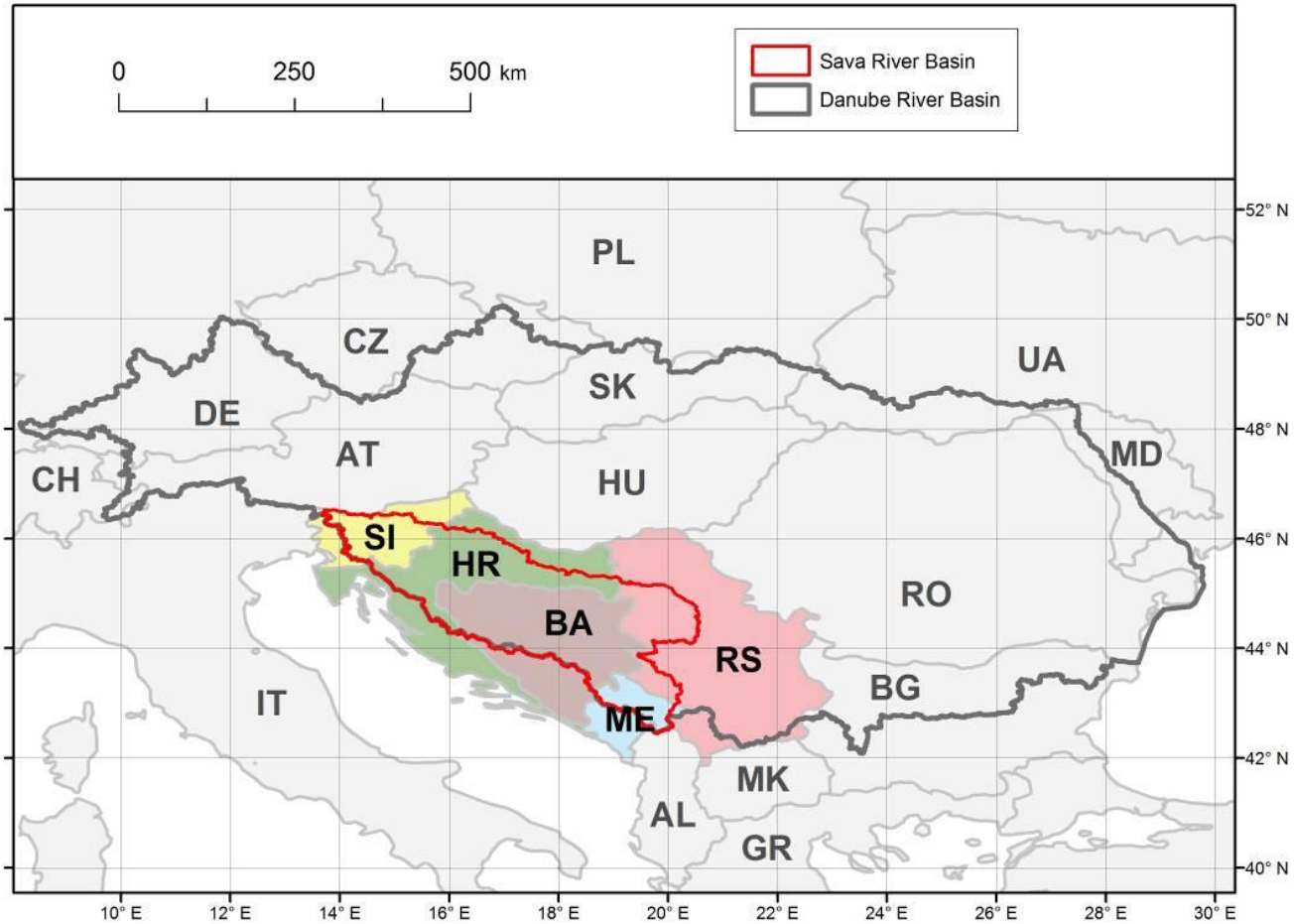


Transboundary Water Management in the Sava River Basin

focusing on sediment and biodiversity issues

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FASRB

- **Basic facts**

- **The first development-oriented multilateral agreement** in the region signed after the geopolitical changes in the 1990-ies
- **Parties:**
 - **Bosnia & Herzegovina**
 - **Croatia**
 - **Serbia** (formerly FR Yugoslavia, Serbia & Montenegro)
 - **Slovenia**
(**Montenegro** – ongoing contacts on their possible approach)
- Implementation coordinated by the **ISRBC**

