

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION AND COORDINATION
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
AND
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
DANUBE RIVER**

Background and aim

1. The work of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) is based on the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB), which was signed in Kranjska Gora 2002. The work of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) is based on the Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River (DRPC), which was signed in Sofia 1994.
2. The ISRBC and the ICPDR refer to the DRPC and in particular to its Article 18 on institutional cooperation of the ICPDR as well as to the FASRB and in particular to its articles 5, 12 (1), 12 (3) and 13 stressing importance and need of cooperation and coordination with the ICPDR in implementation of the FASRB.
3. The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide a framework for enhancing cooperation and coordination between the ISRBC and ICPDR and for avoiding duplication of their activities. Bearing in mind the particularities of their respective mandates, both ISRBC and ICPDR wish to promote a spirit of practical, pragmatic and result-oriented close co-operation and partnership which exceed the rights given by observership.

Modes of Cooperation and Coordination

4. The ISRBC and ICPDR recognize that they have mutually granted observer status. In addition they apply the following modes of cooperation and coordination:

- a) The ISRBC and ICPDR will hold periodic (but at least once per year) consultations on all issues of cooperation.
- b) The ISRBC and ICPDR Secretariats will exchange information on their activities on a regular basis. The exchange of information will be organized through established channels and by ensuring access without restriction to all documents on the respective information systems, except internal issues which should be dealt with by specific requests.
- c) The ISRBC and ICPDR Secretariats may, upon request, enable use of any other documents of interest not included on the respective information systems.
- d) The ISRBC and ICPDR especially further intend to strengthen their coordination and co-operation in undertaking joint projects of mutual interest. This may also include joint fund-raising for projects they plan to implement together.

Amendments and Duration

- 5. This Memorandum of Understanding may at any time be amended in writing by mutual consent.
- 6. This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date of its signature. This Memorandum loses its effectiveness as soon as one of both sides notifies the other.

Done at Belgrade, on 5th June 2008, in two originals in English language.

On behalf of the International Sava River
Basin Commission (ISRBC):

On behalf of the International
Commission for the Protection of
the Danube River (ICPDR):
