
Committee for Monitoring and Coordination of Implementation of the Project Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway

REPORT OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR MONITORING AND COORDINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND NAVIGATION ON THE SAVA RIVER WATERWAY

ZAGREB, JANUARY 25, 2018.

I. ATTENDANCE

List of participants is annexed to this report.

II. Chairmanship

G. Dragan Zeljko, Secretary of ISRBC chaired the meeting.

III. agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

- 1.1 Welcome and opening remarks
- 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

2. Overview of the ISRBC activities

- 2.1 Legal basis, mandate and tasks of the Committee
- 2.2 ISRBC activities and developments since the 5th Committee meeting

3. Status of the Project

- 3.1 Information on the Project development in the countries
- 3.2 Discussion

4. Conclusions and recommendations

IV. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Ad. 1.

1.1

Mr. Dragan Zeljko welcomed the participants and thanked for their attendance.

1.2

The proposed agenda was adopted without any remark.

Ad. 2.

2.1

Mr. Željko Milković, Sava Commission Deputy Secretary for Navigation, presented the legal basis, mandate and tasks of the Committee.

2.2

Mr. Željko Milković presented activities of the Sava Commission performed since the 5th meeting of the Committee, which was held at the end of 2013.

Mr. Dragan Zeljko provided the information on the activities related to the World Bank document „A Regional Program for the Integrated Development of the Sava and Drina River Corridor“. The program was composed to support development activities in the water sector in the Sava River Basin. One of priority areas, the program deals with, is the development of navigation. The program was presented to representatives of European Commission on January 22, 2018 in Brussels in order to generate general support for further activities.

Ad.3.

3.1

Representatives of Republic of Serbia reported the following:

- Rehabilitation of the Sava River Waterway is a part of the Strategy on Development of Waterborne Transport of the Republic of Serbia 2015-2025. Following the Strategy and conclusions of the Sava Commission and the Ministerial Meeting on Cooperation in the Water Sector held in Brcko in 2015, it was started with the regulation of the most critical sectors of the Sava River Waterway.
- Dredging works were completed at the sector Kamičak that resulted in the waterway depth of minimum 2.8 m and width of 75 m corresponding to the low navigation level (LNL). Dredged material was returned to the watercourse.
- Regulation of the sector of Sremska Mitrovica is planned for this year with foreseen 22 000 m³ of dredged material, while the regulation of the sectors Šabac and Klenak is planned for the year 2019 with cca. 105 000 m³ of dredged material that would be returned to the watercourse.
- Republic of Serbia is in process of negotiation with EIB about financing priority projects in waterborne transport, and one of the priority projects is the regulation of the sector of the Drina River confluence. The project envisages the preparation of necessary design documentation by the end of 2019, as well as the execution of works in 2020. In addition to this, the project will also require the construction of river engineering structures. It is planned to include all relevant stakeholders through the stakeholder forum. Cooperation with BiH will also be necessary since the part of the sector is in the border area, which will require the assistance of the Sava Commission.

Representatives of BiH reported the following:

- Inland waterways in BiH were presented along with the jurisdiction of different levels of government in BiH in the field of inland navigation, as well as the status and prospects of inland navigation on the Sava River in BiH. It was pointed out that the rehabilitation of the waterway and ports on the Sava River is a basic precondition for the shift of goods transport onto inland waterways.
- The Sava River Watershed Agency (Federation of BiH) has performed hydrographic and geodetic survey of the Sava River in the length of 78 km and it is ready to place the data at the disposal of the Sava Commission and member states. This hydrographic survey and the preparation of the project study of the survey results relates to the section from EV 135 to EV 528, (from river kilometer 230 to river kilometer 308, corresponding to chainages from rkm 28 + 014.84 to rkm 106 + 257.99 from the preliminary design "Regulation of the Sava Waterway and Determination of the Regulation line of the Sava from Račinovci to Sisak“.
- In Republic of Srpska, the waterway studies were developed for smaller sections along the confluences of the rivers Bosna, Ukrina and Vrbas.
- It was suggested that the BiH delegation should be broadened with the representatives of the ministries responsible for transport at the entity level (Ministry of Transport and Communications of Republic of Srpska, Federal Ministry of Transport and Communications and the competent authority from the Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- With regard to the Terms of reference of the project Jaruge-Novi Grad, submitted by Republic of Croatia, it is necessary to amend the terms of reference in the part related to the jurisdiction within BiH and update the list with relevant BiH regulations regarding inland navigation.

