INBO Webinar at the 9th session of the MoP to the 1992 Water Convention

“Accelerating the development of bankable projects for climate change adaptation in transboundary basins”

Experiences of the Sava Commission
Area: 97,700 km² (2nd Danube sub-basin; share: 12%)

River length: 945 km (594 km of which is the waterway)

Discharge (mouth) ≈ 1700 m³/s (1st Danube tributary; contr. 25%)

Population: approx. 9 million

Countries: Slovenia, Croatia, B&H, Serbia and Montenegro
Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB, 2004)

- **Key objective:** Transboundary cooperation for sustainable development of the region

Protocols to the FASRB

- **Navigation Regime (2004)**
  - institutional arrangements (navigation rules, technical rules for vessels, marking of the waterways, etc.)

- **Flood Protection (2015)**
  - regulates the issues of sustainable flood protection in the Sava River Basin with aim to prevent or limit flood hazard, to reduce flood risk and to reduce or mitigate detrimental consequences of floods

- **Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation (2017)**
  - prescribes measures to effectively prevent, control and reduce pollution from vessels and executing necessary measures for adequate pollution response, monitoring of water quality and enforcement

- **Sediment Management (2017)**
  - regulates procedures of cooperation related to sustainable sediment management to protect the integrity of the water and sediment regime in the Sava River Basin, comprising quality and quantity issues
International Sava River Basin Commission

- Four Parties – Slovenia, Croatia, B&H and Serbia
- One member and one deputy member from each Party
- Seat Agreement with the Government of Croatia
- Financing: Annual contributions by the member countries
- 2-3 sessions per year

Secretariat

- Executive body
- Officials and local staff
Overview of selected climate-related activities

- Pilot project on climate change: Building the link between Flood Risk Management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava River Basin (2013)
- Background paper of the first Sava RBMP “Climate change and RBM planning” (2013)
- Water and Climate Adaptation Plan (WATCAP) (2015)
- Outline of the Climate Adaptation Strategy and basin-wide priority measures for the Sava River Basin (2018)
SAVA AND DRINA RIVERS CORRIDORS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SDIP)

- Sava River Basin has significant untapped potential that can boost economic growth, improve regional connectivity, resilience to climate change risks, which cannot be undertaken by individual countries.

- Despite tangible accomplishments by ISRBC and the FASRB signatories, the continued need for improvement in water management among Sava riparian countries demonstrates the challenge of deepening regional coordination on shared natural resources.

- **Joint Plan of Actions for the Sava River Basin (JPA SRB),** developed in **spring 2017,** and supported by the member states of ISRBC and Montenegro by the **Joint Statement of the representatives of the Parties to the FASRB and Montenegro on Plan of Action and Milestones for the Sava River Basin as a Catalyst for Cooperation in the region,** contributes to the efforts of the Sava countries to ensure sustainable economic development and growth of the basin with aim to serve as a catalyst for enhancement of the cooperation in the region.
The objective of the SDIP is **to strengthen transboundary water cooperation** in the Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors.

- The estimated cost is **US$332.4 million**
- SDIP will be implemented through two sequential and partially overlapping phases (2020-30)

### Table: Focus Areas and Implementation Phases

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**Legend**
- Green: Implementation of Phase I
- Brown: Preparation for Phase II
- Orange: Implementation of Phase II
Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) - Scheme of planned program activities

Sava River Corridor
- Flood Protection
- Consolidating the Sava River Basin Planning and Development System
- Waterway Improvement
- Demining
- Flood monitoring and Management
- Environmental planning and management

Drina River Corridor
- Financing investment on climate change adaptation capacities (flood protection, irrigation, drainage, ground water, smart agriculture)
- Protecting and managing environmental assets

Port Rehabilitation and Expansion
- Sremska Mitrovica
- Brcko
- Gradiska

Flood protection
- Dyke
- Dredging
- Channels and PS
Sava and Drina Rivers Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP) - Implementing arrangements

Coordination and implementation of regional studies and activities

ISRBC
- Secretariat
- Regional Implementation Unit
- Existing ISRBC expert bodies

Policy advocacy and coordination
- Regional Task Force

Knowledge Sharing
- Coordinating regional activities

Montenegro
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (PMU)

Implementation at National Level

Serbia
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (PMU)
- Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure (PMU)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Republika Srpska
- RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (PIU)

FBiH
- FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Water management and Forestry (PIU)
Thank you for your attention