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**14th Sava PEG RBM Meeting
REPORT¹
Zagreb, Croatia – September 29th**

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- Presentations of the status
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Minutes of the meeting

AD.1. Opening of the meeting

- Welcome address

Chairman of the PEG RBM, Mr. Zeljko opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. He stated that all the Parties are represented at the meeting.

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

- Adoption of the Agenda

The PEG RBM **adopted** the agenda of the 14th PEG RBM meeting.

AD.2 Report on the ISRBC activities and developments

Mr Komatina presented an overview of the activities and developments in the ISRBC regarding:

13th Special session of the ISRBC which was held at 22 till 23. September 2009 with following main achievements related to the work of the PEG RBM:

- **Sava River basin analysis report**– the document has been adopted at the session. Final version of the document will be available over the web page of the ISRBC in mid October and the ISRBC will also produce around 100 hardcover copies of the document, which will be distributed to the institutions responsible for implementation of the FASRB;
- **Grant application for the SRBM project**- Sava Commission approved submitting the grant application documents to the EC in the form proposed by the Secretariat;
- **Stakeholder analysis** – Sava Commission accepted recommendation of the PEG RBM to cooperate with the GWP-Med in stakeholder analysis in the Sava RB;
- **Observership status in the ISRBC, approved for:**
WWF – Danube Carpathian program;
NGO "Green Action" from Croatia.

Meeting of the heads of the River basin secretariats, which was held from 24 till 25. August 2009 in Zagreb.

- 8 out of 12 Secretaries of EU river „protection“ commissions and 2 out of 3 EU navigation commission participated at the meeting. It was the first meeting where both „protection“ and „navigation“ commissions were represented. Guests on the meeting – UNECE, EEA, RISKBASE project;

Status of Rehabilitation and development of navigation:

- Section from Brcko (rkm 234) till Sisak (rkm 594)
 - Class IV
 - EIA study is finalized
 - Next steps are from IPA funds from Croatia, which will be the revision of the existing studies and design, and the detail design of the waterway
- Section from Belgrade (rkm 0) till Brcko (rkm 234)
 - Class Va
 - Joint application of BiH and Serbia for the detail design with EIA study

Status of ongoing or project in preparation:

- Preparation of implementation of documents for establishment of the SAVA GIS system-See details under agenda item 4;
- Detailed design and prototype installation of future SAVA RIS system;
- Water and climate change adaptation plan for the Sava River Basin;
- EU FP7 PLATINA (SW 5.3. Training workshop which was held in Ruse, Bulgaria, from 15 till 16 September 2009, and which was coordinated by ICPDR);
- Enhanced cross border cooperation in the Drina river basin to fight poverty and improve water management throughout the support to the Drina river committee financed by the Norway, and implemented by REC;
- Multipurpose canal DANUBE – SAVA at Croatian territory – where EIA study will be considered in neighbouring countries;
- DIKTAS project (water management in karst areas) where workshop for the final revision of a GEF full size project proposal will be held in Venice, Italy, from 12 till 13 October 2009;
- Development and upgrade of HMIFFWS in Sava River Basin- project proposal to be prepared for the next SEE TCP call;
- Information related to WACOSS and BIOSSED projects;
- Information related to cooperation with the USACE in flood mapping.

Status of Protocols to the FASRB:

- **Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation**
Signed at the 2nd MoP, ratification process going on
- **Flood Protection**
Meeting for final harmonization scheduled for December 2009 (Zagreb)
- **Emergency Situations**
Meeting for final harmonization scheduled for January 2010 (Zagreb)
- **Transboundary Impact**
Draft under development
- **Sediment Management**
Draft under consideration by an "extended" Task Group

Other issues:

- Sava News flash No 4 to be published in November 2009;
- Program for Sava Day 2010 in preparation;
- Brochures:
"Rehabilitation and development of the navigation in the Sava river basin"- Final phase of preparation;
"Executive summary on the Sava River Basin analysis" – to be prepared within the SRBMP project.

Details on other events and meetings can be seen in the presentation which is posted in the meeting documents.

AD.3 Sava RBM Plan project

- Information on the latest developments in the project preparation
 - Further steps
Mr Zeljko gave the information about the latest developments regarding Sava RBM plan project preparation regarding:
 - Grant application for support to the Sava Commission preparation (with details on activities proposed in the application);
 - Tender line for the SRBMP project development.
- The Group was informed that:

- The official application for the grant was sent in required form on 23 September, after approval of the ISRBC;
- Informal application review was conducted since beginning of September;
- It is expected that the grant contract between the EC and the ISRBC will be signed by the end of November, after evaluation of the application and formal decision of the ISRBC on acceptance of the grant.
- Evaluation of tender line bids is currently ongoing by DG Env. It is expected that the information on successful service provider will be publicly available by mid October.

