

Appendix 4: Institutions Relevant to the Research Conception

- **Federal Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Technology (BMBF), national research centres, research institutions etc.**
 - Research Centre Geesthacht (GKSS): "River Elbe Office" and "ELBIS" data bank for the leading project "Elbe 2000" (research on contaminants in the Elbe and its tributaries)
 - Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig-Halle-Magdeburg (UFZ)
 - Association of National Research Centres (AGF): Association for Water Research
 - promotion of ecological research: e.g. ecology of natural waters, ecosystem research, protection of habitats and species, ecotoxicology; agricultural landscapes
 - etc.
- **Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry (BML)**
- **Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)**
- **Federal Ministry of Transport (BMV)**
- **federal authorities:**
 - Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)
 - Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)
 - Federal Institute of Hydrology (BfG)
 - Federal Institute for Hydraulic Engineering (BAW)
 - Federal Agricultural Research Centre (FAL)
 - Federal Environmental Agency (UBA)
 - etc.
- **Environmental and Agricultural Ministries of the Federal States and their subordinate departments, e.g. Land Institutes and Land Agencies**
- **International Commission for the Protection of the River Elbe (ICPE)**
- **Association for the Protection of the River Elbe Against Pollution (ARGE ELBE)**
- **Federal States Association on Water Issues (LAWA)**
- **German Research Association (DFG)**
- **universities**
- **foundations, associations, societies**
 - Federation for the Environment and Nature Conservation in Germany (BUND)
 - German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU)
 - German Council for Land Conservation (DRL)
 - German Association for Water Resources Management, Irrigation and Drainage (DVWK)
 - Michael Otto Foundation for Environmental Protection
 - Federation for Nature Conservation in Germany (NABU)
 - Association of German Foundations for the Sciences
 - Worldwide Fund for Nature Flood Plain Protection Institute

- etc.

- **Further scientific establishments and institutions (e.g. "Blue List" institutes, private institutes)**
 - Institute of Freshwater Fishery, Potsdam Sacrow
 - Institute of Aquatic Ecology and Freshwater Fishery (IGB), Berlin
 - Institute of Ecological Regional Planning (IÖR), Dresden
 - Institute of Ecological Economics Research (IÖW), Wuppertal
 - Training and Experimental Centre for Grassland and Fodder Plant Cultivation (LVGF), Paulinenaue
 - Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), Potsdam
 - Centre for Agricultural Landscape and Land Use Research (ZALF), Müncheberg
 - etc.
- **Administrative Authorities for Protected Areas**
 - MAB Biosphere Reserves (Middle Elbe, Elbe flood plains (planned), Spreewald, Schorfheide-Chorin)
 - National Parks, e.g. Lower Oder River Valley
 - etc.
- **Ecological Research in River Basins**
 - Danube: e.g. Technical University of Vienna, University of Karlsruhe
 - Elbe/Vlatava: e.g. TGM Water Research Institute, Prague
 - Oder: e.g. ZALF, Free University of Berlin, "Lower Oder River Valley" National Park Administration
 - Rhine: e.g. International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (IKSR), Upper-Rhine Agency (ORA)
 - Rhône: e.g. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Lyon
 - Thames: e.g. Queen Mary and Westfield University, London
 - Weser: e.g. University of Bremen, University of Münster