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1. INTRODUCTION

The Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (Framework Agreement; FASRB) was signed on 3 December 2002 and entered into force on 29 December 2004. Under the FASRB, the Parties¹ committed to cooperation in sustainable water management and inland navigation within the Sava River Basin. The key objectives include establishing sustainable water management practices, developing an international navigation regime on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, and implementing measures to prevent and mitigate risks from floods, ice, droughts, and accidental pollution.

Implementation of the Framework Agreement is carried out through designated national institutions, while the coordination of activities is ensured by the International Sava River Basin Commission (Sava Commission, ISRBC). In 2025, the Sava Commission celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment, marking two decades of successful implementation of the FASRB and regional cooperation among the Parties.

In accordance with its Statute, the ISRBC submits annual reports on its work to the Parties of the FASRB. The Financial Year 2025 (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026) saw significant progress in implementing the FASRB and advancing several strategic initiatives to strengthen regional cooperation, integrated water management, navigation, and sustainable development in the Sava River Basin. The Sava Commission, together with the Parties to the FASRB and numerous partner organizations, continued to facilitate coordinated actions to address key basin-wide challenges and opportunities.

A major achievement during the reporting period was the advancement of activities under the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP), supported by the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Several strategic studies, plans, and system-development activities entered implementation, including the Hydrological Study of the Sava River Basin, the Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin, the Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development, the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and the major upgrade of the Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System (Sava FFWS). In addition, procurement and contracting procedures were finalized for the preparation of the 3rd Sava River Basin Management Plan (RBMP), the 2nd Sava Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP), and the first Sava Sediment Management Plan (Sed MP), laying the foundation for a new integrated planning cycle in the basin.

In integrated water management, progress continued in implementing the 2nd Sava RBMP and the 1st Sava FRMP. The Interim Report on implementing the Programme of Measures under the 2nd Sava RBMP was finalized, while activities supporting the preparation of future basin-wide planning documents intensified. The operational Sava FFWS continued to provide reliable forecasting services, while the Sava FFWS 2.0 upgrade project began, introducing new capabilities for low-flow forecasting and enhanced hydroclimatic risk management.

Important progress was also achieved in the field of navigation. The Parties continued investments in the rehabilitation and modernization of the Sava waterway and port infrastructure, supported by international financial institutions and regional cooperation mechanisms. The ISRBC adopted several navigation-related decisions, including the new Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin (Joint Statement 2.0), a key milestone in balancing navigation development and environmental protection.

The reporting period was also marked by further development of basin-wide information systems. The Sava GIS and Sava HIS platforms continued to serve as key tools for data exchange, analysis, and decision-making, supporting approximately 3,000 users annually and providing access to data from more than 500 hydrological and meteorological monitoring stations across the basin.

Cooperation with international organizations, national authorities, scientific institutions, and stakeholders remained strong. Particular attention was given to youth engagement through the 13th Sava Youth Parliament, which brought together students from across the basin to promote sustainable tourism and strengthen regional cooperation among younger generations.

The implementation of the FASRB continued without significant legislative obstacles. At the same time, the Parties and the ISRBC remained committed to addressing challenges related to institutional

¹ Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia

capacities, resource constraints, and the timely implementation of agreed measures and activities.

Details on the activities carried out and the most significant issues are presented in Chapters 1-8 of this Report, while additional relevant information is provided in the annexes.

2. INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, significant efforts were invested in continuing and advancing activities related to integrated water management. This included actions within the so-called “Sava” river basin and flood risk management cycles, sediment management, accident prevention, and the ongoing operational use and further development of linked integration systems. A brief overview of these efforts is presented below.

River Basin Management: Following approval of the 2nd Sava RBMP at the 9th Meeting of the Parties, held on 9 December 2022 in Zagreb, preparatory activities for the development of the 3rd Sava RBMP were initiated and continued throughout the subsequent period. The [Interim Report](#) on the implementation of the 2nd Sava RBMP Programme of Measures was finalized in early 2025, presenting achievements and identifying implementation challenges. While notable progress has been achieved in implementing individual measures, further joint and coordinated efforts remain necessary to meet the shared objectives.

During the reporting period, preparations for the 3rd Sava RBMP continued in line with the planning cycle and deadlines established by European Union (EU) river basin management legislation. Technical assistance for the preparation of this plan, the 2nd Sava FRMP, and the first Sava Sed MP is provided under the regional component of SDIP, which the Sava Commission is implementing with GEF grant funding through the World Bank.

Although the plans were initially intended to be prepared under separate activities, their preparation was consolidated into a single activity and a single procurement procedure for technical assistance, following a recommendation from the World Bank. This arrangement enables the coordinated development of all three plans and ensures consistency among them through an integrated approach to river basin management. The procurement procedure was launched in August 2025, and the contract with the selected consultant was signed in late March 2026. All three plans are expected to be completed and ready for approval by the end of 2027.

Flood Management: Activities related to flood management at the Sava River Basin level, based on the Protocol on Flood Protection to the FASRB, continued through the second “Sava” FRM planning cycle. Following the preparation of the updated report on the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment in the Sava River Basin (Sava PFRA, 2022), the [report on the Flood Hazard and Risk Maps](#) has been updated, and the exchange of information on the flood maps has been performed between countries through a common data-sharing platform, Sava GIS ([Online Sava Flood Maps - Update 2024](#)). The Parties continuously update the status of progress in implementing the measures agreed by the first FRM Plan.



Figure 1. Web tool for reporting the progress achieved in the implementation of the 1st Sava FRMP measures

Since its launch in October 2018, the Sava FFWS has become an essential tool, regularly used by 10 national institutions across 5 countries. The system maintains high operational standards, supported by the efficient structures established at the transboundary level. Due attention is given to knowledge transfer and the regular training of experts. The training has been continuously implemented through the Annual Training Programs, which include participation in various events such as workshops and training sessions. These events provide forecasting organizations with valuable opportunities to strengthen their capacities.

Implementation of the Sava FFWS 2.0 project, aimed at upgrading the existing system into a comprehensive flood and low-flow forecasting platform, officially started in February 2025. During the reporting period, significant progress was made in data collection and processing, model extension and calibration, improvement of weather prediction and forecasting capabilities, development of low-flow forecasting components, and enhancement of forecasting and warning procedures. A project coordination structure was established, the first cycle of user training was successfully completed, and a development version of the new web operator client was made available to operators.

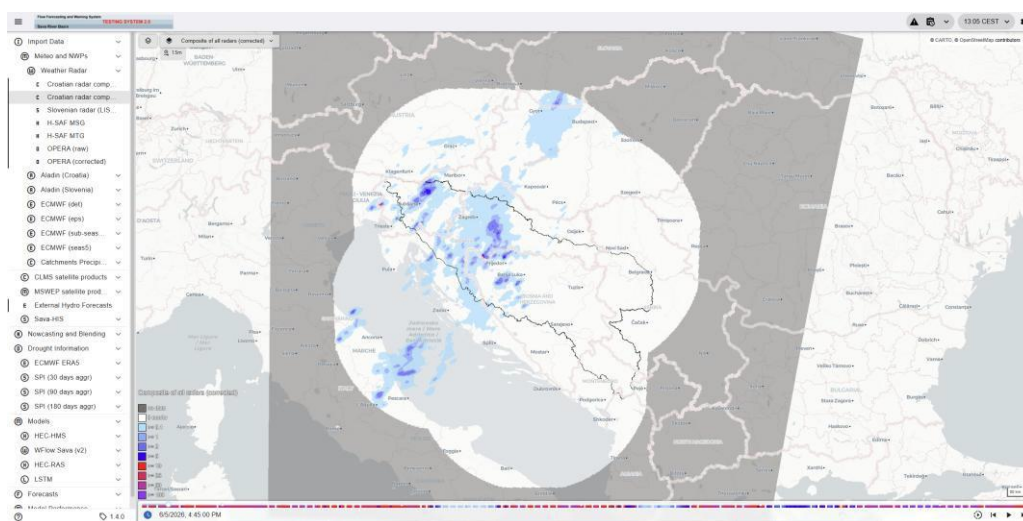


Figure 2. Sava FFWS web operator client

Ongoing activities focus on finalizing model calibration and validation, improving ensemble and probabilistic forecasting, integrating data assimilation techniques, and further strengthening low-flow forecasting capabilities and user capacity across the Sava River Basin. The project will be completed in spring 2027. More details are provided in Section 5 and Annex II.

