INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Legal basis, mandate and tasks of the Committee

Legal basis

- **Established by Sava Commission Decisions 7/11 and 11/12**

- **Decision 12/12 on Adoption of The Methodology of work of the Committee**

Membership

- **The Committee consists of the representatives of:**
  - each of the competent ministries of the Parties to the FASRB, at least two per country, representing the **water management/ nature conservation / environmental protection and navigation sectors in a balanced way**
  - international organizations and stakeholders:

    1 representative of the ICPDR,

    1 representative of the Danube Commission,

    2 representatives of regional/national NGO community,

    2 representatives of the economic/navigation sector.
  - Secretariat of the ISRBC

Mandate and tasks

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- **The Committee is established for the general purpose of monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the Project**
- **Tasks of the Committee:**
  - Overall monitoring of the Project;
  - Coordination of the activities within the Project;
  - Monitoring and fostering of implementation of the ISRBC decisions No. 21/09 and No. 01/10;
  - Exchange of information regarding the work on different parts of the Project;
  - **Formulation of the Project-related information needs, comments, questions and recommendations to the Project team with support of the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board, if needed (especially regarding the information needs; if the information input from external parties is required, this should be recommended to the Project team);**
  - Discussion and assessment of work on different parts of the Project;

Mandate and tasks

- **Tasks of the Committee cont.:**
  - **Elaboration of proposals for required improvements of the activities in different parts of the Project;**
  - **Stimulation of implementation of the principles of the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin;**
  - **Stimulation of activities on informing the public concerned and involving the stakeholders in the Project;**
  - Regular reporting to the ISRBC on its work and progress regarding the Project;
  - Proposing relevant actions to the ISRBC;
  - Consideration of other relevant recommendations and proposals regarding the Project.

Metodology of work

- The mandate of the Committee members is bound to the **organization they are representing**. Each organization has the right to withdraw their representative/s at any time in written form.

- **Additional experts** may also participate in the meetings, should their specific expert knowledge be needed or requested.

- The Committee may, with the prior consent of the ISRBC, establish an **Interdisciplinary Advisory Board**, in order to provide help and advice to the Committee on the development of the Project.

Metodology of work

- All conclusions, recommendations and proposals of the Committee **shall be agreed unanimously** by the attendant representatives of the Parties, provided that at least 3 Parties are represented (quorum). If no consensus is achieved, a majority approved statement can be issued instead. In such case, dissent must be documented appropriately. In any case, points of dissent can be directly addressed to the Project team as questions.
- **Representatives of international organizations and stakeholders** have the right to regularly participate in the Committee meetings, express their position and views, and have them reflected in relevant meeting documents, as well as to submit relevant documents, conclusions, recommendations and proposals to the Committee, to be discussed or adopted at the meeting. If their conclusions, recommendations or proposals are not adopted, points of dissent must be documented appropriately.

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ISRBC activities and developments since the 5th Committee meeting

History

- **First Meeting of the Committee was held on September 5, 2011**
- **Fifth Meeting of the Committee was held on December 3, 2013**
- **Two parts of Project was discussed:**
  - Design documentation and construction permits for sector Brčko-Sisak: the Croatia started with development of the documentation with IPA funds but in 2014 the contract on the development of the detailed design was suspended.
  - Design documentation and EIA for sector Brčko-Belgrade: on May 8, 2014, the EU and World Bank cancelled the agreement with BiH on financing of the development of the detailed design and demining for the Sava Waterway and all activities were stopped.

ISRBC activities

- The ISRBC organized a meeting with high representatives from the transport ministries (June 30, 2014).
- In July and August 2014 the Secretariat sent letters to the B&H Council of Ministers and the EU and met with representatives of the EU Delegation in B&H, providing the information on the Project status and asking for support to the future activities of the Sava Commission and its member states, aimed at urgent continuation of the rehabilitation of the Sava River waterway.
- The ISRBC organized Ministerial meeting on regional water cooperation on July 6, 2015, in Brčko and a part of the meeting was dedicated to rehabilitation of navigation on the Sava river waterway.
- One of the conclusions of the Ministerial Meeting was to start with urgent activities on regulation of the waterway on the most critical sectors of the Sava River.

ISRBC activities

- In accordance with the outcomes of the Ministerial meeting Sava Commission adopted Decision 01/17 on rehabilitation of the most critical fairway section Jaruge - Novi Grad, in the framework of rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River.
- In 2017 together with World Bank Secretariat developed and Sava Commission adopted Joint Action Plan (JAP) for the Sava River Basin, a coordinated program of multipurpose and integrated interventions to enhance navigability, flood risk management, sustainable tourism, environmental protection and climate change adaptation in international Sava River Basin.
- JAP was presented on the Western Balkans Summit in Trieste with aim to facilitate financing of the development projects in Sava River Basin.

Zahvaljujem na pažnji!!!
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