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**DRAFT REPORT**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sava PEG RBM Meeting**  
**November 20-21, 2006**  
**Zagreb, Croatia**

**I. ATTENDANCE**

The PEG RBM held its First Meeting on November 20-21 2006. Representatives of the following countries took part in its work: Republic of Slovenia, Republic of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Serbia.

The Meeting was also attended by following guests: representatives of ICPDR, EC, Regional CARDS Project for the Sava River Basin, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and GIS expert.

List of participants is attached as Annex II. to this Report.

**II. CHAIRMANSHIP**

Mr. Dragan Zeljko chaired the session

**III. ADOPTED AGENDA**

**Monday, November 20, 2006**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

- Welcome by the Chairman
- Adoption of the Agenda

**2. Part I – *Legal framework for the PEG RBM activities***

- Introduction to the Framework agreement on the Sava river basin (FASRB) and the Rules of procedure
- Draft ToR of the PEG RBM - introduction

**3. Part II – *RBM – Introduction and state of affairs on national level***

- Introductory notes on the past and current Sava Commission activities
- Status of WFD RBM activities in the Parties – short country presentations of the RBM group members

**4. Part II – *RBM - State of affairs on the Sava river sub-basins level***

- Vrbas, Kolubara & Kupa sub-basins – experiences

- Krka river sub-basin - experiences

**5. Part II – RBM – *State of affairs on the DRB level and Tisza river case***

- ICPDR presentation on the current state of RBM affairs on the DRB level with their perspective of the sub-basin level and mutual cooperation of the Commissions
- Tisza river basin – past and ongoing activities and experiences of importance for the SRB

**6. Part II – RBM - *Projects***

- Introductory notes on ongoing projects of relevance for SRB management plan
- HMZ project – in general and ToR for ad hoc EG for HM
- List of priority projects

**7. Part III – *Sava IS***

- Sava GIS needs assessment
- SC data base on stakeholders and projects

**18:30** End of the 1<sup>st</sup> day session

**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

**8. Part IV – *General FASRB issues***

- Draft Strategy on the implementation of the FASRB and the work plan of the Sava Commission and the Secretariat
- Draft protocols – introduction

**9. Part II (cont.) – *RBM - PEG RBM***

- Draft ToR and Work plan of the PEG RBM for the fiscal year 2006

**10. Summary of work, conclusions, further steps etc**

**11. Any other issues**

**End of the 1<sup>st</sup> PEG RBM meeting**

### **AD.1 – Opening of the Meeting**

The PEG RBM adopted the draft agenda with following changes:

1. under the item 2. of the agenda “Draft ToR of the PEG for RBM – introduction” and
2. under the item 9. of the agenda “Adoption of Draft ToR and Work plan of the PEG RBM for the fiscal year 2006”

### **AD.2 – Legal framework for the PEG RBM activities**

The Secretariat informed the PEG RBM about the “Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin” (FASRB), tasks and duties of the Sava Commission and the “Rules of Procedure” of the Sava Commission related to the work of PEG RBM, and Draft ToR of the PEG RBM.

The PEG RBM took note on presentation of the “Framework agreement on the Sava river basin” (FASRB) and the “Rules of procedure” of the Sava Commission;

The PEG RBM took note on presentation of the Draft ToR of the PEG RBM and suggested following changes:

- ❖ Paragraph 3 under item 4. – “Membership” now states “*Each Party has the right to be represented by additional experts in particular meetings of the PEG RBM, if necessary and required. Such attendance shall be announced to the Secretariat at least three working days before the meeting by the member of the ISRBC or the member of the PEG RBM.*”;
- ❖ Bullet 3 under item 6. – “Tasks” now states “*Coordination of all tasks related to development of the Sava River Basin Management Plan*”;
- ❖ Item 8 now states “*Respective organisations or other bodies may become accredited observers to the PEG RBM, through the procedures of the ISRBC regulating the granting such status. Representatives of organisations, bodies, projects and individual experts involved in the Sava-related activities may be invited by the Secretariat to participate in particular meetings of the PEG RBM as guests if the subject is in relation to their activities and deemed necessary.*”;

The PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:

1. *The PEG RBM accepts the ToR with the above specified changes and sends it to the Sava Commission for adoption.*

### **AD.3 – RBM – Introduction and state of affairs on national level**

The Secretariat informed the PEG RBM about the past and current activities of the Sava Commission.

