

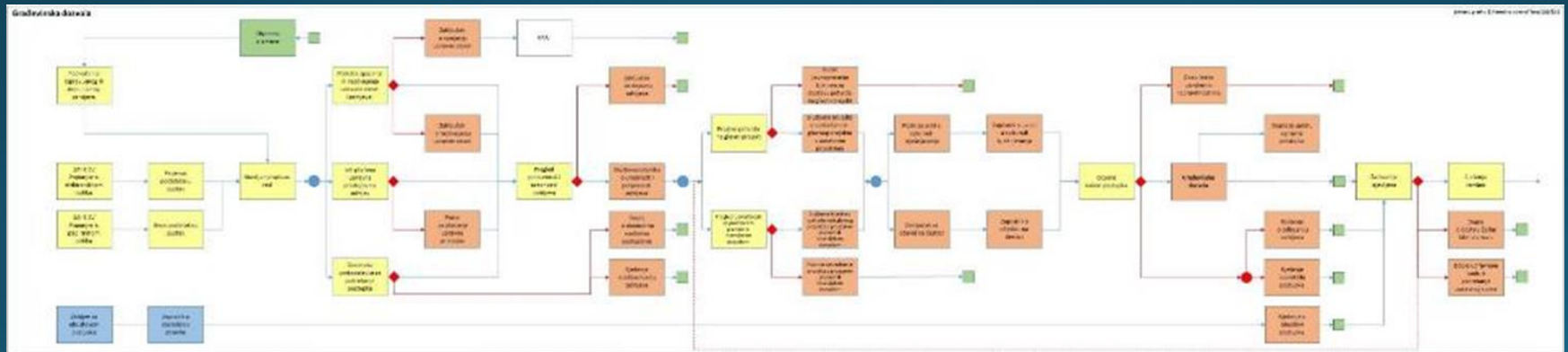
CROATIAN EXPERIENCE AND CHALLENGES RELATED TO ARTICLE 4(7) WFD IMPLEMENTATION

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NATIONAL CONTEXT, DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT

- Lot of (infrastructure / business) development plans
- Appeals for reducing administrative burden and simplifying procedures
- Quite integrated water management
- Learning WFD by doing
- Implementation of basic measures
- Lack of fully WFD compliant monitoring



Issuing of construction permit, procedure

ART. 4(7), LEGAL FRAMEWORK (Water Act)

- To link Article 4(7) assessment to environmental impact assessment in order to decrease administrative burden, simplify procedures for new development and make assessment more reliable.
- In accordance with the Regulation on amendments to the Regulation on EIA the author of an environmental impact study is required as part of the study (also in screening phase) to analyze the project's impacts on water bodies (in terms of the achievement of WFD objectives).
- If EIA is not required, comparable procedure for Art. 4(7) assessment is envisaged as a part of water-permitting procedure.
- If impact on water body status is evaluated as not acceptable, investor can request start of overriding public interest procedure by Ministry.
- Ministry informs Government on the results of procedure, including public participation and Government delivers final decision.
- Procedures are not developed to full detail (yet).

„PRACTICAL” ADVANTAGES OF INTEGRATED PROCEDURE

For general public / investor:

- Usual routine
- More coherent (understandable, clear, one) result
- Easier project modification, if needed
- Optimized participation / consultation
 - no need to understand difference in technicalities
 - no need to participate several times
- Less expensive and faster
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For EIA / Art 4(7) analysis author:

- More complete (one) set of data
- Wider picture / analysis
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For Competent Authority:

- More reliable EIA and Art 4(7) results
- Lot of administrative provisions in place (amendments needed)
- Licensing for EIA
- Joint data delivery for EIA / Art 4(7) analysis
- Reduced burden / involvement in one process

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY

The official request for the provision of information related to the water bodies' status submitted by the developer (indicates the location of modifications covering alternative solutions, as well as rough indication of the expected extent of the impacts of the modification - map).

Competent Authority provides authorized information about:

- waterbodies status,
- protected areas and
- flood hazards and risks

related to that water bodies to developer/its consultant. The Information provided is in the form of Extract from the Water Bodies Register.

Besides the information related to the water bodies status, CA provides references to the adopted RBMP, additional information on, for example

- interpretation of the statuses of water bodies with the catchment area smaller than 10 km² or
- interpretation of the flood hazard and flood risk maps.

If requested CA also provides additional data about

- pressures (directly on water bodies or in catchment of the water body),
- monitoring data and
- other information required for assessment of cumulative impact.