FASRB

- **Key objective:**

**Transboundary water cooperation
for sustainable development of the region**

- **Particular objectives – to establish:**

- International regime of **navigation**
- Sustainable **water management**
- Sustainable **management of hazards**
(floods, droughts, accidents involving water pollution, etc.)

- Provides the ISRBC with **the broadest scope of work** among European int'l basin organizations (i.e. river/lake commissions)

ISRBC

- **Coordination of:**

- Development of **joint / integrated plans** for the basin
 - River Basin Management Plan (according to EU WFD)
 - Flood Risk Management Plan (according to EU Flood Directive)
 - Sediment Management Plan
 - Water and Climate Adaptation Plan
- Establishment of **integrated systems** for the basin
 - Information systems (GIS, RIS)
 - Data exchange system (hydrological and meteorological)
 - Forecasting and early warning systems (floods, accidents)



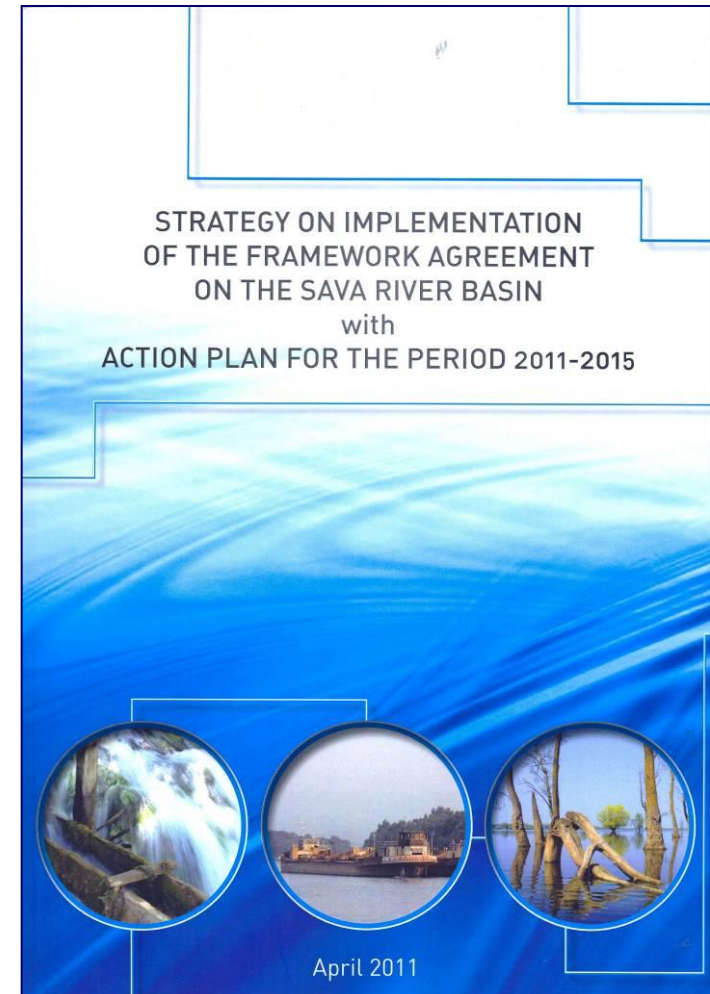
ISRBC

- **Coordination of (cont.):**
 - Development of water-related **economic activities** in the basin
 - Navigation
 - Sustainable river tourism
 - Harmonization of **regulation** (national → EU)
 - Creation of additional **protocols to the FASRB**



