

PROJECTS

Status Report

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1.	PROJECTS OF THE ISRBC		
1.1	LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS		
1.1.1	Regular upgrade of the list of priority projects of the ISRBC	The list of priority projects of the ISRBC, including the basic information on each particular project, has been finalized and agreed upon during the first half of 2010, for the purpose of nomination of the projects for possible inclusion into the EU Danube Strategy. Following that, the Recommendation No.01/10 of the ISRBC, related to support of the Parties to the ISRBC priority projects, has been adopted.	<i>Remark</i> Information on the priority projects of the ISRBC is given in Annex 1 to this Status Report.
1.2	WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS		
1.2.1	Preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan	Main outcomes of the “Technical assistance in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan” project are the SWMI documents and some background documents for preparation of the Plan. The project outputs are discussed at the PEG RBM meetings as well as at the SWMI workshop and comments and remarks are provided to the Consultant.	<i>Remark</i> Information on status of the project is given in Annex 2 to this Status Report. Detailed information on the SWMI workshop is given in the Annex 3 of the Status Report on Meetings and Cooperation (AD.4.6).

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1.2.2	Flood mapping study for the Sava River	<p><u>Outcomes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hydraulic steady and unsteady model of the Sava River - Additional, hydrologic model of the Sava River Basin set up <p><u>Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fulfilled for the model presented on the Flood workshop - Additional data collection for calibration of the models is ongoing, through cooperation with the national HM services, water agencies and the support of the FP and <i>Ad-hoc</i> HM EGs. 	<p><u>Next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional data collection and processing by the Secretariat • Submitting data to USACE for upgrade and calibration of the models • Deliver of the model and accompanying documentations to the Secretariat <p><u>Remark</u></p> <p>More detailed information on the project results is given in the Report within AD.4.1 under item 2.3 and in AD.4.6, Annex 1.</p>
1.2.3	Building the link between flood risk management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava River Basin	<p>The project proposal has been developed by the Secretariat and submitted to UNECE, for implementation under the UNECE Water Convention. The proposal has been accepted as one of the three pilot projects within the UNECE Program of Action „Water and adaptation to climate change in the transboundary context, including management of floods and droughts“.</p> <p>The MoU between UNECE and ISRBC was signed. Tender documents for the project implementation are under preparation.</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u></p> <p>See the Status Report on Water management issues (AD.4.1) under the item 2. Flood management.</p>
1.2.4	Biodiversity and Environmental Status of Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin	<p>The Expression of Interest for the BIOSSED project has been rejected by the SEE TCP due to “non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria”. The project was not invited to submit a full application to the second step of the 2nd SEE TCP call.</p> <p>The project has been proposed for inclusion into the EU Danube Strategy as one of the projects of high importance for the Sava River Basin and has been introduced into the Draft Action Plan of the EU Danube Strategy.</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u></p> <p>Other funding possibilities than the SEE TCP, will be considered.</p> <p>The modified application for the 3rd call of the SEE TCP will be developed, as well.</p>
1.2.5	Water Pollution Contingency Management Plan for the Sava River Basin	<p>The Expression of Interest for the WACOSS project has been rejected by the SEE TCP due to an “unbalanced partnership”. The project was not invited to submit a full application to the second step of the 2nd SEE TCP call.</p> <p>The project has been proposed for inclusion into the EU Danube Strategy as one of the projects of high importance for the Sava River Basin and has been introduced into the Draft Action Plan of the EU Danube Strategy.</p>	<p><u>Next steps:</u></p> <p>Other funding possibilities than the SEE TCP, will be considered.</p> <p>The modified application for the 3rd call of the SEE TCP will be developed, as well.</p>