The Group took note on the presentation.

The PEG gave following recommendations:

- ✚ Taking into account that considerable contribution in the Sava RBM Plan development is expected by the country institutions, the Secretariat should send a letter to the responsible persons in the Parties informing them on the current status of the activities, expected timeframe for the future actions as well as on anticipated requirements from the countries. The letter should be sent as soon as possible in order to enable budget and human resources planning for the next year in the countries on time;
- ✚ Moreover, the PEG RBM recommends organizing the meetings with the responsible institutions in the Parties, slightly prior to or after the project start, in order to achieve strong support for the preparation of the Sava RBM Plan.

AD.4 Sava GIS

- Presentation of the project status
- Recommendations of the PEG RBM in further project development

After introduction from Mr Zeljko, Consultants Ms Omerbegovic Visnja and Mr Singer Davorin, from GISDATA Company, held the presentation regarding current status of the preparation of documentation for Sava GIS system.

Ms Omerbegović referred especially to:

- Already performed activities in the project development;
- Findings from GIS inception report and related 1st Sava GIS workshop
- List of the proposed thematic GIS data sets

Mr. Singer presented possible Sava GIS Architecture.

Mr. Zeljko emphasized that the project is being developed in accordance with the adopted Sava GIS Strategy, with final aim of establishment of distributed GIS system. In order to present possible functioning of distributed system, the 2nd Sava GIS workshop will be held by the end of October, in the premises of the GISDATA Zagreb.

PEG RBM took note on the presentations and adopted following recommendation:

- ✚ the Consultant should develop proposal of the System in a such manner to avoid any duplication of work of national experts in terms of preparation of the data sets and reporting requirements, to the maximum possible extent.

Actions agreed

- Representatives of the competent national authorities will be invited to the 2nd Sava GIS workshop, including representatives of Montenegro;
- The PEG RBM members will also be invited to the workshop;
- The Consultant shall prepare all necessary hardware, software and data sets prerequisites for the presentation of „demo“ system functioning on the workshop with the assistance of the Secretariat if necessary;

- The Consultant shall upgrade the „Comparison Between Data/Information Requested in WFD on RBMP, CIS Guidance for Reporting Under WFD and Data/Information Reported in Sava River Basin Analysis” document with the column related to the Danube RBM Plan.

AD 5. Protocol on sediment management

- Presentations of the status
- Discussion on open issues and recommendations

Mr. Groselj presented the status of work on the protocol with emphasis on open questions raised on recent meeting of the “extended” TG.

Open questions which were discussed at the meeting were:

- Article 1: Definition of main tributaries of the Sava River in connection with the scope of the project
- Article 1: Definition of “Mineral dredging”
PEG RBM proposed that “Mineral dredging” is termed “Commercial dredging”.
- Article 4: Determination of time schedule for development of the first Sava River Basin Sediment Management Plan (three, five or years)
PEG RBM recommends that TG reconsider feasibility and advantages of proposed timeframes
- Article 5: Development of Programme for development of the Sava River Basin Sediment Management Plan
PEG RBM agrees with the new definition given in Article 5.
- Article 8: Dredging on designated areas
- Article 10: Interim Dredging Programme
PEG RBM recommended that before the development of the SRB Sediment Management Plan some information about the dredging should be exchanged between the Parties. That is actually the main purpose of the Interim Dredging Programme.
- ✚ *Members of the PEG RBM should be invited to participate at the next meeting of the TG to discuss about open questions.*

The next, 15th PEG RBM meeting, will be held on December 15th-16th 2009 in Zagreb.

List of Annexes:

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Annex II: List of meeting documents and presentations

Agenda item No:	Title	ENG	HRV	SLO	BIH-BOS	BIH-HRV	BIH-SRP	SRP
1	PEG RBM14- Agenda	↓						
2	Komatina-Presentation_ISRBC_PEG RBM 14	↓						
3	Zeljko-Presentation_Sava RBM Plan project	↓						
3	ANNEX_A_Application_form_SAVA_ENV2009_draft_17-09-09	↓						
4	Omerbegovic-2009-09-29 14th RBM Mtg	↓						
4	Singer-SAVA_GIS_14_PEG_RBM_Meet	↓						
4	1st_AhGISEG_Workshop_210909_MoMs	↓						
4	24-09-2009 - SAVA GIS - Task3&4 - draft	↓						
4	29-07-2009 SAVA GIS Template for acquiring detailed user requirements - pro	↓						
4	29-07-2009 Sava GIS Stakeholders Questionnaire pro	↓						
4	2009-09-01 SAVA GIS Final Inception Report	↓						
4	Comparison Between Data 1	↓						
4	Contacts SavaGIS EG RBM	↓						
4	Core Thematic Water Management Datasets and GIS Layers	↓						
5	Groselj-Draft Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB	↓						
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