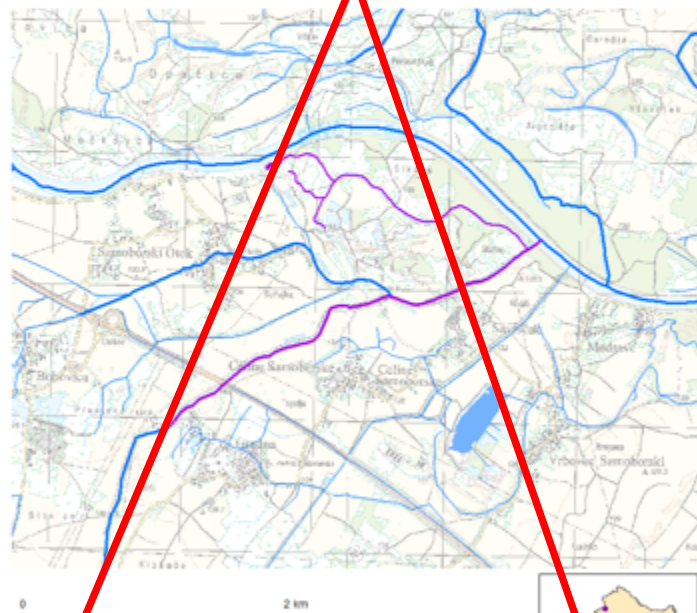
WATER BODY CHARACTERISATION, STATUS AND RISK

Plan upravljanja vodnim područjima 2018.-2021.

Izvadak iz Registra vodnih tijela

Vodno tijelo CSRN0207_001, Gradna

OPDI PODACI VODNOG TIJELA C8RN0207_001	
Sifra vodnog tijela:	C8RN0207_001
Naziv vodnog tijela:	Gradina
Kategorija vodnog tijela:	Tečućica / River
Elipsa:	Nizinske srednje velike i velike tečućice (4)
Dužina vodnog tijela:	3.33 km + 3.21 km
Izmišljenost:	Izmišljeno (changed/edited)
Vodno područje:	rijeka Dunav
Podzliv:	rijeka Save
Ekonregija:	Panonska
Ortave:	Nedonatsko (HR)
Osteveza izučetelovane:	BU
Tijelo podzemne vode:	Uzdrav
Zaštićeno područje:	područje prirodne vjerojatnosti
Uključeno područje:	područje prirodne vjerojatnosti



Information on monitoring

Information on Protected areas (register)
Incl. Subset of Natura 2000 related to water
Habitats and Birds Directive

Plan upravljanja vodnim područjima 2016.-2021.

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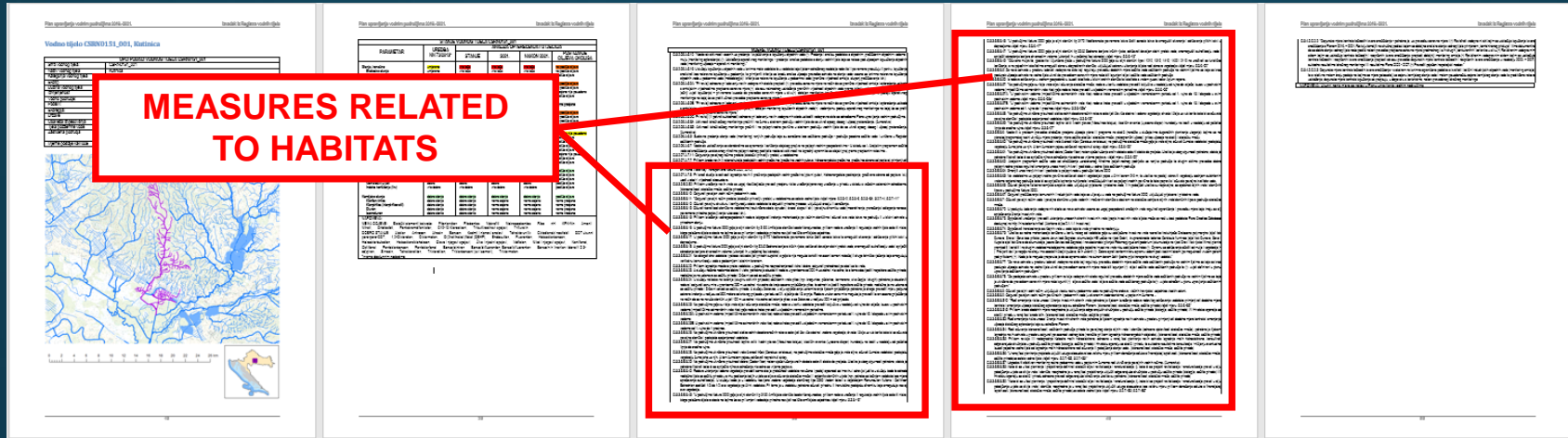
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**Status
agregated
in two ways**

