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MEETINGS AND COOPERATION

Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

No.	ACTIVITY AND OPERATIONAL TASKS	OUTCOMES / STATUS	NEXT STEPS / PROPOSAL / REMARK
1.	MEETINGS		
1.1	ORGANIZATION OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE PARTIES		
1.1.1	Preparation of the Report on implementation of the FASRB and other related materials (Q1)	The Report and the Declaration have been prepared and distributed to the Parties prior to the meeting. After the meeting, the Report from the 2 nd MoP has been prepared, as well.	
1.1.2	Logistics and other organisational matters (Q1)	All the organizational matters have been worked out by the Organizational Board, and in permanent contacts between the Secretariat and the relevant ministries from Serbia, the host country.	
1.1.3	PR activities in all Parties (Q1)	The outcomes include communication with the nominated contacts for the PR activities, preparation of the Press Release and Background Information, and press clipping after the meeting.	
1.2	ORGANIZATION OF SESSIONS AND MEETINGS		
1.2.1	Organization of sessions of the ISRBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12th Special Session (May 6-7, 2009) - 13th Special Session (September 22-23, 2009) - 19th Session (January 26-27, 2010) 	
1.2.2	Organization of meetings of the ISRBC expert groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PEG RBM meetings: 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th - PEG APC meetings: 10th, 11th - PEG FP meetings: 11th, 12th, 13th 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PEG NAV meetings: 10th, 11th - <i>Ad-hoc</i> GIS EG meetings: 3rd, 4th - <i>Ad-hoc</i> HM EG meetings: 2nd, 3rd - <i>Ad-hoc</i> L EG meetings: 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th - <i>Ad-hoc</i> FIN EG meetings: 3rd - <i>Ad-hoc</i> RIS EG meetings: 1st - Meetings of the Task Group for development of the draft Protocol on Sediment Management: 4th, 5th, 6th 	
1.2.3	Organization of the workshop on „Integrated planning of inland waterway transport projects“, within the PLATINA project (jointly with the ICPDR) (Q1)	The workshop was held on June 9-10, 2009, in Zagreb. Report from the Workshop was presented at the 13 th ISRBC Special Session.	
1.2.4	Organization of a meeting with secretaries of European river commissions (Q2)	The meeting was held on August 24-25, 2009, in Zagreb. For the first time, the meeting was attended not only by representatives of the river protection commissions, but also by representatives of the river navigation commissions. The UNECE (both Environment and Transport Divisions), EEA and EU FP7 RISKBASE project were represented at the meeting, as well.	
1.2.5	Organization of other meetings (e.g. with Portmaster Offices Captains, shipping industry representatives, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings on operation of PIAC in Serbia (Belgrade, September 11, 2009) and Bosnia & Herzegovina (Sarajevo, March 11, 2010) - Annual meeting with Portmaster Offices Captains (Ljubljana, October 1-2, 2009) - Meetings for presentation of BIOSED and WACOSS projects to SEE TCP national focal points of the Parties (Belgrade and Zagreb, December 1, 2009; Ljubljana, December 8, 2009; Sarajevo, December 14, 2009) - 1st Meeting with the nominated PR contacts of the Parties (February 25, 2010) - Meeting on demining for development of Detailed design of the fairway from Brčko to Sisak (Banjaluka, March 24, 2010) - Round table on Sava GIS (Zagreb, March 24, 2010) - Meeting with representatives of the Parties on development of nautical tourism in the SRB (Zagreb, March 31, 2010) 	<p><u>Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report from the 1st Meeting with the nominated PR contacts of the Parties is given as Annex 1 to the Report under the agenda item 2.7 (Promotion activities). - Report from the meeting with representatives of the Parties on development of nautical tourism in the SRB is given as Annex 3 to the Report under the agenda item 2.5 (Projects).