Projects

- Majority of the activities performed through **implementation of projects**
- All the projects **agreed by the four Parties**
- **Total number of projects: 30**
(implemented or ongoing)
- **Total budget: 24 M€**
- **Share of external funding: 87%**
(20.8 M€)



Projects and EUSDR

- Joint **work** ---> joint **priorities** ---> joint **vision** and **programme**
- EUSDR perceived as a **framework for implementation of the 'joint programme'** in the period 2014 – 2020



Projects and EUSDR

- EUSDR **PA 4 – Milestones** in the Road Map of **Action 2**
(„Strengthening cooperation on the sub-basin level“)
 - Implementation of the **Sava RBM Plan**
 - Update of the **Sava River Basin Analysis** (2nd RBM cycle)
 - Preparation of the **2nd Sava RBM Plan**
- EUSDR **PA 4 – Milestone** in the Road Map of **Action 3**
(„Support to data collection systems developed by the ICPDR“)
 - Establishment and completion of the **Sava GIS**

Projects and EUSDR

- EUSDR **PA 4** – Proposals granted with a **LoR**
 - Examination of **biodiversity and environmental status of sediment, water and biota** in the Sava RB
 - Towards sustainable **sediment management** in the Sava RB
 - Protection and sustainable use of water resources from **alluvial aquifers** in the Sava RB
 - **Hydrological study** for the Sava RB



Projects and EUSDR

- EUSDR **PA 5** – Proposals granted with a **LoR**
 - Development of **Flood Risk Management Plan** for the Sava RB
 - Sustainable operational **flood forecasting** in real-time and water resources management
 - **Water Pollution Contingency Management Plan** for the Sava RB



Key features of the approach

- **Cohesive**, providing conditions for:
 - **Cooperation** of the countries **after the conflict**
 - Implementation of **joint, basin-wide projects**
 - **Harmonization** of national regulation, methodologies, procedures ...
 - Enhancement of **cross-sectoral cooperation** on national level
- **Integrated**
 - Geographical scope (whole basin)
 - Scope of work (sustainability + development)
 - Across the sectors of society (gov., non-gov., academic, business)
- **Transparent** (public participation, stakeholder involvement)

Key features of the approach

- **Aligned** with the UNECE and EU regulation / strategies
 - UNECE conventions
 - EU directives, EU Danube Strategy, EU 2020 Strategy
- **Subregional** (“finer resolution” and complementarity of results with those obtained on a regional, Danube scale)
- **Pragmatic and practical** – concrete “products” for the Parties (strategic plans, integrated systems, harmonized regulation, improved infrastructure)
- **Educative**
 - ‘Non-formal’ education (permanent and *ad-hoc* capacity building)
 - ‘Informal’ education (awareness raising)

Conclusions

- **Identical overall objective** of the EUSDR and FASRB (sustainable development of the region they refer to)
- **Identical approach** (“3 no’s” principle)
- **High potential for synergy**
(implementation of the ISRBC projects within the EUSDR framework can contribute to an effective implementation of both EUSDR and FASRB)
- **Potential for contribution** to the EUSDR implementation
 - ISRBC priority projects **in line with the EUSDR priorities**
 - The projects already **agreed on subregional level**
 - **Complementary to other projects** proposed by the countries

