

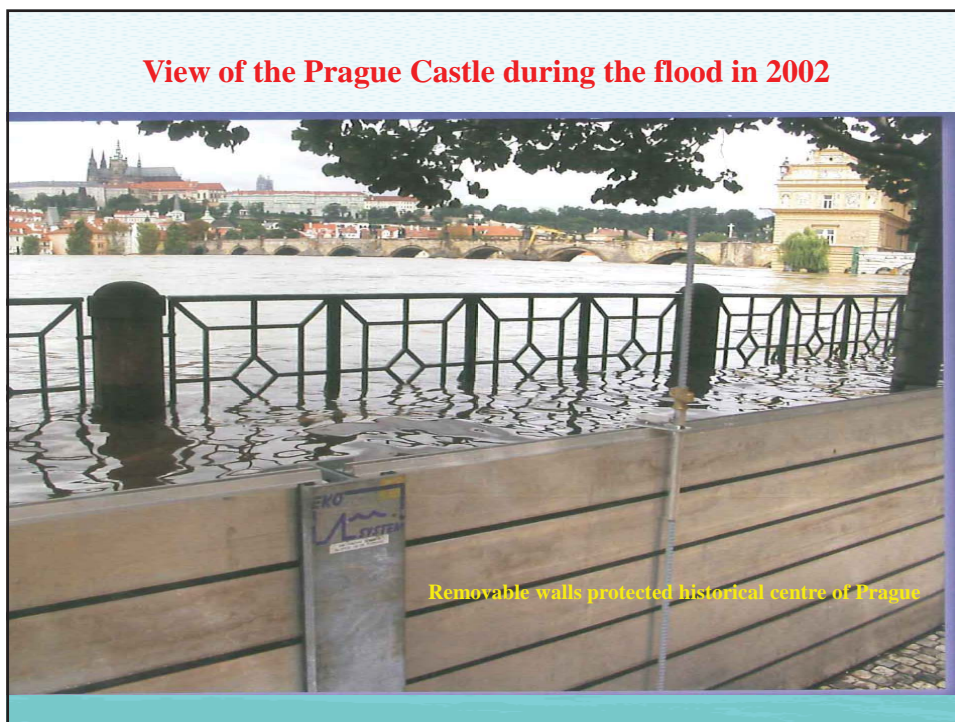


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**GOVERNANCE OF FLOOD PROTECTION -
EXPERIENCE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
IN TRANSBOUNDARY BASINS**

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View on the Vltava River in Prague during the flood in 2002



**Experience from past 9 large floods
in the Czech Republic**

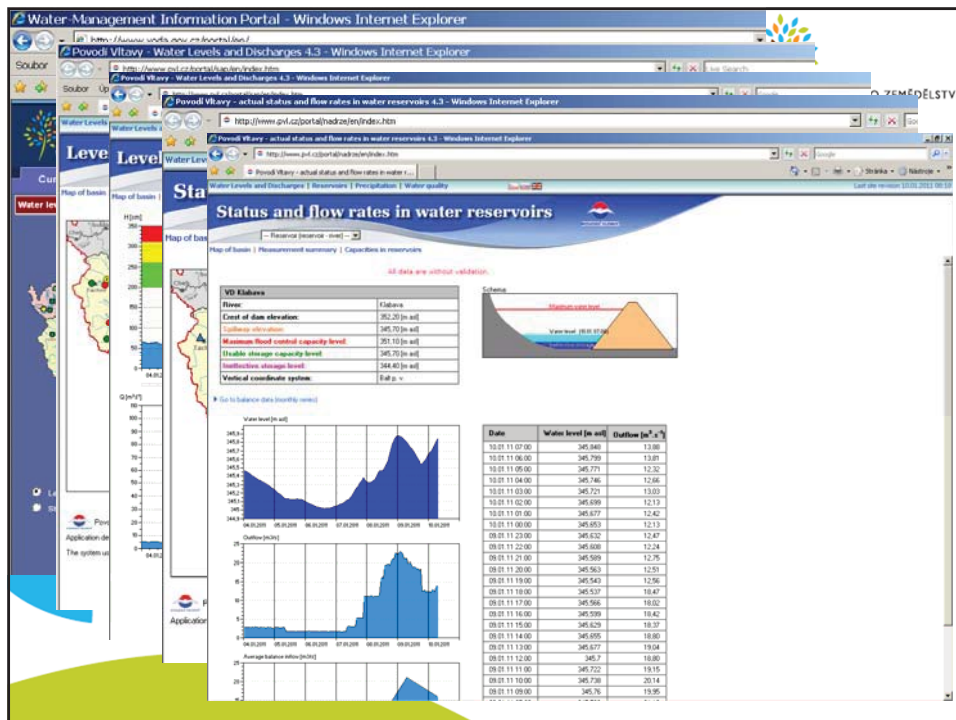


**„Strategy for Protection against Floods in the Czech Republic“
(agreed by the government in 2000) initiated:**

- basic improvement of legislation
- improvement of communication – new generations of cell phones
- available information (web sites) on PC for general public
- rescue teams (fire brigades) ready
- knowledge of flood areas (along over 80 % of the lengths of important water courses)
- introduced flood plans, flood committees and crisis committees
- development of flood protection measures and subsidies for their realisation, namely in the localities of high flood risk

Introduction of the new legislation

- ❖ Act on Fire Rescue Brigades (No. 238/2000 Coll.)
- ❖ Act on Integrated Rescue System (No. 239/2000 Coll.)
- ❖ Act on Crisis Management (No. 240/2000 Coll.)
- ❖ Water Act (No. 254/2001 Coll. and amendments)
- ❖ Decree on Flood Areas (No. 236/2002 Coll.)
- ❖ Status of Central Flood Commission (Res. Government No. 806/2004 Coll.)



Conclusions and recommendations for a better transboundary flood risk management

- **early forecasts – essential**
- **mathematical models for meteorology as well as for outflows and flow rates development**
- **sharing of actual information – internet, cell phones**
- **establishment of common bodies for flood protection strategy in transboundary watersheds**
- **use of unified „information systems“ available to public**
- **continuous upgrade of communication links between responsible authorities**

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*Thank you for your attention –
and remember, please:
„Period after the flood is a period
before the next flood“*

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