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	Organization of the workshop on Integrated Transboundary Water Resources Management in SEE ¹	The workshop (Sarajevo, May 18-20, 2009) was organized by UNECE and RCC, in cooperation with GWP-Med and the ISRBC. Report from the Workshop was presented at the 13 th ISRBC Special Session.	
	Organization of the 2 nd meeting on implementation of the „Joint Statement on Navigation Development and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin“ ¹	The meeting (Zagreb, March 9-10, 2010) was organized by the ISRBC, in cooperation with the ICPDR.	<i>Remark</i> Report from the meeting is given in Annex 2 to this Report.
2. COOPERATION			
2.1 PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS			
2.1.1	Participation at meetings of relevant international organizations (ordinary and special meetings) (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sessions of the Danube Commission: 72nd, 73rd - Meetings of the ICPDR: 7th Standing Working Group Meeting, 12th Ordinary Meeting, Ministerial Meeting 2010 - 5th Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Water Convention - 72nd UNECE Inland Transport Committee Meeting - Conferences and meetings within the process of development of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (3 conferences and 1 consultative meeting) 	<i>Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Among four side events, organized within the 5th Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Water Convention, the ISRBC participated in the panels of the two events (“Managing transboundary rivers” and “Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process”). - Information on the process of development of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region is given in Annex 1 to this Report.
2.1.2	Participation at work of related expert groups (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting of EC Joint Working Group on Technical Rules for Inland Waterway Ships - Meetings of the DC WG for Technical Issues of Navigation - ICPDR RBM EG Meetings: 29th, 30th - ICPDR PP EG Meetings: 6th - Meetings of the UNECE Working Group on CEVNI: 6th, 7th - Sessions of the UNECE Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation – SC.3/WP.3: 35th, 36th - 53rd Session of the UNECE Working Party on Inland Water Transport SC.3 	<i>Remark</i> Information on the Sava pilot project, to be implemented under the UNECE Program of Action „Water and adaptation to climate change in the transboundary context, including management of floods and droughts“, is given in the Report under the agenda item 2.5 (Projects), as the project No. 1.2.7.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4th UNECE Integrated Water Resources Management Working Group Meeting - Meeting on UNECE pilot projects under the UNECE Program of Action „Water and adaptation to climate change in the transboundary context, including management of floods and droughts“ 	
2.1.3	Participation at workshops, seminars, conferences, etc., for presentation of the ISRBC activities and results (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Hydrometeorological Workshop - International Roundtable on tourist potentials of Posavina - Conference “Smart Rivers 21” - Conference “Dunav – reka saradnje” - GIS Forum (37th, 38th) - WWF Conference on Sustainable Hydropower - Conference “Grad Zagreb – juče, danas, sutra“ - Meeting of regional chambers of commerce of the Parties to the FASRB - PIDIN Meeting - Meetings related to preparation of applications to SEE TCP - UNESCO/IHP Danube Regional Meeting 	
2.1.4	Cooperation with relevant external projects (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st NEWADA Advisory Council Meeting - 1st WANDA Advisory Expert Group Meeting - PLATINA: 2nd PSC Meeting, 1st & 2nd Training Workshops - RISKBASE Workshop and Final Conference - SedNet Roundtable Discussion - DIKTAS Final Validation Workshop - 1st and 2nd Steering Committee Meetings for the Croatian IPA Sava Navigation Project 	
	Meetings for implementation of bilateral agreements of the Parties to the FASRB ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 meetings of B&H and HR representatives (navigation) 	
2.2	COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		
2.2.1	ICPDR	In addition to participation in plenary (ordinary and Standing Working Group) meetings and expert group meetings (listed above), the ISRBC participated in the Ministerial Meeting of the ICPDR (Vienna, February 16, 2010).	<u>Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Among all international organizations participating at the Ministerial Meeting, only ISRBC and the Black Sea

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		<p>The main issues of cooperation between the ISRBC and ICPDR during the reporting period were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of the „Joint Statement on Navigation Development and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin“; - Preparation of the Flood Action Plan for the Sava River Basin, while the following activities were subject of discussion and/or coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the RBM Plans; - Danube and Sava GIS; - Public Participation. 	<p>Commission were given an opportunity to deliver their individual statements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The European Excellence Award for the best campaign in SEE in 2009, given to the project „Our beautiful Sava river“, was mentioned at the Ministerial Meeting by the representative of Coca-Cola. - Preparation of the Flood Action Plan for the SRB by the ISRBC was acknowledged at the 12th Ordinary Meeting of the ICPDR.
2.2.2	UNECE	<p>In addition to participation in the working groups and the meetings organized in the UNECE framework (listed above), the ISRBC participated in the preparation of the Second assessment of transboundary waters in SEE, by providing data relevant for the Sava river basin.</p>	<p><u>Remark</u> Contribution of the ISRBC to the Second assessment of transboundary waters in SEE was acknowledged at the 5th Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Water Convention and the acknowledgement was introduced into a resolution from the Meeting.</p>
2.2.3	UNESCO	<p>Several contacts have been made in order to discuss possible modes of cooperation between UNESCO and ISRBC. There are two potential ISRBC projects, complementary to the Sava RBM Plan, that are likely to be supported by UNESCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stakeholder analysis and involvement strategy in the Sava river basin (joint participation of UNESCO with GWP-Med and ISRBC), - sediment balance in the Sava river basin (implementation within the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme). 	<p><u>Remark</u> Proposals for both projects have been developed and submitted to UNESCO for possible participation and/or financing. More detailed information is given in the Report under the agenda item 2.5 (Projects).</p>
2.2.4	OSCE	<p>The list of topics for possible further cooperation has been sent to the OSCE, following the acceptance of the ISRBC at the 4th Regular Session, and resent after the OSCE's participation at the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB.</p> <p>The official response of the OSCE was received prior to the 13th ISRBC Special Session, indicating their interest for support to the ISRBC mainly in relation with development and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan.</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u> The OSCE will be contacted by the ISRBC at a later stage of the RBM Plan development, when this issue becomes relevant, in order to further discuss how to operationalize the cooperation in this regard.</p>

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		In accordance with the conclusion from the 13 th Special Session, a reply has been sent to the OSCE, stressing the identification of economic measures towards the implementation of the RBM Plan as the issue where the OSCE support is perceived potentially most beneficial to the ISRBC.	