Representatives of Republic of Croatia reported the following:

- Technical elements of the design documentation Improvement of Navigation Conditions at the Sava Critical Sector Jaruge-Novi Grad (project Jaruge-Novi Grad) were presented.
- Contract between EU and Republic of Croatia on financing project Jaruge-Novi Grad was signed in December 2017. Draft terms of reference for the project concerned were submitted to the Committee members for their opinions.

3.2

During the discussion, following were emphasized:

- It was suggested a consideration of the Decision 12/12 on the Methodology of the Work of the Committee and if needed, that the Secretariat prepare a proposal for amendments to the Decision in a way to enable all key stakeholders to be informed about particular parts of the Project, so the Committee could perform the function of a stakeholders' forum in line with the Joint Statement on the Guiding Principles for the Development of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin (Joint Statement).
- It was suggested that the Committee should perform the function of a stakeholders' forum for the project Jaruge-Novi Grad.
- It was stressed that it is necessary to initiate the procedure in accordance with the ESPOO Convention for the project Jaruge-Novi Grad as soon as possible, to include in the terms of reference the development of a communication strategy for the project, and it is also important that the public information procedure will be conducted approximately at the same time in both countries concerned.

Ad.4.

After the discussion, following conclusions were adopted:

- The ISRBC will provide all necessary assistance to competent authorities of Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in the preparation and implementation of the project for the rehabilitation of the Sava River waterway at the sector Drina confluence, particularly on the sections constituting the border between the states.
- The proposal of Republic of Croatia that the Committee should perform the function of the stakeholders' forum in line with the Joint Statement, for the implementation of the project Jaruge-Novi Grad was supported. In this regard, the Committee suggested the definition of appropriate stakeholders to be proposed through a communication strategy that would be developed within the project Jaruge-Novi Grad.
- The Secretariat of the Sava Commission, if it will be necessary, shall prepare a proposal for amendments to the Decision 12/12 on the Methodology of the Work of the Committee in a way to enable all key stakeholders to be informed about particular parts of the Project so that the Committee could perform the function of a stakeholders' forum in line with the Joint Statement.
- With regard to the terms of reference for the project Jaruge-Novi Grad:
 - Agency for Inland Waterways of Republic of Croatia (the Agency) shall update the list of relevant legislation in BiH within the framework of terms of reference in direct communication with competent authorities from BiH,
 - it is necessary to specify the part of the text in terms of reference that is related to the jurisdiction of different levels of government in BiH in the field of inland waterways,
 - regarding the remarks of the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Republic of Croatia (Service for Appropriate Assessment) related to the deadline for the development of the environment impact assessment study for the project, the solution shall be found in direct consultations between the Agency and the Ministry of Environment and Energy,
 - it was recommended that the Agency initiate, as soon as possible, procedures under the ESPOO Convention, noting that it will be necessary to conduct public information procedure approximately at the same time in both countries concerned,
 - on the basis of today's discussion and received written remarks on terms of reference, the Agency will prepare a new version of terms of reference by February 15, 2018 and submit it to all members of the Committee,
 - the Secretariat will prepare a report from of meeting until February 2. 2018.

Annexes :

- 1. List of participants**
- 2. List of documents and presentation**

Annex 1: List of participants

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Annex 2: List of documents (D) and presentations (P)

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS			
Agenda item	Title	Language	Type
1	AD.1.2_Draft_Agenda	eng	D
2	AD.2.1 Decision of the Sava Commission 07/11 on the Establishment of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the Project "Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway"	eng	D
	AD 2.1 Decision of the Sava Commission 11/12 on Amendments of the Decision 07/11	eng.	D
	AD 2.1 Decision of the Sava Commission 12/12 on the Adoption of the Methodology of work of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the Project "Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway"	eng.	D
	AD 2.1 Legal basis, mandate and tasks of the Committee	eng.	P
	AD 2.2 ISRBC activities and developments since the 5th Committee meeting	eng.	P
3	AD.3.1_ Poboljšanje uvjeta plovnosti na kritičnoj dionici rijeke Save „Jaruge - Novi Grad”	cro	P
	AD.3.1 Projektni zadatak za izradu projekta: Poboljšanje uvjeta plovnosti rijeke Save od rkm 300 do rkm 329	cro	D
	AD.3.1 Projektni zadatak za izradu Studije o utjecaju na okoliš za zahvat: Poboljšanja uvjeta plovnosti rijeke Save od rkm 300 do rkm 329	cro	D

*All documents and presentation are available on the web site of the Sava Commission:
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