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1.2.6	Sediment Balance for the Sava River (SAVASED)	<p>The project is expected to contribute to development of the Sediment Management Plan for the Sava River Basin, as foreseen in the draft Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB.</p> <p>The project proposal has been developed by the Secretariat, in consultation with members of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> HM EG and Task Group for development of the draft Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB.</p> <p>The project proposal has been submitted to UNESCO for possible financing within the International Hydrological Programme VII on July 7, 2010.</p>	<p><u>Remark</u> According to UNESCO, the project funding is expected to be approved by the end of 2010.</p>
1.2.7	Stakeholder Analysis for the Sava River Basin	<p>The project is to be executed by the GWP-Mediterranean in the framework of preparation of the Sava RBM Plan. It will be financed partially by UNESCO, GWP-Med and ISRBC (from the EC grant).</p> <p>Draft Terms of Reference and draft Contract between GWP Med and ISRBC are prepared.</p>	<p><u>Remark</u> Implementation of the project is expected to start in October 2010.</p>
1.3 NAVIGATION PROJECTS			
1.3.1	Detailed Design for the Sava River Waterway	<p>B&H nominated project “Rehabilitation and Development of the Navigation and Transport on the Sava River” for IPA funding. The project was adopted in July 2010 by the decision of the EC as a part of the National Programme for B&H part I under the IPA 2010. The project consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Component 1: Studies and design for reestablishment of navigation on the Sava river waterway (total budget 1.6 M Eur) – to be funded from IPA; - Component 2: Demining (total budget 4 M Eur) – to be funded from IPA; - Component 3: Implementation of works (total budget 20 M Eur) – financing planned through IFIs. <p>IPA Project “Detailed Design for the Waterway from Brčko to Sisak” started in September 2009. There were two meetings of the Steering Committee (November and December 2009), with participation of a ISRBC representative. Additional two meetings with the consultants were held at the ISRBC premises. The end</p>	<p><u>Remark</u> Report from the meeting with high representatives of the transport ministries, held on April 29, 2010, is given in Annex 3 to this Status Report.</p>

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		<p>date for the Project was postponed for 90 days due to a need for an upgrade of the EIA Study. The EIA Study was finished and underwent necessary procedures until the end of August. Adoption is expected in October 2010. The ISRBC organized a meeting of the B&H and Croatian representatives regarding the demining for development of the Detailed design from Brčko to Sisak.</p> <p>The meeting with high representatives of the transport ministries from B&H, Croatia and Serbia for consultation on rehabilitation and development of navigation and transport on the Sava river was held on April 29, 2010.</p>	
1.3.2	Detailed Design and Prototype Installation for the RIS on the Sava River	The project was finished and the Steering Committee adopted the Final Report on June 24, 2010. The final presentation and workshop for stakeholders was held on September 15, 2010.	A brief report on the project development and the Executive Summary are given as Annex 4 and Annex 5 to this Status Report.
1.3.3	Master plan for development of the nautical tourism in the Sava river basin	The meeting with a representative of the Slovenian Chamber of Commerce, on potential lead partners for the project, was held in June 2010.	The Secretariat is waiting for an agreement on the project lead partner, which is a prerequisite for funding application.
1.3.4	Atlas for nautical tourism in the Sava river basin	<p>Detailed survey of the Sava river from Zagreb to Belgrade was done in August 2010. In September, the consultant presented preliminary results, and press conferences for announcement of the project were held in Zagreb and Banja Luka.</p> <p>Meeting of the Project Steering Committee was held on September 21, 2010, in Zagreb.</p> <p>As Slovenia did not join the project from the very beginning for financial reasons, additional efforts have been made to ensure inclusion of Slovenia into the project. The financial support of the Slovenian Ministry of Economy has been secured and the technical details of implementation of the project on the Slovenian part of the Sava river are being discussed.</p>	<p><u>Remarks</u></p> <p>Report from the PSC meeting (September 21, 2010) is given as Annex 6 to this Status Report.</p>
1.4	OTHER PROJECTS		
1.4.1	Initial phase of the Sava GIS establishment	<p>Initial development of the SavaGIS is started through the EC Grant Contract "Support to the ISRBC in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan".</p> <p>- The tender procedure for purchasing of hardware has been conducted. Currently, the clarification (issues of budget and origin) of</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchasing of hardware; - Launching the procedure for the Sava GeoPortal establishment and purchasing of software.

