatives as middle-men without a good knowledge of the conditions on field).



Thank you for your attention!

Detailed information of the ENWAT project: www.enwat.eu DVD: available on request: dvd@enwat.eu

