

*Meeting “Fostering the FASRB implementation
in the fields of water management and environment”*



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REPORT

**from the Meeting “Fostering the FASRB implementation
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Summary: Upon invitation of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC), the Meeting on “Fostering the FASRB implementation in the fields of water management and environment” was held on May 5, 2010, in Belgrade. Hereof, the ongoing and planned activities and projects in the Sava River Basin from the field of integrated water management were presented, and the forms of involvement of the relevant institutions of the Parties to the FASRB under realization of those activities in synergy with the ISRBC were discussed and agreed upon.

I Meeting subject and objective

Upon invitation of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC), the Meeting on “Fostering the FASRB implementation in the fields of water management and environment” was held on May 5, 2010, in Belgrade, at the premises of PWMC „Srbijavode“ (Bulevar umetnosti 2a, 11070 Novi Beograd), in order to ensure successful realization of the activities agreed at the Second Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB (Belgrade, June 1, 2009) and addressed under the Declaration, as the final outcome of the Meeting of the Parties.

In the framework of the ISRBC, a number of concrete activities have been performed over the past years, for implementation of several regional projects from the field of integrated water management, having a great significance from the standpoint of implementation of the FASRB, and realization of the tasks originating from the Second Meeting of the Parties.

As further intensification of the existing cooperation between the ISRBC and relevant national institutions is a prerequisite for successful realization of the activities of common interest for the Parties, the main objective of the Meeting was to present the ongoing and planned activities in the Sava River Basin in the field of integrated water management, and to discuss and agree upon the forms of involvement of the relevant ministries and other national institutions of the Parties under realization of those activities in synergy with the ISRBC.

II Participation at the Meeting

The high representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – Bosnia & Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Slovenia, from the institutions responsible for water management and environment, authorized to make commitments to taking over the

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liabilities of their countries with purpose to realize the projects of common interest. The list of participants is enclosed to this Report as Annex 1.

III Chairmanship

The Meeting was chaired by Mr Aleksandar Prodanović, Director of the Republic Directorate for Water of the Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management of the Republic of Serbia, and the Vice-chairman of the ISRBC.

IV Agenda

The agenda, accepted at the Meeting, is enclosed to this Report as Annex 2.

Under each agenda item, the ongoing and planned activities and projects on the Sava River Basin level, were presented by the ISRBC Secretariat and discussed by the participants. Following the discussion, the meeting conclusions were drawn unanimously. The conclusions are enclosed to this Report as Annex 3.

The meeting started at 10:00, and ended at 16:00.

The Report was prepared by the ISRBC Secretariat.



Dejan Komatina, Secretary

ANNEX I

LIST of PARTICIPANTS

Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. **Mr. Izet Bajrambašić**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of communications and transport of B&H
2. **Mr. Kemal Karkin**, Ministry of communications and transport of B&H; Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission
3. **Mr. Enes Šeperović**, Ministry of foreign trade and economic relations of B&H
4. **Ms. Hazima Hadžović**, Assistant Minister, Federal ministry of agriculture, water management and forestry
5. **Mr. Mihajlo Stevanović**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management of Republika Srpska
6. **Mr. Branislav Blagojević**, Director, Agency for water of the Sava river water district, Bijeljina
7. **Mr. Mirsad Nazifović**, Agency for the Sava river catchment area, Sarajevo

Republic of Croatia

1. **Ms. Ružica Drmić**, Director, Directorate for water policy and international projects, Ministry of regional development, forestry and water management; Deputy Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission
2. **Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević**, Head of Section, Directorate for water policy and international projects, Ministry of regional development, forestry and water management
3. **Ms. Vesna Montan**, Head of Section, Ministry of environmental protection, physical planning and construction
4. **Mr. Danko Biondić**, Development Manager, Croatian Waters

Republic of Serbia

1. **Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović**, Director, Republic Directorate for Water, Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management; Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission
2. **Ms. Dragana Milovanović**, Head of Section, Republic Directorate for Water, Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management
3. **Ms. Gordana Petković**, Ministry of environment and spatial planning
4. **Ms. Dušanka Stanojević**, Ministry of environment and spatial planning
5. **Mr. Slavimir Stevanović**, Assistant Director, Republic Hydrometeorological Institute

Republic of Slovenia

1. **Mr. Mitja Bricelj**, Secretary, Ministry of environment and spatial planning; Member of the International Sava River Basin Commission

Secretariat of the International Sava River Basin Commission

1. **Mr. Dejan Komatina**, Secretary
2. **Mr. Dragan Zeljko**, Deputy Secretary
3. **Mr. Samo Grošelj**, Deputy Secretary
4. **Ms. Melita Žižanović-Dakić**, Special Advisor for Legal and General Affairs

ANNEX II

AGENDA

Start of the meeting at 10:00

1. Opening of the meeting

- Welcome address (A. Prodanović, Vice Chairman, ISRBC)
- Adoption of the agenda (all)

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2. Introductory remarks

- Introductory remarks (D. Komatina, Secretary, ISRBC)