The PEG RBM took notes on:

1. the Secretariat’s presentation related to the past and current Sava Commission activities;
2. country presentations related to status of the WFD RBM activities in the Parties delivered by members of the PEG RBM;
3. information stating that according to the new Law on waters of Bosnia and Herzegovina the obligation to pass the 2 RBM Plans is set to the year 2012;
4. information stating that Republic of Croatia has the obligation to pass the 4 RBM Plans for the related river basin districts;

5. information stating that Republic of Slovenia is preparing the timetable and work programme for the production of RBMP to be finished by December 22 2006. By December 22 2007, the significant water management issues should be defined in order that programme of measures and draft RBMPs are prepared in the following year, by December 22 2008. Several reports were already submitted to the EC (EC WFD A3 Report 2004, EC WFD A5 Report 2005, EC WFD A5 Electronic Reporting 2006) and the ICPDR (ICPDR Roof Report 2004);
6. information stating that Republic of Serbia did not harmonize its legislation in accordance with the EU WFD requirements yet. The EC WFD A5 should be prepared by May 2007. Opened question is the status of Republic of Montenegro in regard to the FASRB.

#### **AD.4 – Part II – RBM – State of affairs on the Sava river sub-basins level**

The PEG RBM took note on presentation on “Pilot River Basin Plan for Sava River” delivered by Mr. Senad Pločo.

The PEG RBM took note on presentation on “Technical assistance for the preparation of the Krka river basin management plan located in the Krka sub-basin” delivered by Mr. Samo Grošelj.

*Thereon, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusion:*

1. *These projects provided significant assistance to capacity building of the water related authorities in the Sava countries, which will substantially help in preparation of the Sava River Basin Analysis.*
2. *According to the experiences from the Krka River sub-basin, especially the experience related to the overall organization of the WFD planning process as well as public participation process could be used in future related activities in the Sava River Basin;*

#### **AD.5 – Part II – RBM – State of affairs on the DRB level and Tisza river case**

The PEG RBM took note on presentation on “Relevant aspects from EU WFD and ICPDR RBM Work” delivered by Mr. Joachim D’Eugenio.

The PEG RBM took note on presentation on “Activities in the Tisza River Basin” delivered by Mr. Miodrag Milovanović.

*Thereon, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

1. *Regardless of specificities of the Sava and Tisza basins, experiences from the Tisza basin should be used in the Sava River Basin, as much as possible especially due to the ISRBC interest for the water quality and the quantity issues as well ;*
2. *According to the experiences from the Tisza River Basin, the stipulated dynamics of development of the Sava RBM Plan will be hardly realized without the supporting projects.*

#### **AD.6 – Part II – RBM – Projects**

The PEG RBM took note on presentation referring to relevant on-going projects and the priority projects of the Sava Commission and planned activities delivered by Mr. Dragan Zeljko.

*The PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

- 1. Representatives of the CARDS Regional Project for the Sava River Basin are expected to send the Letter proposing the support of the consulting team to the Sava Commission by November 28 2006;*
- 2. The CARDS Regional Project for the Sava River Basin shall carry out the tasks specified within the List of the proposed tasks (attached to this Report), presented by Mr. D'Eugenio;*
- 3. The PEG RBM and the Secretariat shall give comments and suggestions to the delivered List of proposed tasks of the ad hoc EG for Hydro-meteorological issues until next meeting which could contribute to development of the RBM plan. Representative of the CARDS Regional Project for the Sava River Basin shall also deliver its suggestions to the List of proposed tasks of the ad hoc EG for Hydro-meteorological issues;*
- 4. List of priority projects should be amended in order to support the development of the Sava River Basin Management Plan. ToRs for sub-projects/activities under such projects shall be developed by the PEG RBM and the Secretariat of the Sava Commission and priority shall be given to the Sava River Basin Analysis related projects.*

#### **AD.7 – Sava IS**

The PEG RBM took note on presentation referring to the Sava GIS development delivered by Ms. Višnja Omerbegović.

