



Press Release

New ICPR President: Miriam Haritz

Since 1 January 2023, the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) has a new president. Germany has taken over the ICPR presidency from the European Union and nominated Miriam Haritz for the three-year post.

Miriam Haritz heads the Directorate "Water Management, Water Protection, Soil Conservation" at the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. Previously, she worked in a managing position for the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance. She holds a doctorate in international climate law as well as an interdisciplinary M.A. in European Public Affairs. In addition to German, English, and Spanish she also speaks the ICPR working languages French and Dutch.

The further implementation of the programme "Rhine 2040", in particular updating the climate change adaptation strategy, will be a priority task under her presidency.

Further information

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Background information

In the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR), Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the European Union have been working together for 70 years on the basis of a convention under international law to reconcile the diverse uses and protection of water bodies. With a view to implementing European directives, the cross-border cooperation was extended to Austria, Liechtenstein, Italy and the Belgian region Wallonia.

At present (2023-2025), Miriam Haritz from Germany holds the ICPR presidency. She and the different ICPR fora are supported by the international staff of the permanent secretariat in Koblenz (Germany).

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