



INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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FINAL¹ REPORT
2nd Sava PEG RBM Meeting
January 25-26, 2007
Zagreb, Croatia

I. ATTENDANCE

The PEG RBM held its second meeting on January 25-26 2006. The meeting took place at the premises of the Sava Commission.

Full list of participants is attached as Annex I to this Report.

II. CHAIRMANSHIP

Mr. Dragan Zeljko chaired the session

III. ADOPTED AGENDA

Thursday, January 25th, 2007

1. Opening of the meeting

- Welcome by the Chairman
- Adoption of the Agenda

2. Part I – Development of Sava RBM Plan

- Draft structure and the road map of the Sava RBMP prepared by the UNDP/GEF DRP – Sava Component- revision

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3. Part I – Development of Sava RBM Plan (cont.)

- Draft structure for Sava RB analysis with time plan prepared by the CARDS Regional project for the Sava River Basin;
- Tasks and support actions from the CARDS Regional project for the Sava River Basin
- Projects – further development of priority list necessary to support the development of the Sava RBM Plan.

11:00 *Coffee Break*

¹ Subject to approval of the Sava Commission

4. Part II – Development of protocols

- Draft protocols – review of comments and recommendations of other EGs
- Draft Protocol on Transboundary Impacts

5. Part III – Sava information system

- Sava information system – status report and review of on going activities

6. Part IV – Draft Strategy on the implementation of FASRB

- Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and Work Plans for Years 2007 and 2008- upgrade activities;

7. Summary of work of PEG RBM

8. Any other issues

14:45 End of the 2nd PEG RBM meeting

15:00 Lunch

AD.1 – Opening of the Meeting

The summary of activities performed between two meetings of the PEG RBM was presented by the Chairman, Mr. Dragan Zeljko.

Ms Vogel on behalf of ICPDR briefly addressed the meeting.

The Chairman stated that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Slovenia were represented by one PEG RBM member. Republic of Croatia was represented by additional expert. An additional expert from Bosnia and Herzegovina also attended the meeting.

Mr. Zeljko stated that, in spite of absence of the PEG members from Croatia, the meeting will continue as scheduled with the obligation of the Secretariat to send draft meeting report with conclusions to all PEG members for comments.

The PEG RBM adopted the agenda of the 2nd PEG RBM Meeting as proposed.

AD.2 – Part I – Development of Sava RBM Plan

Draft structure and the road map of the Sava RBMP prepared by the UNDP/GEF DRP – Sava Component- revision

The PEG RBM took note on the Draft structure of the Sava RBM Plan and the Road Map of the Sava RBM plan prepared by the UNDP/GEF DRP Project – Sava Component and presented on the workshop held in Zagreb on January 24-25.

The main issues discussed afterwards were unsolved remarks on discussion paper given to the UNDP/GEF DRP Project after initial release of document. The main concern of the PEG RBM is proposed actual deadlines for the Sava basin. It is noticed that in case when the WFD deadlines have expired the actual deadlines are just mechanically shifted to the year 2007 and in case when WFD deadlines have not expired yet, the actual deadlines are set the same as the WFD deadlines which is find unrealistic.

Having in mind that no additional elaboration of that issue is given by the DRP project the Group agreed that target deadlines for specific activities should be set up occasionally during further activities on preparation of Sava RBM plan.

After discussion the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

On RBM plan draft structure and road map:

1. Draft structure of the Sava RBM plan is generally acceptable,
2. Deadlines could not be precisely defined in this phase and RBMP draft structure table should be upgraded on a way to replace column header Actual Deadline by Provisional Deadline with further explanation in footer,
3. Road map should be treated as a “living” document and as such be regularly updated during SRB Analysis phase and afterwards if necessary,
4. The Secretariat will make above mentioned and other discussed changes in UNDP/GEF DRP Project 26th January version of documents and distribute it to the Group members as initial release of the PEG RBM version.

AD.3 – Part I – Development of Sava RBM Plan (cont.)

