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I. ATTENDANCE

The PEG members from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia, as well as two expert from Slovenia attended the meeting. The Consultant representatives engaged for the development of Sava FRMP, also participated at the meeting.

The list of participants is annexed to this report.

II. CHAIRMANSHIP

Ms. Dragana Milovanović chaired the meeting.

III. ADOPTED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

- Welcome address
- Adoption of the Agenda

2. Development of the Flood Risk Management Plan for the Sava River basin

- Presentation/discussion on the draft Sava FRMP
- Preparation for the Stakeholders' Forum and public consultations process
- Strategy for follow-up
- Work plan

3. Any other issues

IV. DISCUSSION, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

AD.1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Welcome and opening remarks by the PEG FP Chairman

Ms. Dragana Milovanović opened the meeting, welcomed the PEG FP members, national experts, as well as the Sava FRMP project experts and informed the participants on some logistical issues.

Adoption of the Agenda

PEG FP adopted the proposed agenda of the 36th meeting (*Doc.Ref.No: 3-18-13/2-2*), with agenda items presented in Part III of this report. (Meeting document: *Ad.1. PEG FP_36th meeting_AdoptedAgenda*).

AD.2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SAVA RIVER BASIN

Ms. Milovanović briefly informed the PEG on the current status of the WBIF project component 1 and development of the Sava FRMP. It was stressed that the results of project component and the content of Sava FRMP is one of the very important inputs for all activities in the flood management on basin level. Therefore and given the deadline of WBIF project, the focus of this meeting is gave to the draft Sava FRMP document. Ms. Milovanović once again emphasized expectations from the project component asking the Consultants and the PEG members to be fully involved within the remaining period of the project.

Presentation/discussion on the draft Sava FRMP

Ms. Višnja Omerbegović and other members of the Project Team presented the latest version of the draft Sava FRMP, which was not available to the PEG members before the meeting, so discussion was directed to general comments which were raised during the reading of document and below is the list of comments collected:

- all chapters of the document should be improved to present the expected content of Sava FRMP foreseen by the Program, as well as to have appropriate wording taking into account type of the document (planning document)
- the chapter on the Areas of mutual interest (AMIs) should be much more elaborated and linked to the national APSFRs. Also this chapter should include procedure how AMIs are established and how should be updated
- the chapter on the Climate Change issues should be shortened but more connected to the flood related topics. Most of the text should be put in the background document (Summary of Measures), and the Plan should only include the climate change adaptations conclusions related to specific measures
- the chapter on the measures should be updated by adding all analyses foreseen by the Program, as well as funding source which could be used for the measures. The procedure on proposed prioritization of non-structural measures should be clearly elaborated
- the chapters on the Mechanisms of coordination on the basin-wide level and the Proposal of Modes of cooperation of the Sava countries in the flood defence emergency situations should be combined into one chapter. Mechanisms for coordination should more elaborated and oriented to the Program task 5.1.8. - International coordination & competent authorities and should also include procedures for managing/monitoring the Sava FRMP implementation, as well as procedures for its update
- the table of all previous comments with answers, descriptions and explanations should be prepared by the Consultant.

There were also some detailed comments which are listed below:

- Tržiška Bistrica River, as an important flood related tributary in Slovenia, should be included in the general analysis and Kupa River basin should be elaborated in the text related to AMIs
- the chapter on potential flood areas and Table 5. should be based on the national APSFRs
- should be noted that flood damages for Croatia in Table 4. refers only to Vukovarsko-srijemska zupanija
- Table 9 – AMIs, shorten the figures to 2 decimals and check zero values in the table
- countries are asked to deliver additional data regarding existing reservoirs.

Preparation for the Stakeholders' Forum and public consultations process

Mr. Zoran Bogunović and Mr. Boris Ščekić explained the proposed approach for the public consultations and the organisation of the Stakeholders Forum, based on the updated Concept Note. Draft agenda for the Forum was also presented, and it will be adjusted according to the received comments related to extension of the event on the 2nd day and to plan more time for the group work.

The PEG FP stressed once again that the date for the Forum can be determined once the Sava FRMP is approved for public sharing by the PEG members. It was agreed that the PEG members be able to comment on the list of invitees, taking into account that the target number of participants is 60-70. Media list will be agreed with the Secretariat.

Strategy for follow-up

Ms. Višnja Omerbegović briefly informed the PEG FP that the first version of document is still in preparation.

Work plan

Ms. Milovanović emphasized that the current status of the project component is far away from the expectations of the Sava Commission and its cooperating countries and their responsible institutions, especially taking into account the time remaining and current status of the project component outputs. Therefore an urgent reaction of the Consultant in terms of undertaking all necessary actions in order to meet expectations - preparing the Sava FRMP document at an acceptable level, meaning an approval by the PEG FP, performing the public consultations with consequent update of the document, and its translation, so the final draft Sava FRMP could be ready for submitting to the Sava Commission for endorsement before putting it in the procedure of adoption by the Parties. It was also stressed that this is not an ordinary project that can be completed more or less successfully, but an activity that leads to a joint plan of five countries.

The PEG requested that the Consultant, by September 3, prepare and submit a proposal how to successfully finalize all project activities.

AD.3. ANY OTHER ISSUES

The next 37th meeting of PEG FP will be held at end of September 2018.

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- Annex II. List of Documents

Agenda item	Document	ENG	HRV	SLO	BIH-BOS	BIH-HRV	BIH-SRP	SRP
1.	Ad.1. PEG FP_36th meeting_AdoptedAgenda.docx	↓						
2.	Ad.2_Stakeholders Forum Concept_draft.docx	↓						

Documents are available at the PEG's ftp site.