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¹ Final PEG RBM report

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AD.1. Opening of the meeting

1.1. Welcome by the Chairman

Chairman of the PEG RBM, Mr. Zeljko opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. He notified that Bosnia&Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia were represented at the meeting. As a guest the representative of World Bank Mr. Janus Kindler participated at the meeting under issue 3. Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin.

The full list of participants is attached to this report as Annex I.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

The PEG RBM adopted the agenda of the 13th PEG RBM meeting (See meeting document Ref.No.: 3-09-13/2-2-PEG RBM).

1.3. Report on the ISRBC activities and developments

Mr. Komatina provided a brief overview of the activities of the Sava Commission in the reporting period. Among others he mentioned:

- 12th Special Session of the Sava Commission
- 2nd Meeting of the Parties which was held on 1st of June 2009
- Int'l Workshop on Integrated Transboundary Water Resources Management in SEE which was held on 18th – 20th of May 2009 in Sarajevo
- 1st Training Workshop within the PLATINA Project SWP 5.3 which was held on 9th-10th of June 2009 in Zagreb
- Development of Protocols to the FASRB
- Development of projects:

Launched:

- Rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava river
- Preparation of implementing documents for establishment of the Sava GIS
- Detailed design and prototype installation for the RIS on the Sava River (procurement procedure ongoing)
- Water and climate adaptation plan for the SRB (World Bank)

Planned:

- Stakeholder analysis in the SRB (GWP-Med)
- Water pollution contingency management system for the SRB – WACOSS (SEE TCP)
- Development and upgrading of the HMIFFWS in the SRB (SEE TCP)
- Promotion activities (ISRBC website, Sava NewsFlash, Sava Day 2009)

PEG RBM took note about presentation.

AD.2. Sava RB Analysis

2.1. Part I: Sava RB overview and general characteristics

Mr. Zeljko presented the upgraded version of the Part I of SRBA report.

➤ *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Actions to be performed by the Secretariat

- The English numbering system should be used (e.g. 2,520.31)!
- Delete the text about the sessions of SC
- The description of topography should be checked and complemented
- Numbers in the text should be marked in the same way in the document
- Modify the statement "Waste water discharge from municipalities and industries located along the Sava River as well as along the tributaries was rarely cleaned so that water quality prior the war" in the paragraph 2.3.1;
- Modify figure 2-7: The Sava River Basin hydrographic network – rivers included in the analysis;
- Harmonize the abbreviation in the document;
- Delete the paragraph about the expert institutions in the paragraph 2.4.
- Delete the statement: "In addition, they have special attributes as part of the cultural heritage of humanity related to religious and cosmological beliefs, constitute a source of aesthetic inspiration, provide wildlife sanctuaries, and form the basis of important local traditions." in the paragraph 2.5.1.1. Ramsar sites
- Use official names for Ramsar sites.
- Delete resources in the title 3. Water management
- Change the paragraphs about Water management and Competent national authorities for WFD implementation for HR
- Denote in the table that RS has ratify the *Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Helsinki Convention, 1992* and *Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention, 1998)*

Actions to be performed by the countries

- RS will send the water management scheme
- SI will modify the paragraph about the competent national authorities for WFD implementation

2.2. Part II: Water quality

Mr. Grošelj presented the status of preparation of the Part II. of the Analysis with special attention to data delivery process.

➤ *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Statements and agreements

- No sub-ecoregions defined in HR (Table 1-3)

- Only reservoirs in Paragraph 1.3.2 should be mentioned. There is no need to mentioned WBs in lakes, because there is no lake above the threshold value in SRB.
- BA submitted description of significant sources of pollution under paragraph 1.4.2.1.1

Actions to be performed by the Secretariat

- Delete Table 1-1
- Comments (*, **, ***, ****) to Table 1-11 should be deleted!
- Comment in Table 1-13 should be put below the table
- Comments to Table 1-22 should be numbered properly!
- Passive should be used in paragraph 1.4.2.2.3 Pollution from hazardous substance from diffuse sources for SI
- In figure 1-16: Overview of the longitudinal continuity interruptions in the SRB Mratinje and Otilovići should be introduces. Legend should be deleted!
- In Paragraph 1.4.3.2 Longitudinal continuity and habitat interruption the multipurpose functionality of the structure in SI should be mentioned. For RS Mratinje and Otilovići should be introduced.

Actions to be performed by the countries

- HR will check the stream types for Sutla river (Table 1-7)
- RS will deliver new text for Methodology for significant sources of hazardous substances (paragraph 1.4.2.2.1.)
- The text about Invasive species (Paragraph 1.4.4.2) should be shortened for RS.
- The members of the PEG RBM should check summary table of gaps and uncertainties (Table 1-62, Table 2-3)

2.3. Part III: Water quantity

Mr. Groselj presented the status on the data delivery for the Water Quantity chapter of the SRBA report as well as work already performed on the issue.

- *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Actions to be performed by the Secretariat

- Modify footnotes in the Economy part!
- Comments for BA GDP under the table should be deleted

2.4. Annexes

- *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Annex I. Navigation issues in the Sava River Basin

Actions to be performed by the Secretariat

- Introduction should be shortened and focused to the Sava River Basin

- Information about planned transportation quantities should be clearly marked
- Conclusions should be supplemented by main key issues and results and visions of future development of the navigation.

Annex II. Flood Management in the Sava River Basin

Findings and conclusions

- Appendix of the Annex II –SI Assessment not submitted
- PEG RBM agreed that the document would be checked and agreed upon by the PEG FP.