Sediment Management: Since the Protocol on Sediment Management entered into force in October 2017, the Parties have undertaken a number of significant joint activities to address this important issue. One such activity, established in 2019, is the annual exchange of information on planned and executed dredging. Based on the information provided by the Parties, the Sava Commission prepares consolidated reports containing relevant data on the location and type of dredging, assessments of sediment quality and quantity, and details on the disposal and treatment of sediments. The report on the execution of dredging in the Sava River Basin in 2024 was prepared and distributed to the competent authorities of the Parties in October 2025. According to the data collected, the total volume of dredged material in the Sava River Basin in 2024 is around 2.14 million m³.

A crucial contribution to further understanding of sediment-related issues in the Sava River Basin will be provided by the Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin, which officially commenced in June 2025. The objective of the study is to address identified knowledge gaps and provide state-of-the-art scientific and technical outputs to support the development of the first Sed MP for the Sava River Basin. It will also support the achievement of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) objectives and help fulfill the requirements of other EU environmental legislation and relevant sectoral policies, such as those related to agriculture, energy, and transport.

Accident Prevention and Control: The Parties to the FASRB use the Accident Emergency Warning System (AEWS), which is maintained by the ICPDR. The objectives of the AEWS are to receive, process, and promptly communicate information on pollution in case of an accident. To ensure functionality and verify the performance of the Principal International Alert Centres (PIACs), the AEWS is regularly tested, in principle, twice a year. The tests, performed in the reporting period, confirmed that all PIACs in the Parties are capable of executing their main tasks, although the PIACs in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia are still not integrated into national systems operating on a 24/7 basis.

3. NAVIGATION

During the reporting period, efforts in the field of navigation were concentrated on the actions related to the rehabilitation and development of navigation and transport on the Sava River waterway. Additionally, work continued on establishing standards related to navigation safety and other technical requirements, in accordance with applicable EU legislation.

Development of Navigation and Waterway Infrastructure on the Sava River: Following the approach related to the rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, which prioritizes regulating critical sectors of the waterway (“bottlenecks”), the Parties, supported by the Sava Commission, proceeded with a series of activities in this direction during the reporting period.

In this context, **the Republic of Serbia** has initiated several important projects to enhance navigation safety and infrastructure. In 2025, a contractor was chosen to undertake hydraulic dredging at the confluence of the Sava and Drina rivers as part of the regulation of critical sections. This project has a budget of 8.58 million EUR and is co-financed equally by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the state budget. To ensure the successful execution of the project, Serbia has signed an agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina. This agreement regulates the administrative procedures and financing arrangements for the “joint Drina Confluence sector” between the two countries.

Additionally, significant funds have been invested in ports and port infrastructure. Following the modernization of passenger ports in Sremska Mitrovica and Šabac in 2023, further development activities shifted towards freight port infrastructure. In 2025, reconstruction and expansion works started at the Port of Sremska Mitrovica, with the investment of 59 million EUR supported by the World Bank through SDIP, the EIB, and the state budget.

To further enhance navigation safety, following the successful installation of 38 hydrometeorological stations along the Sava and Danube in the previous period, another project focusing on hydraulic and morphological modeling of the Sava and Danube rivers is currently underway.

In the Republic of Croatia, technical documentation for regulating the most critical navigation sector on the Sava River, the Jaruge-Noví Grad and Šamac sections, was completed in 2023. Construction permits have also been obtained, and the complete project documentation was handed over to the B&H side, following the Sava Commission's Decision 1/17, for the official approval of the project documentation and the necessary permits from the B&H side. Furthermore, the project application for the execution of works on this critical section was submitted for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in January 2025. Unfortunately, the project was not selected for financing under this call. Further options will be considered in the near future.

However, a project for the preparation of project documentation for the rehabilitation of the Sava waterway from Račinovci to Sisak (excluding the aforementioned section) was approved under the same CEF call. The project aims to prepare the technical documentation and studies required for future infrastructure and regulatory works to upgrade the waterway to international navigability class IV. The project is ongoing and will be implemented over a period of 36 months (October 2025 – October 2028).

During the reporting period, Croatia continued efforts to improve the fairway within its jurisdiction through actions to remove obstacles to navigation, thereby enhancing access to ports to the greatest extent possible. For the passenger terminal in Slavonski Brod, all key prerequisites have been completed, including the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), full technical documentation, and the issuance of location and construction permits. Construction is expected to commence shortly.

In parallel, technical documentation for several smaller passenger piers for tourism and recreational purposes within the jurisdiction of the Port Authority of Slavonski Brod is in the process of preparation. The technical documentation for the construction of the dangerous goods terminal has been finalized and the necessary construction permits have been obtained. The financing model and potential funding sources for the implementation of works are currently being assessed.

In Sisak, activities in the port area are primarily focused on developing nautical and tourism infrastructure. Construction of a marina for recreational and excursion vessels is underway to enhance the area's appeal for river tourism and related activities. The marina is scheduled for completion in the summer of next year, while a dry marina for storing recreational vessels has already been established in

the Sisak area. Additionally, three smaller passenger piers are being developed in the Lonjsko Polje Nature Park area, and the passenger pier for excursion navigation in Brođani on the Kupa River has been completed and is awaiting the issuance of the use permit.

In **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, one of the most challenging issues—the presence of mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) on the right bank of the Sava River—is about to be resolved. The Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF) approved an 8.16 million EUR grant for demining. The demining project is planned to run for 18 months from the start of work, expected in summer 2026. Implementing this activity is a key prerequisite for subsequent efforts to rehabilitate navigation on the Sava River.

Activities on the preparation of project documentation for the construction of the port in Gradiška are ongoing, including the development of conceptual design solutions, feasibility studies, and environmental impact assessments, within the framework of the SDIP programme.

At the same time, the project for the construction of a passenger pier in Višegrad has progressed to the implementation phase, involving the construction of a pontoon pier with associated access and bank infrastructure.

Specific navigation-related activities of the Sava Commission: The Commission supports and, through its Committee for Monitoring and Coordination of the Implementation of the Project “Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway” (Committee), facilitates cooperation of the Parties in all important transboundary navigation-related issues in the Sava River Basin. The 10th meeting of the Committee was organized in Zagreb in November 2025, with a discussion focusing on priority activities, their implementation, and the possibilities for bilateral cooperation among the Parties as well as multilateral cooperation through the Sava Commission to improve the overall efficiency of the "Project" implementation. The World Bank representatives presented opportunities to nominate projects for SDIP Phase 2, which focuses on projects aimed at enhancing inland navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries.

Based on the legal powers established by the FASRB, the Sava Commission adopts decisions and issues recommendations concerning navigation. The decisions adopted in the reporting period are presented in the table below.

Table 1. Navigation-related decisions of the ISRBC in the reporting period

Dec.No.	Subject	Adoption date
6/25	Adoption of the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin 2.0	04 August 2025
8/25	Adoption of the Amendments to Decision 11/23 on the Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin	23 September 2025
1/26	Adoption of the Plan for Waterway Marking and Maintenance on the Sava River and its Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2026	11 March 2026

Cooperation with International Navigation Bodies: The development of the Joint Statement 2.0 has been successfully finalized as a joint effort of the ISRBC, ICPDR, and the Danube Commission, with the support of the World Bank and the GEF through SDIP. The updated document, adopted by the ISRBC Decision 6/25, aims to address the future needs of IWT and river ecology while enhancing the integrated waterway planning approach in the Danube and Sava basins.