3. Development of the Sava River Basin Management Plan

- Introduction to the project “*Technical assistance in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan*” (D. Zeljko, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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- Discussion and conclusions (all)

4. Implementation of the Sava GIS

- Presentation of the performed and planned activities on establishment of the Sava GIS (D. Zeljko, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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- Discussion and conclusions (all)

5. Development of the Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin

- Introduction to the new Hydrological Study (S. Grošelj, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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- Discussion and conclusions (all)

6. Participation of the national institutions in realization of the ongoing projects of importance for the FASRB implementation

- Introduction to the “*Flood Mapping Study for the Sava River*” (D. Zeljko, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)
- Introduction to the project “*Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin*” (S. Grošelj, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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AD.6_Water and Climate Adaptation Plan_Summary information.doc

- Discussion and conclusions (all)

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- Introduction to the project “Facilitating the joint flood risk management activities in the Sava River Basin” (D. Zeljko, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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- Discussion and conclusions (all)

7. Support of the Parties to the planned projects of importance for the FASRB implementation

- Introduction to the planned projects (S. Grošelj, Deputy Secretary, ISRBC)

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- Discussion and conclusions (all)

8. Adoption of the conclusions

- Discussion and adoption of the conclusions (all)

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End of the meeting at 16:30

ANNEX III

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Taking into account the:

- outcomes of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB, held in Belgrade on 1 June 2009, especially a part of the Declaration from that meeting referring to water management and environment, and
- need for a stronger, concrete support of the Parties to the ongoing activities on implementation of the FASRB in the fields of water management and environment,

the high representatives of the ministries and the national institutions responsible for water management of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Slovenia, on the Meeting “Fostering the FASRB implementation in the fields of water management and environment”, held in Belgrade on 5 May 2010, adopted the following

Conclusions

1. Development of the Sava RBM Plan

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions shall undertake all necessary actions to secure resources needed for an adequate support of the Parties to the activities on development of the Sava RBM Plan and to the implementation of the project “Technical assistance in the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan” (financed by EC), by securing:

- *resources (human and logistical), needed for fulfilling national obligations for successful implementation of the project, and*
- *an efficient and timely submission of the official available data and information necessary for development of the Sava RBM Plan,*

in line with the deadlines agreed by the ISRBC and its PEG RBM, with the overall goal to complete the Sava RBM Plan preparation as planned - by the end of 2011.

2. Implementation of the Sava GIS

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions fully support the establishment of the Sava GIS in accordance with the “Sava GIS Implementation Strategy”, adopted by the ISRBC in 2008.

To this end, the representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions shall undertake all necessary actions to provide support to the initial phase of the Sava GIS establishment in accordance with the implementing documents, prepared in the framework of the ISRBC, by securing:

- *an active participation of the experts from the relevant national institutions in implementation of the Sava GIS;*
- *an access to national database servers, to the ISRBC, for the purpose of establishment of appropriate tools and services, needed for the Sava GIS implementation on the end of the Parties;*

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- *provision of datasets relevant for the Sava GIS, in line with the specifications outlined in the implementing documents;*
- *financial resources estimated at up to 100,000 EUR (up to 25,000 EUR per Party), in the year 2011, to complement the resources already secured through the EC grant “Support to the ISRBC in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan” (2010-2011), needed for completion of the initial phase of the Sava GIS.*

Upon finalization of the initial phase of the Sava GIS establishment, an agreement of the Parties on further steps in the Sava GIS establishment will be necessary.

3. Development of the Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions fully support the development of the new Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin.

Division of tasks between the national hydrometeorological services (NHMSs) and the Study coordinator, as well as the exact amount of the needed financial resources, shall be determined in the Terms of Reference to be prepared by the ISRBC, based on consultation with the NHMSs and taking into account the existing hydrological models in the Sava River Basin.

Participation of relevant institutions from the Republic of Montenegro in development of the Hydrological Study will be necessary.

4. Participation of the national institutions in realization of the ongoing projects of importance for the FASRB implementation

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions agree to support further implementation of the ongoing projects “Flood Mapping Study for the Sava River” (performed in cooperation with the USACE) and “Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin” (financed and performed by the World Bank), by securing an urgent submission of the official available data necessary for successful finalization of the projects.

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions shall undertake all necessary actions to provide for an adequate support of the Parties to the project “Facilitating the joint flood risk management activities in the Sava River Basin” (to be financed in the UNECE framework), through an active participation of the relevant national institutions in implementation of the project, particularly by securing human resources, as well as an efficient and timely submission of the official available data and information necessary for successful implementation of the project, with the overall goal to finish the preparation of the project by mid 2012.

5. Support of the Parties to the planned projects of importance for the FASRB implementation

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions support further activities on preparation of the projects “Hydrometeorological Information and Flood Forecasting and Warning System for the Sava River Basin” and “Water Pollution Contingency Management Plan for the Sava River Basin”.

The representatives of the ministries and the relevant national institutions support preparation of the project “Biodiversity and Environmental Status of Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin” as an input for the second cycle of the Sava RBM Plan.