Current state and opportunities for development of bicycle routes in the Sava river basin

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I will talk about

- Cycling tourism in numbers
- Good practices on cycling along rivers
- Sava cycling route
- How to develop Sava cycling route
- Cycling development practices along Sava river
- Benefits for Sava river and region
- Sava cycling route demo tour
Cycling tourism in numbers

- Fast growing segment of tourism
- 2.8 billion cycle tourism trips per year in Europe, of which 25.6 million include overnight stays!
- Average spend on day trips is almost €16.
- For overnight stays it is estimated to be €353 per trip.
- The total economic impact of cycling tourism in Europe is €54 billion per year
Good practices on cycling along rivers

- Danube cycling route
  - 9 countries
  - 2875 km long
  - most popular holiday cycle route in Europe.
  - EuroVelo 6

- Drava cycling route
  - 5 countries
  - 766 km long
  - EuroVelo 13
Sava cycling route

- 4 countries: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia
- 850 km long
- Both banks
- Low traffic intensity roads
- Connecting peoples, sights and landmarks
- International cycling corridor east-west
How to develop Sava cycling route

- Lots of cycling routes along Sava river, insufficiently connected,
- Sava cycling route as a complete route from source to confluence,
- Route as a spine (main cycling route) with ribs (additional route),
- Sava cycling route as a part of Eco-tourism strategy for Sava river Basin,
- Quick-win project. Concrete results in short time,
- ISRBC as a coordinator and support body
Cycling development practices along Sava river

Slovenia

- Cycling route Kranjska Gora – Mojstrana (D2), 12 km
- Old railway track, now cycling route
- Low motorised traffic
Cycling development practices along Sava river

Croatia & Bosnia and Herzegovina
- IPA EU cross border project
- Cycling routes in Lonjsko Polje nature park (HR) and Kozara national park (BA)
- Sava cycling route section 68 km (Sisak-Jasenovac)
Cycling development practices along Sava river

Serbia

• Ada Ciganlija (Beograd, recreation area) – Sava/Dunav confluence, cycling route, cca 7 km
• Umka – Sava/Dunav confluence, project in planning, cca 20 km
Benefits for Sava river and region

- Tourism development
- Environmental protection
- Protection and promotion of natural, cultural, historical landmarks
- Development of local economy – cyclists need to sleep, eat and enjoy surroundings
- Development of local transport infrastructure
Sava cycling route demo tour

- Promotion of Sava cycling route during Sava Day 2013,
- 25.05. – 01.06.2013. (8 days),
- Cycling group from four countries,
- Distance over 800 km,
- Start Zelenci (Sava source) Slovenia
- Finish Beograd, tributary of the Danube
Thank you :-)