The PEG RBM took note on presentation referring to database on stakeholders and projects of the Sava Commission delivered by Mr. Senad Pločo.

*Thereon, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

- 1. Suggestion in regard to further development of the GIS for the Sava River Basin is to check the possibility to integrate the GIS and RIS (River Information System) into one information system;*
- 2. The PEG RBM supports work of Ms. Višnja Omerbegović and is willing to provide all necessary assistance in her further work, especially in regard to the GIS needs assessment in each country separately;*
- 3. The PEG RBM will provide support to work of Mr. Senad Pločo in regard to collection of the necessary data on stakeholders and projects in the Sava River Basin.*

#### **AD.8 – General FASRB issues**

The PEG RBM took note on presentation of the Draft Strategy on the implementation of the FASRB.

*Thereon, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

- 1. The draft structure and Road Map to be delivered by the UNDP/GEF DRP project by mid December 2006 shall be immediately distributed to the PEG RBM members for comments and for appropriate revision of the Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB;*
- 2. The Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB shall be further up-graded by the Secretariat based on the proposal of the PEG RBM members;*
- 3. The Secretariat may also propose changes to the Draft Strategy.*

#### **AD.9 – RBM - PEG RBM**

The PEG RBM took note on the proposed Work plan of the PEG RBM for the fiscal year 2006, and suggested following changes:

- ❖ The Draft Chapter on “2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Expert Group January 2007” now states:
  - 1) Further up-grade of the Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and Work Plans for Years 2007 and 2008;*

- 2) *Review of draft structure and the road map of the Sava RBMP to be prepared by the UNDP/GEF DRP – Sava Component;*
  - 3) *Review of draft structure for Sava RB analysis with time plan to be prepared by the CARDS Regional project for the Sava River Basin;*
  - 4) *Discuss and agree the tasks and support actions from the CARDS Regional project for the Sava River Basin by the end of the project;*
  - 5) *Protocols:*
    - *on trans-boundary impacts – elaboration of the existing draft*
    - *Information on development of other protocols;*
  - 6) *Sava information system – review of proposed alternatives and recommendations,*
  - 7) *Projects – further development of priority list (on national and Sava River Basin scale necessary to support the development of the Sava river basin management plan).*
- ❖ *The Draft Chapter on “3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Expert Group March 2007” now states:*
- 1) *Final approval of the structure and road map of the Sava RBMP ready for submission to the Commission*
  - 2) *Sava river basin analysis – follow-up activities*
  - 3) *Protocols:*
    - *on trans-boundary impacts – final RBM group version*
    - *information on development of other protocols*

*Thereon, the PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

1. *The PEG RBM accepted the Work Plan with the above specified changes and sends it to the Sava Commission for adoption.*

#### **AD.10 – Summary of work, conclusions, further steps**

*The PEG RBM adopted following conclusions:*

1. *The Draft Reports of the Meetings of the PEG RBM will be opened for changes for next seven days after delivery. All proposed changes to draft report from any PEG RBM group member will be delivered to the other members of the PEG RBM immediately;*
2. *Only exceptionally, the Report may be adopted during the meeting of the PEG RBM;*
3. *The PEG RBM agreed to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the PEG RBM on January 25-26 2007 in Zagreb.*

#### **AD.11 – Any other issues**

The PEG RBM discussed it would be helpful if the representatives of the Secretariat and/or members of the PEG RBM could attend the meetings of bilateral commissions of the Parties related to the Sava River Basin.

All presentations which were delivered at the meeting should be sent to the members of the PEG RBM by e-mail immediately if convenient or should be posted on ISRBC web site.