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		EU DG Environment is expected, before the award of contract; - Tender documentation for Sava GeoPortal establishment and purchasing of software is under preparation.	
1.4.2	Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin	Programme of work for the Study has been drafted. According to recommendation of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> HM EG, the Programme should be complemented by description of the activities, taking into account that the cooperation of the national HMSs in the first phase will be necessary.	<u>Next steps</u> Use of the Reserve Fund of the ISRBC for preparation of the Terms of Reference for the Study will be proposed at the 24 th Session (AD.5.1.3).
2. EXTERNAL SAVA-RELATED PROJECTS			
2.1 WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS			
2.1.1	Protection and Sustainable Use of the Dinaric Karst Transboundary Aquifer System (DIKTAS)	<p>The project is the first ever attempted globally to introduce sustainable integrated management principles in a transboundary karstic freshwater aquifer of the magnitude of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System (one of the world's largest karst aquifer systems).</p> <p>The project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to facilitate the equitable and sustainable use and management of the transboundary water resources of the Dinaric Karst Aquifer System, - to protect from natural and man-made hazards, including climate change, the unique groundwater dependent ecosystems of the Dinaric Karst region. <p>The project will be implemented by the UNDP-GEF and executed by UNESCO IHP.</p> <p>Expected period of implementation: June 2010 – June 2014.</p> <p>Project budget: 5,860,000 USD.</p>	<u>Remark</u> The project is expected to be beneficial for the ISRBC, as it deals with an important element of water management (i.e. the groundwater management) in a part of the Sava river basin. On the other hand, it is expected by UNESCO that the ISRBC could help in promoting the project results within the basin. In order to enable synergy, the Project Coordination Unit was decided to be located in Zagreb.
2.1.2	Enhancing cross border cooperation in the Drina River Basin to fight poverty and improve water management through the support to Drina River Committee	The project is implemented by REC and financed by a grant of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The 2-year project was launched in August 2009, with the total budget of approx. 740,000 EUR.	<u>Next steps</u> On October 12-15, 2010, a training workshop on Water Pollution Control and Prevention Issues in the Drina River will be held. The ISRBC will participate with the presentation on development of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB.

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2.2	NAVIGATION PROJECTS		
2.2.1	Platform for the implementation of NAIADES (PLATINA)	The Manual on Good Practices in Sustainable Waterway Planning, which was developed within the PLATINA project with an assistance of the „Joint Statement“ process, was finalized and published in September 2010.	
2.2.2	Waste management for inland navigation on the Danube (WANDA)	The ISRBC is an observer to the project (as well as the Danube Commission and the ICPDR). The second meeting of the Project Steering Committee and Advisory Board was held in June 2010. The ISRBC is represented in the Project Advisory Board and proposed some improvements regarding the regulatory framework.	<i>Remark</i> Protocol on prevention of water pollution caused by navigation to the FASRB is being used as one of the basic documents for the project development.
2.2.3	Network of Danube Waterway Administrations (NEWADA)	The project was officially approved within the 1 st call of the SEE TCP, and started in June 2009 (duration: 3 years), aiming to strengthen cooperation among the waterway authorities in the Danube area, as well as to improve the framework conditions for a safe and environmentally friendly inland navigation. The ISRBC is an observer to the project (as well as the Danube Commission and the ICPDR), represented in the Advisory Council.	<i>Remark</i> The second meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in November 2010.
2.2.4	Cooperation-Network for logistics and nautical education focusing on Inland Waterway Transport in the Danube corridor supported by innovative solutions (NELI)	Outcomes of the project include the identification of the IWT education and training institutions, the overview on the specific subjects being taught, and analyses of the education and training systems in all participating countries followed by a comparative analysis, with the two primary goals: - the information will serve for set up of the cooperation network which will be accessible via NELI website; - the three courses will be developed in a harmonized manner: RIS, logistics and inland waterway navigation and ports. The ISRBC is an observer to the project (as well as the Danube Commission).	
2.3	OTHER PROJECTS		
2.3.1	Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin (WATCAP)	The Secretariat has been involved in the World Bank project WATCAP in a way to facilitate contacts with relevant national institutions.	<i>Remark</i> Further cooperation with the WATCAP project is planned to be performed within the EC grant to the ISRBC in preparation of the

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			Sava RBM Plan.
2.3.2	Development and Upgrade of the Hydro-meteorological Information and Flood Forecasting and Warning System for the SRB	<p>The log-frame matrix of the new project proposal has been discussed on the 3rd <i>Ad-hoc</i> HM EG meeting.</p> <p>The ToR, prepared by the Secretariat, will be discussed on the next <i>Ah</i> HM EG meeting, to be held on October 7, 2010.</p>	<p><u>Next steps</u> Based on the new ToR and project proposal, the meeting with possible project partners will be organized.</p> <p>The project application is planned to be submitted to the next SEE TCP call, which will be open in winter 2010 tentatively. Other funding possibilities will be investigated by the Secretariat, as well.</p>