**Status in 2021
and after
basic
measures in
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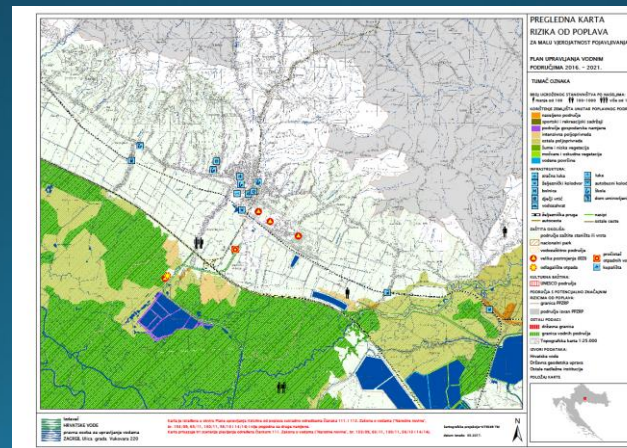
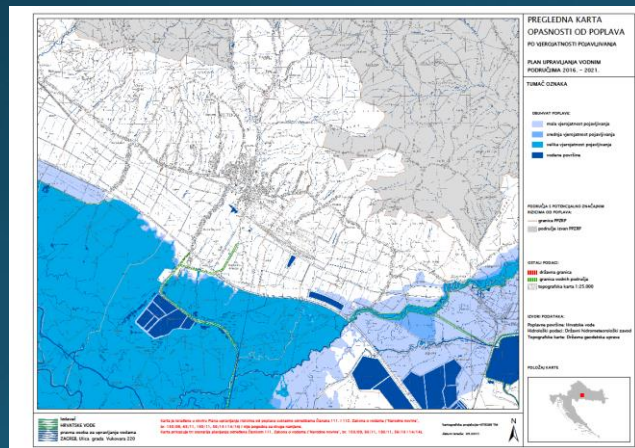
Risks

AND RBMP MEASURES (TESTING PHASE)