The ISRBC regularly prepares and publishes basic information annually regarding the transshipment and fairway data related to the transport of goods and passengers in the Sava River Basin on its website. Additionally, the ISRBC collaborates closely with the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine (CCNR) in preparing the European Market Insight Report.

The ISRBC continues to actively contribute to the work of related international bodies, such as the European Committee for establishing standards in inland navigation (CESNI) and its expert groups. It also actively participates in activities and events organized by relevant organizations and within the framework of related projects, either as an observer or associated strategic partner. The list of projects supported by the ISRBC, with basic information and the role of the ISRBC, is given in Annex III.

4. DATA AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

During the reporting period, the information and communication tools have proven essential for the effective implementation of activities across the Sava River Basin by empowering collaboration, visibility, and stakeholder engagement across the region. Further details are provided below.

ISRBC Web: The ISRBC multilingual website (www.savacommission.org) is the main communication channel to stakeholders and the general public. The content is available in English and the official languages of the riparian countries.

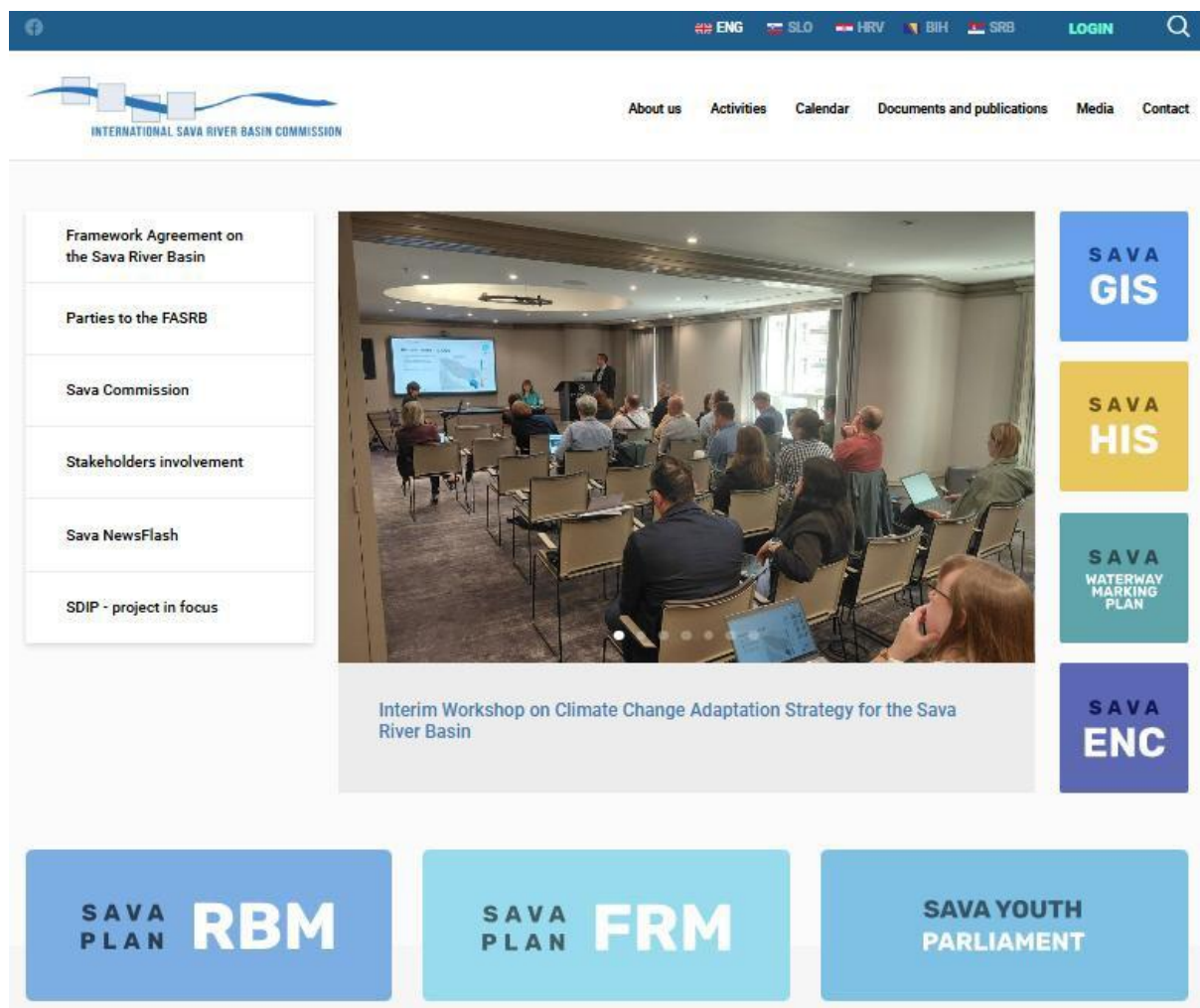


Figure 3. ISRBC website.

The website is continuously updated with the latest information. More detailed information on the main activities is available through the links (e.g., RBM and FRM planning activities). It also contains links to the operational systems, such as Sava GIS and Sava HIS.

Sava GIS: The Sava GIS Geoportal (www.savagis.org), a central component of the platform, serves approximately 3,000 unique users annually, including members of the ISRBC expert and task groups, national institutions, ongoing project teams, and other experts and public domain users. It contains data and information pertinent to all main activities of the Sava Commission related to integrated water management and navigation. Additional capabilities are secured through the dedicated on-premises portal (portal.savacommission.org), which enables faster data sharing, smoother collaboration, and efficient decision-making. The portal serves as a website and repository for data dissemination, mapping, and visualization, with the primary function of publishing finalized data (FRMP, RBMP, Navigation) as interactive resources, allowing comprehensive insights into the data and its context.

Further enhancement of the Sava GIS is planned through SDIP. The project will modernize the system by upgrading existing functionalities and introducing a new suite of tools for efficient and integrated data and information management across the Sava River Basin.

Sava HIS: The ISRBC consistently ensures access to high-quality and up-to-date hydrometeorological data, which are essential for effective water management in the Sava River Basin. Sava HIS (www.savahis.org) serves as an efficient platform for the collection, storage, exchange, processing, and dissemination of hydrometeorological data. National meteorological and hydrological services, environmental regulators, researchers, and the public regularly utilize data on precipitation, air temperature, snow depth, water level, discharge, water temperature, turbidity, and various statistical parameters. These data provide support for flood forecasting and warning activities, water resource assessments, riverine transport information, aquatic ecosystem management, and much more in the Sava River Basin. Sava HIS also serves as a backbone for hydrometeorological data collection in the Sava FFWS. An overview of the stations available in Sava HIS is presented in the table below. The numbers in brackets indicate stations delivering near-real-time data.

Table 2. Overview of available gauging stations in Sava HIS

Type of station	BA	HR	ME	RS	SI	Total
Hydrological stations	123 (118)	143 (135)	19 (19)	33 (32)	60 (57)	378 (361)
Meteorological stations	105 (94)	49 (42)	25 (25)	36 (25)	103 (92)	318 (278)

Sava Youth Parliament Platform: In collaboration with young people from the Sava River Basin, the Sava Commission maintains a website dedicated to supporting youth participation in basin-related activities and processes.

