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REPORT FROM THE MEETING**

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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 37th meeting (*Doc.Ref.No: 3-18-14/2-2*), with agenda items presented in Part III of this report. (Meeting document: *Ad.1. PEG FP_37th 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 given the deadline of WBIF project, the focus of the meeting is given to the draft Sava FRMP document. Once again, the expectations from the project component were emphasized, asking from the Consultants and the PEG members to be fully involved within the remaining period of the project.

In addition, Mr. Mirza Sarač and Mr. Davorin Singer presented the latest developments regarding the designing of the FRMP database module and its implementation into SavaGIS which are in progress. It was stressed that five-days testing of the functionalities of new FRMP database within the Sava GIS Geoportall will be done in mid-October by the PEG GIS members, while additional testing and potential debugging will be possible in three months period after the full implementation.

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. The document was presented section by section, allowing PEG FP members to provide comments on each chapter, with the following main conclusions:

- Draft of the Sava FRMP document is now complete in sense that all chapters are available in the draft, but further improvements and updates are necessary before it can be made available for public commenting and presented at the Stakeholders' Forum
- Terminology and document structure issues (which parts should be annexed) were also clarified as well as the chapter 3.2 on the potential flood areas which was discussed in details and updated during the meeting
- Sava FRMP Objectives were reviewed, as presented in the text. It was noted that paragraphs on each objective could be expanded a bit, to include recommendations from the Report on Floods in May 2014 in the Sava River Basin
- Regarding the chapter on Measures, all the analyses in the text were discussed and several suggestions given, including some specific details (e.g. to improve the visibility of maps in this part of the document). The consultant was asked to better incorporate the Report on Floods in May 2014 and related recommendations (linking to the above comment in the Objectives section). Several non-structural measures were agreed to be added to the Plan, including an analysis of impacts of dams/reservoirs and retention areas in the basin
- It was agreed that the Sava FRMP document should not deal with procedures for monitoring the Plan and approving changes. These procedural recommendations should be in the Follow-up Strategy

- With respect to the chapter on conclusions, it was suggested that the content of the chapter should be broken down into several paragraphs (following the structure of the Plan)
- Regarding the annexes to the Sava FRMP, it was agreed to add the list of responsible institutions for implementing the Protocol, in addition to the changes regarding the measures as mentioned above. The numbering of the three maps is to be changed, and the PEG FP members will review the Literature section and provide comments on specific document that should be added or removed from the list
- PEG FP members were asked to provide specific data for several sections in the document, as follows:
 - data for the rivers Lukavac and Topčiderska reka in Table 3 (whose contents were otherwise agreed by PEG FP),
 - data on dams that should be added to the relevant table in the document
 - check the text and provide additions regarding responsible institutions (for flood protection and emergency flood situations) for each country in Section 8 of Sava FRMP.

Preparation for the Stakeholders' Forum and public consultations process

Mr. Zoran Bogunović and Mr. Boris Ščekić briefly informed the PEG FP members about new developments of the concept note and draft agenda following conclusions from the previous meeting.

It was agreed that the PEG FP members should provide their inputs regarding the list of invitees while the list of media should be agreed with the Secretariat.

Strategy for follow-up

Ms. Višnja Omerbegović informed the PEG FP that the first version of document is in preparation and will be delivered during October.

Work plan

Having in mind the deadline for completion of the technical assistance project contract, the PEG discussed possible dates to organize the Stakeholders' Forum, which was earlier planned for 29-30 October in Belgrade.

To achieve this plan the PEG concluded the following:

- the consultant have to update the draft Sava FRMP document in line with the discussions during the meeting, so it could be distributed to the PEG members by the 5 October
- the PEG members will provide their comments by 12 October, which would allow a final round of updates before the document can be approved for publishing on the ISRBC website in mid-October when the one month consultation period will start
- only the draft Sava FRMP document will be presented at the Forum
- parallel to update of the draft Sava FRMP, the consultant have to update the background documents, taking into account that the background documents will not be presented at the Forum, but the completion of all the background documents should be given appropriate attention and time, since these documents have to be reviewed and approved by PEG FP.

AD.3. ANY OTHER ISSUES

The next 38th meeting of PEG FP will be held prior to the Stakeholder Forum.

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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_B1_SavaFRMP_Nacrt_v1.3_25092018.docx Stakeholders Forum Concept_draft.docx		↓					
	B1_SavaFRMP_Nacrt_v1.3_25092018_Tablica komentara.xlsx		↓					

Documents are available at the PEG's ftp site.