Draft structure for Sava RB analysis

The PEG RBM took note on presentation “Sava River Basin Analysis: Initial Activities” delivered by Mr. Senad Pločo (CARDS Regional Project for the Sava River Basin). Mr. Pločo also introduced Proposal of Table of Contents of Sava River Basin Analysis Report and templates for the analysis.

The main issues discussed thereafter were:

- Scale of the analysis
- Deadline
- Involvement of the Montenegro representatives in whole process
- Other risks and assumptions

After discussion the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

1. Target deadline for the SRB analysis is the end of 2007;
2. The PEG RBM stresses the need of engagement of substantial financial and human resources in the Parties to achieve the target;
3. The PEG RBM stresses the immediate need of allocation of external resources in the process of preparation of the Sava RBM management plan. Additional projects and/or experts for specific issues must be engaged by the Sava Commission a.s.a.p. in order to speed up the plan preparation;
4. Final decision on the scale, which is initially set to 1000 km², will be taken after analysis based on filled template on Sava river tributaries;
5. The PEG RBM finds that involvement of relevant authorities of the Republic of Montenegro in this early phase is of essential importance in development of the Sava River Basin Management Plan. Thereof, the PEG RBM suggests the Sava Commission that representatives of Republic of Montenegro are invited to future meetings of the PEG RBM;
6. Sava CARDS project is obliged to add an explanatory note on Sava river tributary template by January 29 2007;
7. Template I referring to list of Sava tributaries should be filled by the countries by February 07 2007 and sent to the Sava Commission Secretariat and Mr. Pločo;
8. Comments on all other templates shall be also delivered in written by February 07 2007;
9. Sava CARDS project is obliged to prepare and deliver the compilation of the template I filled by the countries by February 12 2007. Further comments to the delivered compilation of template will be given through e-mails;
10. The PEG RBM members will deliver their comments to the Draft Table of Contents of the Sava River Basin Analysis by February 07 2007;
11. The PEG RBM members will deliver their comments/suggestions on any matter that can help to prepare Sava River Basin Analysis Report by the end of 2007, by February 07;
12. Sava CARDS project will make relevant updates of documents and templates by February 12 and distribute them to the Secretariat and PEG RBM members;
13. The key objective is to have the completed (filled) templates by the end of April 2007.

Other tasks and support actions from the CARDS Regional project for the Sava River Basin

Mr. Pločo explained the current status of other support activities agreed on the 1st PEG RBM meeting.

The PEG RBM adopted following conclusion:

1. Sava CARDS will deliver other agreed materials as soon as prepared and reviewed by the EC;

AD.4 – Part II – Development of protocols

The Secretariat delivered background information related to comments and recommendations of other PEGs to the related draft protocols.

After discussion on methodology of work on drafts of protocols of the Sava Commission, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

1. The PEG RBM requests the *Ad hoc* Legal Expert Group to deliver the background information on legal basis for protocols and their purpose;
2. Program of Work of the PEG RBM should be adjusted in part related to status of draft protocols preparation;

AD.5 – Part III – Sava information system

Sava information system – status report and review of on going activities

The PEG RBM took note on presentation “Assessment of needs and use of the GIS - Questionnaire” delivered by Ms. Višnja Omerbegović and, thereafter, adopted following conclusions:

1. The PEG RBM shall amend the Table of contacts to which the questionnaire shall be sent by January 29;
2. Ms. Višnja Omerbegović is obliged to distribute the questionnaire by January 29 2007 and tentative deadline for delivery of the filled-in questionnaire is February 10 2007;

AD.6 – Part IV – Draft Strategy on the implementation of FASRB

Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and Work Plans for Years 2007 and 2008- upgrade activities;

The PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

1. The Secretariat is obliged to up-grade the Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB in the field of sustainable water management based on the results of the 2nd PEG RBM meeting;

AD.7 – Summary of work, conclusions, further steps

The PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

1. The Draft Report of the 2nd PEG RBM Meeting shall be sent to the PEG RBM members by January 31 2007, and, thereof, it would be opened for comments for 7 days;
2. The PEG RBM agreed to hold the 3rd Meeting of the PEG RBM on March 29-30 2007 in Zagreb.

AD.8 – Any other issues