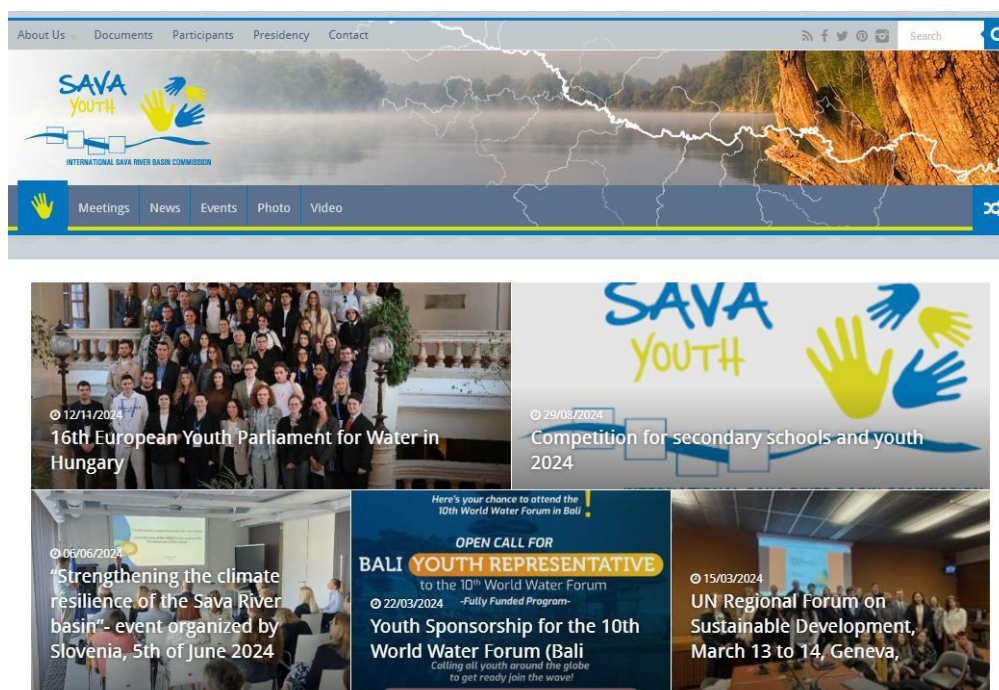


Figure 4. Sava Youth Parliament web page (sava-youthparliament.com)

It provides important information related to the work of the Youth Parliament and other activities that include the participation of the young generation. The publication of news on the Youth Parliament's activities helps foster greater youth engagement in the protection of water resources, sustainable development, and regional cooperation, while raising awareness of the importance of the joint management of the Sava River Basin.

5. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) – Phase I: The Program specifically aims to support integrated management of the Sava and Drina corridors to (i) improve protection from floods, (ii) enhance the navigability of the Sava River, (iii) improve flood forecasting and management capacities among riparian countries and enhance management and operations of Drina dams for hydropower production as well as flood and drought management, and (iv) enhance nature values and tourism. It is implemented in two partially overlapping phases, from 2021 to 2030, with an estimated total cost of 332.4 million USD.

Component 4 of the SDIP – Regional activities is being implemented by the ISRBC, based on the Grant Agreement between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), acting as an Implementing Agency of the GEF, and the ISRBC, signed on 31 August 2022, and effective since 29 November 2022. The component is designed to support policy dialogue and ensure coordination of the implementation of the overall program. In addition, it supports the preparation of a range of basin- wide plans and studies, thereby making a substantial contribution to the implementation of the FASRB. An overview of the activities being implemented by the ISRBC is provided in the following figure.

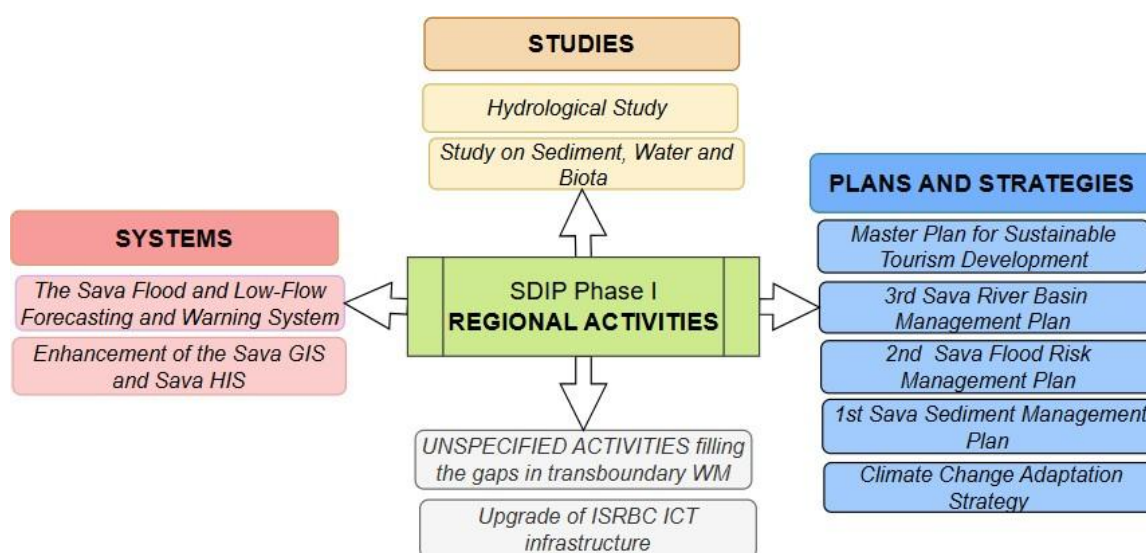


Figure 5. SDIP Regional Activities

A short overview of the status at the end of FY 2025 is provided below. Details are given in Annex II.

Hydrological Study of the Sava River Basin: The last basin-wide hydrological study dates back to 1976, with later efforts limited to specific aspects. The development of a new joint study, applying a comprehensive methodology, will significantly support ISRBC and riparian countries in river basin and flood risk management, navigation safety, sediment analysis, drought and low-flow assessment, and climate change adaptation. Ultimately, this enhanced knowledge will better inform decision-making on sustainable water resources management in the Sava River basin. The study is currently under preparation, with completion scheduled for April 2027.

Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin: The key objective is to make a significant contribution to the understanding of sediment-related issues in the Sava River basin and pave the way towards the development of an integrated Sediment Management Plan for the Sava River Basin, as required by the Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB, and compliant with relevant EU policies. The preparation of the study began in June 2025, with completion expected in September 2026.

Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin: The primary focus of the plan is the development of ecotourism in protected areas in the Sava River Basin, nautical tourism on

the Sava River and on its navigable tributaries and cycling tourism along the Sava Corridor. It will facilitate development that balances the needs of visitors with environmental preservation and ensure the minimization of negative impacts on the basin's unique ecosystem, biodiversity, and cultural resources while supporting socio-economic development. The preparation began in December 2024 and is scheduled for completion in May 2026.

Updating Sava RBM and FRM plans and developing the first Sediment Management Plan: Through this activity, technical assistance will be provided in the process of developing the 3rd Sava RBMP and the 2nd FRMP, and in preparing the first Sediment Management Plan for the Sava River Basin, including related programs of measures. It will foster coordinated actions across all planning instruments within the region, ensuring integration, consistency, and synergies in planning, financing, and policy development. The project implementation began at the end of March 2026, with all three plans expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

Improvement, extension and operationalization of flood and low-flow forecasting and warning system in the Sava River Basin (Sava FFWS 2.0): The main goal of this assignment is to improve the forecasting of flood and low-flow events and related warning procedures in the Sava River basin to better inform decision-making on the management of hydroclimatic risks across water-related sectors, thereby reducing the risks of loss of human life, damage to property, environment, cultural heritage, and economy, and to increase the resilience of the entire society, considering the current climate variability and future climate change impacts. The implementation of this activity started in February 2025 and is scheduled for completion in January 2027.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Sava River Basin: The Strategy will provide an assessment of climate change vulnerability, risks, and impacts on water resources, water infrastructure, aquatic ecosystems, and water-dependent sectors, taking into consideration climate-related hazards. Furthermore, it will define vision and adaptation objectives and identify adaptation options suitable for the Sava River Basin, including an Action Plan for implementation of adaptation actions focused on adaptive and flexible management approaches, to enhance adaptive capacity and resilience to climate shocks in the Sava River Basin. Strategy preparation started in June 2025 and is scheduled for completion in September 2026.

Enhancement of the Sava GIS and HIS: The overall objective of the activity is to establish a new, intelligent, integrated platform that enhances decision-making and regional cooperation in the Sava River Basin. This will be done by transforming the Sava GIS into an advanced platform that utilizes smart technologies and knowledge to address the modern needs and challenges of the Sava River Basin riparian states for sustainable, efficient, and secure water management. At the time of drafting this report, the tender procedure was ongoing. It is expected that a new Sava GIS 2.0 will be operational in 2027.