2.5. Processing, publishing and distribution

Conclusions

- Parties will send all available data to the Secretariat until 10th July 2009
- Secretariat will deliver draft SRBA until 17th of July.
- Parties will send comments until 17th of August.
- Secretariat will deliver lectored text between 17th July and 17th of August.
- The final draft SRBA will be sent to Sava Commission on 28th of August, for review and approval on the next session of the SC, scheduled for 19th-20th September 2009.

3. Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin

The representative of World Bank Mr. Janus Kindler presented the project Water and Climate Adaptation Plan (WATCAP) for the Sava River Basin.

- *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Conclusions and recommendations

- The work of the World Bank (WB), performed so far and presented at the meeting, should be considered as a „preparatory study for the preliminary WATCAP for the Sava RB" rather than the „preliminary WATCAP for the Sava RB" itself.
- Taking into account that the WATCAP is planned to be performed in the timeframe for preparation of the Sava RBMP, the PEG RBM considers important to be informed regularly on the WATCAP preparation progress by the project team or WB,
- The PEG RBM considers important to use the WATCAP findings in the SRBM Plan if agreed upon on the group meetings;
- The PEG RBM considers hydrology data used so far for the WATCAP purposes obsolete and usable only for presentation purposes. For modelling purposes the more accurate data should be obtained.

4. Stakeholder analysis in the Sava River Basin

Mr. Komatina and Mr. Grošelj informed the PEG RBM about the project "Towards the Establishment of the Sava Water Partnership" which has been proposed by the Global Water Partnership.

- *Discussion on the status and next steps*

Conclusions and recommendations

- PEG RBM supports the project;
- PEG RBM supports the idea of co financing the project through the grant of the EC SRBMP because the stakeholder analysis could be an important step in the process of public consultation and information on the SRBMP;
- The time needed for collection of data is underestimated in the project concept note and the PEG RBM recommends its expansion in further project development.

5. Sava River Basin Management Plan

5.1. Technical assistance for the preparation of the Sava RBM Plan – tender line

- Information on the status and planned time schedule

The Group was informed about the activities performed by the EC in the preparation of tender document as well as on planned schedule of further actions leading to the contract award. Details had been given in the meeting documents delivered to the Group.

- PEG RBM took note about activities on technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the SRBMP

No conclusions/recommendations have been adopted on the issue.

5.2. Technical assistance for the preparation of the Sava RBM Plan – grant line

- Information on the status and proposed time schedule
- Brainstorming on the grant activities proposal
- Application forms review and recommendations

The Group was informed that the Sava Commission has received grant application documents which should be fulfilled until 15th of July and submitted to the EC for review. Final application will be submitted to the EC until 1st of September.

The Secretariat introduced the draft proposal of the activities to be performed through the grant, already sent to the DG ENV, for discussion and upgrade by the Group.

- The PEG RBM took note on the presentation.
- There were no proposals on additional activities to be included on the list

Conclusions

- The PEG RBM agreed on the list of the activities to be performed by the grant line;
- The Secretariat should develop the grant application document generally in line with the list submitted to the Group.

6. Protocol on sediment management in the Sava RB

Mr. Groselj presented the protocol which has been developed by the TG for development of the protocol on sediment management.

➤ *Discussion on the status and next steps*

- Article 1: Definitions: Definition of the Main tributaries should be checked. The decision if the provisions of this protocol are valid for the tributaries of third order larger than 1000 km² as well should be adopted;
- Article 3: Principles of sustainable sediment management: Explanation of *social, economical and environmental values of sediment* is needed;
- Article 3: Principles of sustainable sediment management: Explanation of *provision of integrated soil-ground-water-sediment solutions* is needed;
- Article 6: Paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 are in contradiction.
- Article 7: Paragraph 1 is not clear!

AD.6. Any other issue

There were no other issues.

The next, 14th PEG RBM meeting, will be held on September 29th and 30th 2009 in Zagreb.

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Annex II: List of meeting documents

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2.1	Part I-Sava River Basin overview and general characteristics-30-06-09	↓						
2.2	Part II-Water Quality-30-06-09	↓						
2.3	Part III-Water Quantity-24-06-09	↓						
2.4	Annex I- Navigation in the Sava RB-24-06-09	↓						
2.4	SavaRBA_AnnexII_Flood_Management_draft3_240609	↓						
2.4	Appendix I- Flood Management Croatia	↓						
2.4	Appendix II- Flood Management BA	↓						
2.4	Appendix III- Flood Management RS	↓						
3.1	SEE CC - ESW Concept Note_ForReview	↓						
3.1	SEE Water Climate - CN - Comments and team responses	↓						
4.1	Sava_Stakeholders Involvement_Concept Note	↓						
5.1	SAVA_contract_schedule_06-2009	↓						
5.1	Tech. Assist. for the preparation and implementation of the SRBMP_update	↓						
5.2	SavaRBMP-proposal of grant line activities _ISRBC19-05-09_senttoDGEnv	↓						
5.2	AD.5.2 SavaRBMP-proposal of grant line activities _ISRBC19-05-09_senttoDGEnv_RBM	↓						
5.2	SAVA_grant_schedule_06-2009_new proposal of the Secretariat	↓						
5.2	Grant application documents: Guidelines_SAVA_ENV2009_F2 ANNEX_B_Budget_tables ANNEX_A_Application_form_SAVA_ENV2009_F2 Copy of e3_d_logfram_en fich_sign_ba_gb_en idlegent_pub_en	↓						
6.1	Protocol on Sediment management_draft14_PEG_RBM	↓						
6.1	Protocol on Sediment Management to the Framework Agreement- presentation	↓						
6.2	PEG FP11-Draft report-conclusions on Protocolon Sediment M.	↓						