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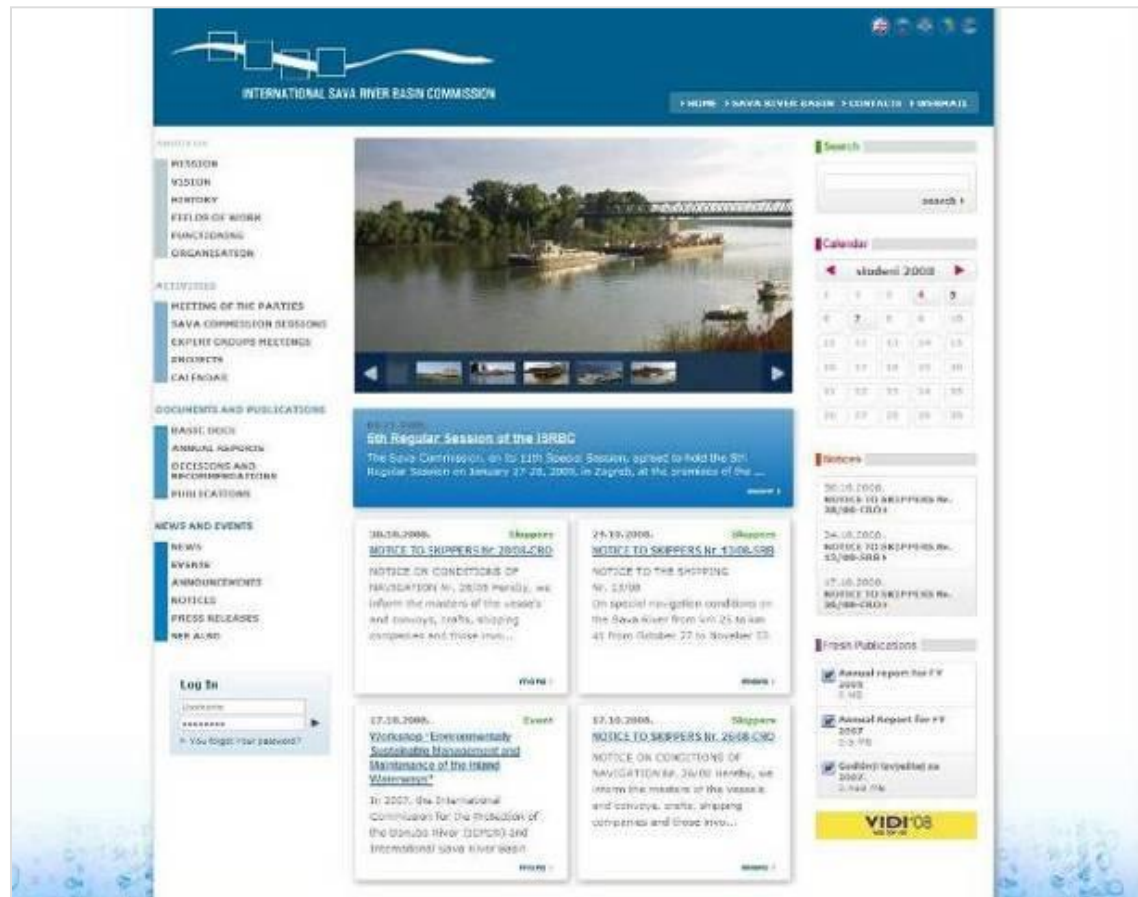
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- 01.11.2008**: 5th Regular Session of the ISRBC. The Sava Commission, on its 11th Special Session, agreed to hold the 5th Regular Session on January 27-28, 2009, in Zagreb, at the premises of the ...
- 30.08.2008**: NOTICE TO SHIPPERS NR. 28/08-080. NOTICE ON CONDITIONS OF NAVIGATION N. 28/08 hereby, we inform the masters of the vessels and toways, traffic, shipping companies and those inv...
- 24.08.2008**: NOTICE TO SHIPPERS NR. 13/08-080. NOTICE TO THE SHIPPING N. 13/08 On special navigation conditions on the Sava River from 00:25 to 00:41 from October 27 to November 13...
- 27.08.2008**: NOTICE TO SHIPPERS NR. 36/08-080. NOTICE TO SHIPPERS NR. 36/08-080
- 27.08.2008**: Workshop "Environmentally Sustainable Management and Maintenance of the Inland Waterways". In 2007, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and International Sava River Basin...

The sidebar on the right contains a search bar, a calendar for November 2008, and a list of recent publications including Annual reports for 2008, 2007, and 2006, and Guidelines for 2007.