Phase I of Component 4 – Regional activities will be implemented by November 2027. Additional information on all activities has been provided in Annex II.

6. COOPERATION AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Cooperation with international and national institutions: During the reporting period, the ISRBC continued its cooperation with various national and international organizations and bodies, as well as with stakeholders, including the younger generation. The ISRBC maintained strong cooperation with a range of international organizations and institutions, such as the World Bank, through intensive cooperation in the framework of SDIP. The Commission also sustained productive engagement with various EU bodies, regularly attending meetings of EU-funded projects as well as contributing to the results of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. It also took part in several events organized by the EU Adriatic-Ionian Strategy (EUSAIR).

Cooperation is being maintained with other similar transboundary organizations, especially with the ICPDR and the Danube Commission. The cooperation also includes participation in annual meetings of the heads of European water and lake commissions, as well as in the events organized by the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO).

Engagement with the UNECE remained active, including participation in its working groups and events and involvement in NEXUS-related follow-up activities. Cooperation with UNESCO was reinforced, particularly through the joint implementation of the SHELTER project.

In addition to collaboration with institutions officially responsible for the implementation of the FASRB, the ISRBC maintained cooperation with various national bodies, including water agencies, national hydrometeorological services (NHMSs), inland waterway agencies, port authorities, registers of shipping, regional chambers of commerce, tourism organizations, and academic institutions.

In addition to cooperation with the institutions of the Parties, good cooperation has been maintained with the relevant authorities of Montenegro.

Observers to the ISRBC: Recognizing the importance of public consultation in the context of its mandate and the implementation of the FASRB, the ISRBC has continued to promote broad stakeholder engagement. Consultation activities have been conducted through the organization of consultation workshops, public presentations, and other stakeholder meetings, as well as through consultation on the ISRBC website regarding various activities.

Active stakeholder involvement is particularly ensured for entities with observer status in the ISRBC, primarily through participation in Commission sessions and meetings of expert groups. The current list of observers and their status is provided in the following table.

Table 3. Observers in the Sava Commission

Name	Status	Web site
Republic of North Macedonia	Permanent	https://vlada.mk
ICPDR	Permanent	www.icpdr.org
Danube Commission	Permanent	www.danubecommission.org
GWP CEE	Temporary	www.gwp.org/en/GWP-CEE
WWF Adria	Temporary	www.wwfadria.org
EuroNatur Foundation	Temporary	www.euronatur.org
Transport Community	Permanent	www.transport-community.org

Engagement of the young generation: The future of the Sava River Basin is being shaped by its youngest citizens. Through the Sava Youth Parliament, young people from across the region are stepping up, speaking out, and driving change on the most pressing water-related issues. During the past reporting period, the 13th session of the Sava Youth Parliament took place, preceded by an open call for creative and innovative projects. It was organized on 17-18 October 2025 in Gradiška, aimed at raising awareness—especially among young people—about the Sava River Basin’s natural and cultural features that make it a valuable tourist destination. The slogan of the Parliament was “Tourism: let’s do it in a sustainable way!”. The event was supported by the IW-Learn component of SDIP.

More than 50 students from nine secondary schools across the Sava countries participated in the Parliament. The students were selected through a competition to create a promotional video demonstrating the Sava River Basin's potential for sustainable tourism.

The participating schools included:

- [Prva gimnazija Maribor, Slovenia](#)
- [Biotechnical Educational Centre Ljubljana, Slovenia](#)
- [X. gimnazija Ivan Supek High School, Croatia](#)
- [Gimnazija Sesvete, Zagreb, Croatia](#)
- [Secondary School Ivan Goran Kovačić Kiseljak, Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [First Secondary School Cazin, Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [Gimnazija Crnjanski, Belgrade, Serbia](#)
- [Palanačka gimnazija, Smederevska Palanka, Serbia](#)
- [Secondary vocational and technical school Gradiška, Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

Remark: Links to the winning teams' video projects are available by clicking on the school names above.



Figure 6. Group photo from the 13th Sava Youth Parliament in Gradiška

The initiative once again showed how youth engagement and cross-border collaboration could contribute meaningfully to the future of the Sava River Basin.

In addition to the main topic, the Parliament also adopted its new statute that enables generally more flexible work and participation in activities even after the formal completion of secondary education.

7. INSTITUTIONAL, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES

Institutional Issues: As outlined in the Introduction, the implementation of the Framework Agreement is coordinated by the Sava Commission, supported by its Secretariat and a comprehensive network of expert and task groups covering all key areas of its work. The Sava Commission is composed of one member and one deputy from each Party. The list of representatives in the Sava Commission in the reporting period is provided in the table below.

Table 4. Representatives of the Parties in the Sava Commission

Name and surname	Function	Institution
Bosnia and Herzegovina		
Zoran Andrić	Member	Ministry of Communications and Transport of B&H
Vanda Medić	Deputy Member	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of B&H
Republic of Croatia		
Duška Kunštek	Member	Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia
Elizabeta Kos	Deputy Member	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition of the Republic of Croatia
Republic of Serbia		
Maja Grbić	Member / Chairperson	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, Republic Water Directorate
Aleksandar Banjac	Deputy Member as of 31 October 2024	Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia
Vladimir Batalović	Deputy member as of 26 March 2026	Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Serbia
Republic of Slovenia		
Mitja Bricelj	Member	Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia
Tanja Miškova	Deputy Member	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

During FY 2025, the ISRBC held two regular sessions, the 69th on 23-24 September 2025 and the 70th on 10-11 March 2026.



Figure 7. 70th Session of the Sava Commission

Table 5. Overview of the status of the protocols to FASRB

Protocol on	Signed	In force since
Navigation Regime	Kranjska Gora, 3 December 2002	29 December 2004
Prevention of Water Pollution Caused by Navigation	Belgrade, 1 June 2009	8 October 2017
Flood Protection	Gradiška, 1 June 2010	27 November 2015
Sediment Management	Brčko, 6 July 2015	8 October 2017

In addition, bilateral agreements on water and navigation remain relevant, requiring careful coordination to align bilateral commitments with those under the ISRBC framework.

Financial Issues: The ISRBC's FY 2025 budget totaled EUR 672,533.16. It included the mandatory annual contributions from the Parties, each amounting to EUR 136,990.00, along with miscellaneous inflows. The overview is provided in the following table.

Table 6. General Fund income in FY 2025

Source of Income		Income (EUR)
1	Mandatory contributions from the Parties	547,960.00
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	136,990.00
	Croatia	136,990.00
	Serbia	136,990.00
	Slovenia	136,990.00
2	Miscellaneous	124,573,16 ¹
Total income		672,533,16
Notes:		
¹ A part of special funds for implementing FFWS, SDIP, and bank interest.		

The expenditures in FY 2025 amounted to 666.794,25 EUR, which by category included salaries and other remuneration of the Secretariat staff, current expenses, travel costs, operational costs, and equipment. In accordance with the Financial Rules of the ISRBC, the remaining amount of the General Fund, 5,738.91 EUR, is allocated to the Reserve Fund.

A regular audit of the ISRBC's financial management for FY 2024 was conducted by appointed experts from Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The audit concluded that the financial management was accurate and compliant with the ISRBC's rules, regulations, and standard accounting principles. The ISRBC accepted the Report on the Audit of Financial Management for FY 2024 at its 70th Session, held on 10-11 March 2026.

In addition, an external, independent audit of the financial statements for the "SDIP-Part 4-Regional Activities" for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 was completed, following the relevant rules of the World Bank. The Independent Auditor's Report confirmed that the financial statements for the project accurately present the balances and movements of funds, expenditures by category and activity, the statement of expenses, as well as withdrawals and changes in the Project Designated Account for the audited period.

8. COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY

The ISRBC continued to actively promote its activities and strengthen stakeholder engagement through public events, targeted communication activities, publications, and digital outreach.

Sava Day 2025: The 2025 celebration of Sava Day was organized under the slogan “Tourism, let's do it in a sustainable way!”, highlighting the importance of sustainable tourism as a driver of regional development in the Sava River Basin. As part of the celebration, an online event was organized on 5 June 2025, bringing together teams of secondary school students and young people aged 18 to 25 who had participated in the competition for the selection of participants for the 13th Sava Youth Parliament.

In addition, the 1st Stakeholder Forum and the Workshop on Women-Headed SMEs were organized within the framework of the preparation of the Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin. The event, held on 3 June 2025 in Ljubljana, gathered more than 90 stakeholders, participating either in person or online.

Upon invitation from national partners, the ISRBC also participated in several national events marking Sava Day. Among them was the Open Day at the Brežice Hydroelectric Power Plant in Slovenia, organized under the slogan “Sava Connects – The Energy of Water for the Benefit of the Community” by HESS, GEN Energija, and INFRA.

Publications and promotional activities: Communication and visibility activities remained an important component of the Commission’s work. During the reporting period, the ISRBC prepared and published the English version of the Navigation Manual for the Sava River, issued Sava NewsFlash No. 24, and developed a range of promotional materials and multimedia products.



Figure 9: Cover pages of the Manual on the Sava Navigation and Sava NewsFlash

Marking the 20th anniversary of the Sava Commission: Particular attention was devoted to marking the 20th anniversary of the ISRBC, including the preparation of a leaflet and promotional videos in English and all official languages of the Parties.

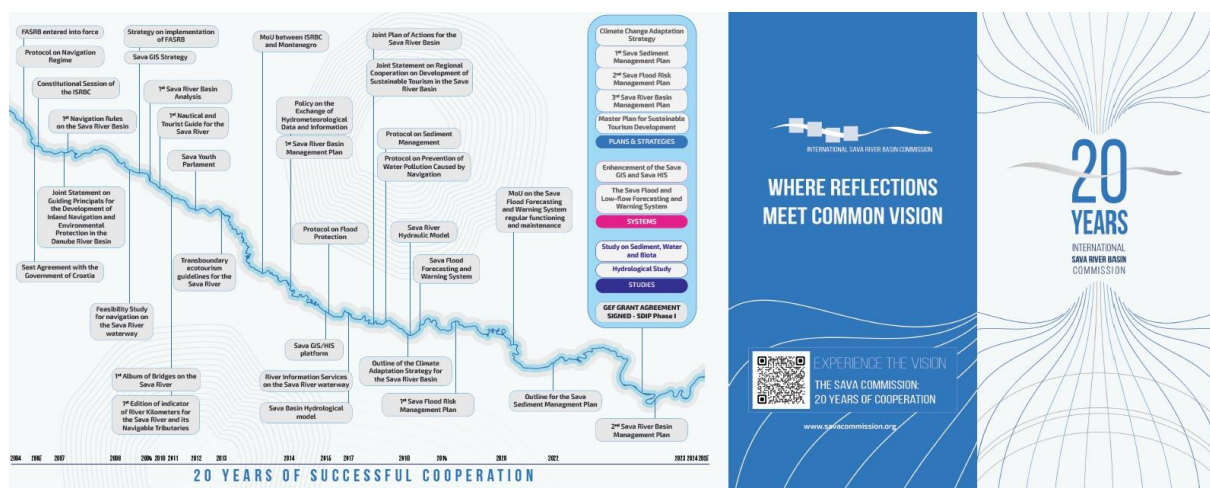


Figure 10: Leaflet for the 20th anniversary of the ISRBC

A promotional video marking the 20th anniversary of the Sava Commission was produced in English and all official languages of the Parties. It is available at the following links:

[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC \(eng\)](#)
[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC \(slo\)](#)
[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC \(cro\)](#)
[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC \(bos\)](#)
[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC\(bos_srp\)](#)
[Promotional video for 20 years of the ISRBC \(srp\)](#)

Public information: Information on ISRBC activities was regularly disseminated through the Commission's website, the Sava Youth Parliament website, press releases, and social media channels.

Particular emphasis was placed on informing stakeholders and the public about the implementation of SDIP activities, including the launch of the Sava FFWS 2.0 project, the Hydrological Study, stakeholder forums related to the Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin, and other major project milestones.

Through these communication activities, the Sava Commission continued to enhance the transparency of its work, raise public awareness of its key activities, and promote international cooperation and the sustainable management of the Sava River Basin.

ANNEXES

Annex I: Selected events organized/co-organized by the ISRBC in FY 2025

Event	Date	Venue
ISRBC Sessions		
69 th Session	23-24 September 2025	Zagreb (HR)
70 th Session	10-11 March 2026	Zagreb (HR)
ISRBC expert and task group meetings		
31 st PEG GIS meeting	09 September 2025	online
51 st PEG FP meeting	18 September 2025	Zagreb (HR)
7 th TTG meeting	20 October 2025	online
54 th PEG RBM meeting	3-4 December 2025	Zagreb (HR)
8 th TTG meeting	27 January 2026	online
21 st PEG HMI meeting	29 January 2026	online
52 nd PEG FP meeting	11 February 2026	Zagreb (HR)
32 nd PEG GIS meeting	24 February 2026	Zagreb - hybrid
55 th PEG RBM	4-5 March 2026	Zagreb - hybrid
Meetings of other bodies of the ISRBC		
8 th Sava FFWS Technical Group Meeting	23 April 2025	online
Consultative meeting of the Sava FFWS International Team for Support	28 May 2025	online
Consultative meeting of the Sava FFWS Technical Group	11 June 2025	online
9 th Sava FFWS Steering Group Meeting	7 July 2025	online
10 th Navigation Committee Meeting	26 November 2025	Zagreb (HR)
9 th Sava FFWS Technical Group Meeting	28 January 2026	online
10 th Sava FFWS Steering Group Meeting	05 February 2026	online
Meetings related to SDIP implementation		
2 nd Stakeholder Forum for the Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin	03 June 2025	Ljubljana (SI)
1 st Forum of Women-headed SMEs	03 June 2025	Ljubljana (SI)
Kick-off meeting for the Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin	02 July 2025	Zagreb - hybrid
Kick-off meeting for the <i>Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin</i>	9-10 July 2025	Zagreb - hybrid
Monitoring training/workshop in the scope of the <i>Study on Sediment, Water and Biota</i>	15-16 September 2025 17-18 September 2025 29-30 September 2025 1-2 October 2025	Sevnica (SI) Sl. Brod (HR) Modriča (BA) S. Mitrovica (RS)
2 nd Forum of Women-headed SMEs	4 November 2025	online
Sava FFWS 2.0 – Training 1	11-13 November 2025	Ljubljana (SI)
HEC-RAS hydraulic modelling	17 December 2025	online
HEC-HMS hydrological modelling	21 January 2026	online
Wflow hydrological modelling	04 February 2026	online
Sava HIS and Delft-FEWS modelling	18 February 2026	online
1 st Stakeholder Forum for the <i>Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin</i>	20 November 2025	Zagreb-hybrid
Kick-off meeting of the <i>Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Sava River Basin</i>	27 November	Zagreb - hybrid
2 nd Stakeholder Forum for the <i>Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin</i>	2 December 2025	Zagreb - hybrid
World Bank Mission related to SDIP implementation	29 May 2025	Zagreb (HR)
Sava Youth Parliament		

Event	Date	Venue
Sava Day 2025- Presentation of works submitted for selection of participants to the 13th Sava Youth Parliament	05 June 2025	Zagreb-hybrid
13 th Sava Youth Parliament	17-18 October 2025	Gradiška (BA)
Other selected events/meetings		
EUSDR- Enhancing Regional Cooperation in the Danube Basin: Stronger Together	03 April 2025	Mostar (BA)
ICSEED - 22nd Session of the Informal Conference of South-East European NHMS Directors	23 April 2025	Belgrade (RS)
EURO-INBO 2025 International Conference	23 May 2025	Parma (IT)
BWF – Bled Water Festival- Taking over the plague for the ISRBC contribution	05 June 2025	Bled (SI)
2 nd Global Forum on Transboundary Waters: <i>New Frontiers for Transboundary Water Management, Financing and Cooperation</i> , World Bank	19-20 June	Geneva (CH)
Annual meeting of the Heads of European Water and Lake Commissions	27-29 August 2025	Vienna (AT)
EUSAIR: Climate Resilience: From Source to Sea	15 September 2025	Izola (SI)
EuroVelo & Cycling Conference	24-26 September 2025	Balatonfured (HU)
Danube Forecasting Forum (DAFF) 2025	30 Sept. - 01 Oct. 2025	Ljubljana
16 th meeting of Captains and Inland Navigation Safety Inspectors	8-9 October 2025	Maribor (SI)
16 th Follow-up Meeting on the Implementation of the Joint Statement	22 October 2025	Budapest (HU)
Visit of the Eco Peace Middle East Delegation	29 October 2025	Zagreb (HR)
Symposium: 10 years of CESNI	29 October 2025	Rotterdam (NL)
ICPDR Ordinary Meeting	11-12 December 2025	Vienna (AT)
WMO Meeting of the WHOS Implementations and Capacity Development and Hydrology Data Exchange	18 February 2026	online

Annex II: Status of the implementation of the SDIP Component 4 - Regional Activities on 31 March 2025

No	Project Title		Basic Info
1	Sava and Drina Corridors Integrated Development Program – Component 4		Description: The ISRBC has secured financing by signing a Grant Agreement with the World Bank (WB), which serves as the implementing agency for the Global Environment Facility (GEF), for the GEF Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) to cover the costs of implementing Part 4 - Regional Cooperation of the SDIP. The SDIP project is scheduled for implementation over 10 years in two phases, with Phase I extending until July 2026. SDIP Phase I, Part 4 - Regional Cooperation aims to enhance strategic regional dialogue, joint planning, and the sustainable management and development of shared water resources in the Sava River Basin, increasing resilience to climatic shocks by supporting the preparation of basin-wide plans and studies, and promoting investments that strengthen the nexus between various water uses, intersectoral development synergies, and economic cooperation. Budget: 8.000.000,00 USD (GEF Grant funds) Role of ISRBC: ISRBC is implementing SDIP-Phase I Part 4: Regional Cooperation, and the ISRBC Secretariat acts as the regional Project Implementation Unit (RPIU). Implementing period: September 2022 – November 2027
	Studies		
	1.1	Hydrological Study of the Sava River Basin	Description: The Hydrological Study will be prepared using a consistent methodology for a consistent dataset at relevant gauging stations, while the results will be integrated into the Sava HIS and into a dedicated web-based application for presenting the Hydrological Study. The activity will enhance knowledge of the water cycle dynamics and components and their spatial and temporal distribution in the Sava River Basin by improving hydrological and meteorological data reliability and management, considering current climate variability and future climate change. Budget: 1.264.625,00 EUR Implementing period: May 2025 – April 2027 Consultant: Joint Venture led by Vodoprivredno-projektni biro d.d., Croatia
	1.2	Study on Sediment, Water and Biota in the Sava River Basin	Description: The Study will make a crucial contribution to further understanding of sediment-related issues in the Sava River basin by building the knowledge base, filling the recognized gaps, and providing state-of-the-art knowledge to support the implementation of the FASRB and its related Protocol on Sediment Management. Furthermore, the Study will provide significant support for achieving the WFD objectives and help fulfil the requirements of other environmental EU legislation, as well as relevant sectoral policies, such as those for agriculture, energy, and transport. Budget: 722.214,00 EUR Implementing period: May 2025 – September 2026 Consultant: Joint Venture led by Jaroslav Černi Water Institute LLC, Serbia
	Systems		

No	Project Title		Basic Info
	1.3	Improvement, extension and operationalization of flood and low-flow forecasting and warning system in the Sava River Basin (Sava FFWS 2.0)	Description: Building on the knowledge, good practices, and tools available within the operational Sava FFWS, the activity will enable the incorporation of forecasting and warning tools to improve the forecasting of flood and low-flow events and to support the preparation of scenarios to mitigate their consequences. The activity will optimize the operational work of the hydrological forecasting offices at national meteorological and hydrological services and water agencies in the Sava River Basin (i.e., Sava FFWS users). The specific objectives are: (i) improved and upgraded modeling tools; (ii) an integrated operational low-flow forecasting system; (iii) a further developed and enhanced flood and low-flow warning system; (iv) well-trained staff of the user organizations; (v) recommendations for future developments of the forecasting system. Budget: 1.637.475,00 EUR Implementation period: February 2025 – January 2027 Consultant: Joint Venture led by Stichting Deltares, the Netherlands
	1.4	Enhancement of the Sava GIS and HIS	Description: The overall objective of the activity is to establish a new, intelligent, integrated platform that enhances decision-making and regional cooperation in the Sava River Basin. It will be done by transforming the Sava GIS into an advanced platform that utilizes smart technologies and knowledge to address the modern needs and challenges of the Sava River Basin riparian states for sustainable, efficient, and secure water management. Estimated budget: 480.000,00 EUR Estimated duration: 15 months (Implementation planned to start in 2026)
	Basin-wide plans and strategies		
	1.5	Design of a Master Plan for Sustainable Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin	Description: The Master Plan covering the Sava River Basin focuses on the development of ecotourism in the Ramsar sites and other protected areas (national parks, and UNESCO cultural heritage sites) in the Sava River Basin, nautical tourism on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, and cycling tourism along the Sava Corridor. It aims to facilitate development that balances the needs of visitors along with environmental preservation and to ensure the minimization of negative impacts on the basin’s unique ecosystem, biodiversity, and cultural resources while supporting socio-economic development. Budget: 629.900,00 EUR Implementation period: December 2024 – May 2026 Consultant: THR Tourism Industry Advisors SL, Spain, with Sub-consultant: Oikon Ltd. – Institute of Applied Ecology, Croatia
	1.6	Updating of RBM and FRM plans and developing the Sediment Management plan	Description: Through this activity, technical assistance will be provided in the process of developing the 3 rd Sava RBM and the 2 nd FRM Plan, and the preparation of the first Sediment Management Plan for the Sava River Basin, including related programs of measures. It will foster coordinated actions across all planning instruments within the region, ensuring integration, consistency, and synergies in planning, financing, and policy development. Budget: 1.200.200,00 EUR Implementation period: March 2026 – November 2027

No	Project Title		Basic Info
			Consultant: Joint Venture led by Fresh Thoughts Consulting GmbH, Austria
1.7	Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for the Sava River Basin		Description: The Strategy will provide an assessment of climate change vulnerability, risks, and impacts on water resources, water infrastructure, aquatic ecosystems, and water-dependent sectors, taking into consideration climate-related hazards. Furthermore, it will define vision and adaptation objectives and identify adaptation options suitable for the Sava River Basin, including an Action Plan for implementation of adaptation actions focused on adaptive and flexible management approaches, with the aim of enhancing adaptive capacity and resilience to climate shocks in the Sava River Basin. Budget: 722.214,00 EUR Implementation period: September 2025 -October 2026 Consultant: JBA Consulting Engineers and Scientists Limited, United Kingdom
	Other activities		
1.8	Support the process of development of the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin 2.0 (Joint Statement 2.0)		Description: Process of the renewal of the Joint Statement by assessment of the Joint Statement process to date and providing the recommendations based on developments in the new waterway transport system, ecological status in the Danube and the Sava River basins, shifts in the legal and policy framework for mobility and the environment, considering the impact of climate change. The aim is the development of the Joint Statement 2.0 document with a new Joint Statement Manual and the proposal for the structure and content of an interactive online knowledge management system. Contract signed: June 28, 2024 Budget: 74.650,00 EUR Consultant: Dr. Dejan Komatina Implementation period: June 2024 – November 2025
1.9	Upgrade of the ISRBC ICT infrastructure – Part I		Description: Part I - Supply and installation of the IT equipment (servers and network equipment) intended to be used for the smooth functioning of various software and web applications hosted by the Sava Commission. Part of the equipment is installed to protect the Sava Commission's digital assets from unauthorized access, cyber threats, and data breaches. Contract signed: 21 June 2024 Budget: 68.910,00 EUR Implementation period: June 2024 – September 2024 Contractor: Integra Group d.o.o., Croatia
	Upgrade of the ISRBC ICT infrastructure – Part II		Description: Part II- Supply and installation of the ICT equipment (conferencing equipment) intended to be used for upgrading and enhancing the conference equipment in the Sava Commission premises. Budget: 22.000,00 EUR Contractor: HUST d.o.o, Croatia Implementation period: May 2025 – November 2025

Annex III: List of external projects supported by the ISRBC, completed or ongoing in the reporting period

No	Project title	Status	Basic Info
1	IS4IWT – One System 4 Inland Water Transport (successor of the COMPETING project)	Ongoing October 2022 – May 2025	Description: This project aims to design a system architecture for interconnecting education & training institutions' e-learning platforms with the Inland Navigation eLearning System (INeS), which has been developed in previously EU-funded projects. The main objectives are: - to create a resilient, easily accessible and future-proof education & training system for the inland waterway transport sector (by creating new content and building a platform); - to achieve a process of structured cooperation, focusing on formulating and developing needs and learning outcomes between the fields of education, industry and social partners (by means of a community of practice); - to contribute to a strong brand to further improve the positioning of the sector. The project is funded by Erasmus+. Role of ISRBC: member of the Advisory Board More info: https://www.ls4iwt.eu
2	FAIRway Danube II	Ongoing April 2023 – December 2027	Description: FAIRway Danube II is a transnational project (Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania; 2023–2027) aimed at improving fairway conditions on the Danube through enhanced monitoring, forecasting, waterway management systems and climate-resilient infrastructure solutions, in line with the Danube Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan. Outcomes: - Upgraded transnational monitoring (WAMOS 2.0) and national WAMS; - new sensors for water level, depth and bridge clearance; extended water-level forecasting; testing of flexible low-water infrastructure; - modernized mooring places with green shore-power solutions; - preparation for additional mooring places investments. Co-financing by: European Union (CEF) Role of ISRBC: member of Advisory Board More info: https://www.fairwaydanube.eu
3	PLATINA 4 - Platform for the implementation of NAIADES	Ongoing January 2024 – December 2026	Description: The successor project - PLATINA 4, commenced at the beginning of 2024. The focus of the successor is, however, narrower for budgetary reasons, while it aims specifically for the deployment of solutions, mainly in the field of: - transition towards zero-emission performance and - digitalization of inland

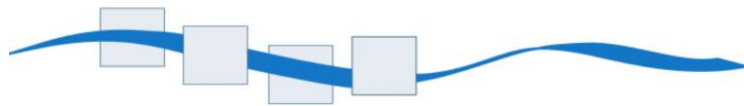
No	Project title	Status	Basic Info
			waterway transport with the aim of achieving measurable emission reduction and modal shift objectives. Role of ISRBC: member of Advisory Board More info: https://platina4action.iwtprojects.eu
4	DANURELY-WS - Danube Region's Youth Leadership in Ensuring Resilience through a Proactive Approach in Water Sector	Ongoing September 2024 - August 2025	Description: The main objective of the project is to equip young leaders in the Danube region with the tools and knowledge necessary to ensure a sustainable future for the region. By fostering leadership, building skills, and creating spaces for collaboration, the project empowers participants to take meaningful actions in their communities. The project has launched the Community of Practice, a dynamic platform for ongoing collaboration, innovation, and knowledge- sharing among youth leaders in the Danube region. Funded by: Interreg DTP Role of ISRBC: Associated strategic partner More info: https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/danurely-ws
5	DanubeSediment_Q2 -Danube Sediment Balance - Sustainable, Integrated Transnational Sediment Quantity and Quality Management in the Danube River Basin	Ongoing January 2024 – June 2026	Description: The project aims to improve the management of sediment quantity and quality in the Danube River Basin to achieve environmental objectives. The main output will be the first Integrated Sediment Management Plan (ISMP) for the Danube River Basin and concrete solutions and upscaling options will be recommended. It will build on the Danube River Basin Sediment Improvement Strategy for solutions building on concrete case studies in each partner country using up-to-date monitoring and modelling. The Danube Sediment_Q2 project will: • facilitate an improved sediment balance and morphodynamics, ensuring a good sediment quantity and quality. • this will lead to a restored sediment continuity at barriers, • reduced sedimentation in impoundments, • reduced riverbed and coastal erosion and • control of polluted sediment transport. The project partnership, under the lead of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, consists of 15 Project Partners and 39 Associated Strategic Partners from 14 countries. Funded by Interreg DTP . Role of ISRBC: Associated strategic partner More info: https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/danubesediment-q2
6	SWIM -Sustainable Water and Integrated Management of Fish Migration and their Habitats in the Danube River Basin and NW Black Sea	Ongoing September 2025-August 2029	Description: The EU-funded SWIM project is focused on developing innovative, scalable, and sustainable solutions through 13 activities at 7 pilot sites (in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine) to enhance habitat connectivity, quality, and conservation, thereby improving the health of aquatic ecosystems. Building on previous initiatives

No	Project title	Status	Basic Info
			(MEASURES, WE PASS 1 and 2, SIMONA and the Danube Lighthouse projects DALIA, DaWetRest and Restore4Life), it implements complementary technologies such as restocking actions, fish passages, and a digital platform linked to the MEASURES Info System. The project fosters transnational cooperation among stakeholders, including governmental bodies, NGOs, researchers, and local communities Project coordinated by: University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, Croatia Role of ISRBC: Associated strategic partner More info: https://swim-danube.eu/
7	SAWA – Rehabilitation of Sava River Waterway - Section Račinovci to Sisak	Ongoing October 2025 – October 2028	Description: Contribution to the further development of the Sava River waterway by preparing project documentation (including the main design) and relevant studies, enabling future infrastructure and regulatory works to rehabilitate the Sava waterway from rkm 210,8 to rkm 594 (Račinovci – Sisak), upgrading it to international class IV waterway navigability, in line with Decision 19/08 of the Sava Commission. Specific objectives: 1. Ensure proper technical and administrative implementation of the project, promote its activities and results. 2. Develop a conceptual solution for implementation and update the feasibility study. 3. Prepare the necessary design basis, develop the preliminary design, obtain location permits, and prepare the main design required for construction permits. 4. Prepare an environmental impact assessment study and conduct public consultations. Cofinancing by: European Union (CEF) Role of ISRBC: Associated strategic partner and a member of the Steering Committee More info: mmpi.gov.hr/the-kick-off-conference-of-the-project-sawa-

Annex IV: List of Acronyms & Abbreviations

AEWS	Accident Emergency Warning System
APC	Accident Prevention and Control
ASP	Associated Strategic Partner
BA, B&H	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CEF	Connecting Europe Facility
CESNI	European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation
DTP	Danube Transnational Programme
EIB	European Investment Bank
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
FASRB	Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin
FFWS	Flood Forecasting and Warning System
FP	Flood Prevention
FY	Financial Year
GA	Grant Agreement
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIS	Geographic Information System
GWP CEE	Global Water Partnership - Central and Eastern Europe
HIS	Hydrological Information System
HR	Republic of Croatia
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
INBO	International Network of Basin Organizations
ISRBC	International Sava River Basin Commission
IT	Information Technology
IWT	Inland Waterway Transport
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAV	Navigation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PEG	Permanent Expert Group
PIAC	Principal International Alert Centre
RBM	River Basin Management
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan
RS	Republic of Serbia
SDIP	Sava-Drina River Corridors Integrated Development Program
SI	Republic of Slovenia
TEN-T	Trans-European Transport Network
TTG	Tourism Task Group
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
USD	United States Dollar

WBIF	Western Balkans Investment Framework
WFD	Water Framework Directive (60/2000/EC)
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature



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