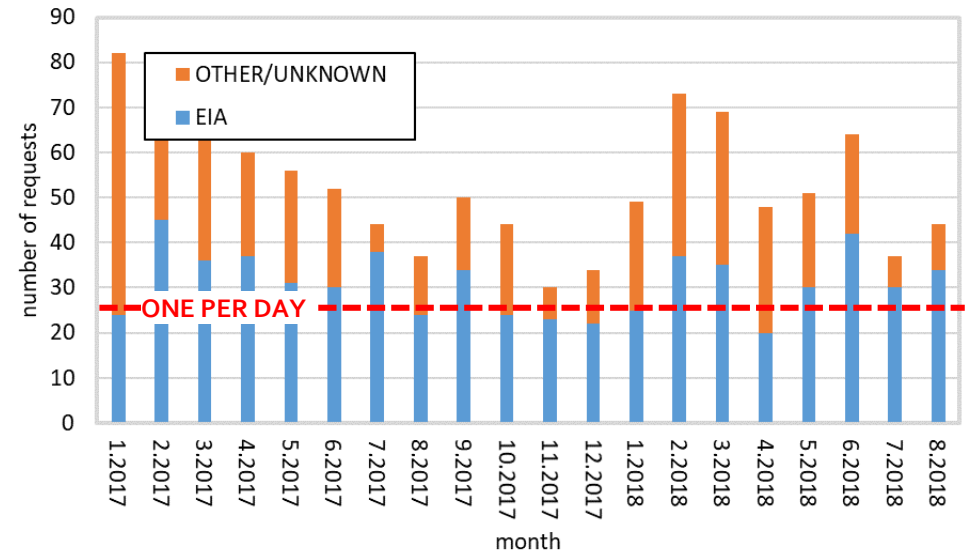
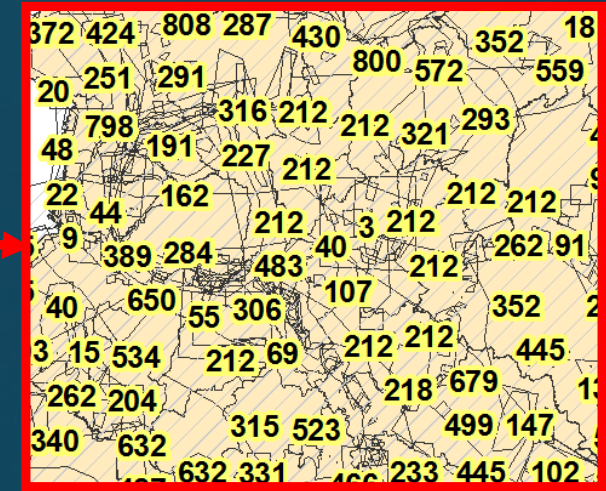
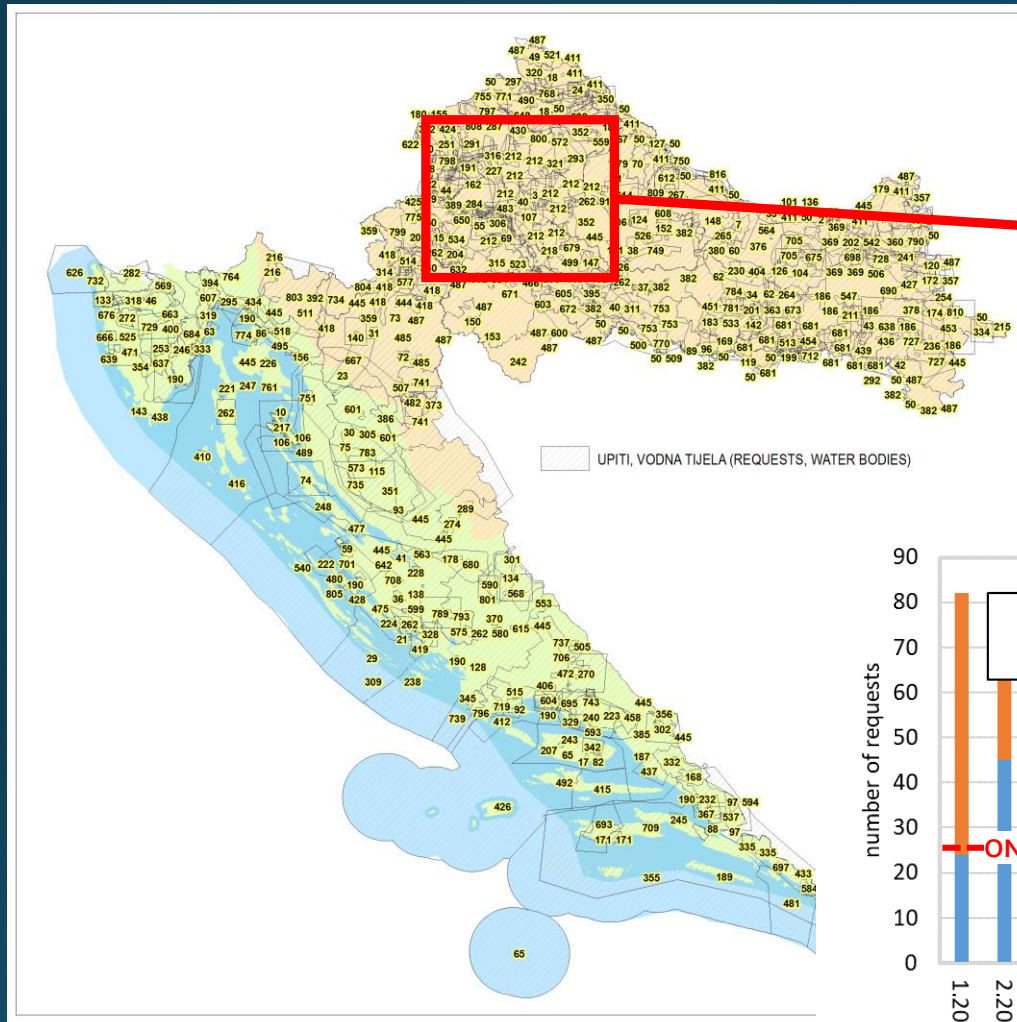


SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RBMP MEASURES ARE STARTING POINT FOR 4(7) / EIA / HABITATS ASSESSMENTS

FLOOD HAZARDS AND RISKS AND FRMP MEASURES:



EXTRACT FROM THE WATER BODIES REGISTER - REQUESTS



Quite high interest in WFD / RBMP data

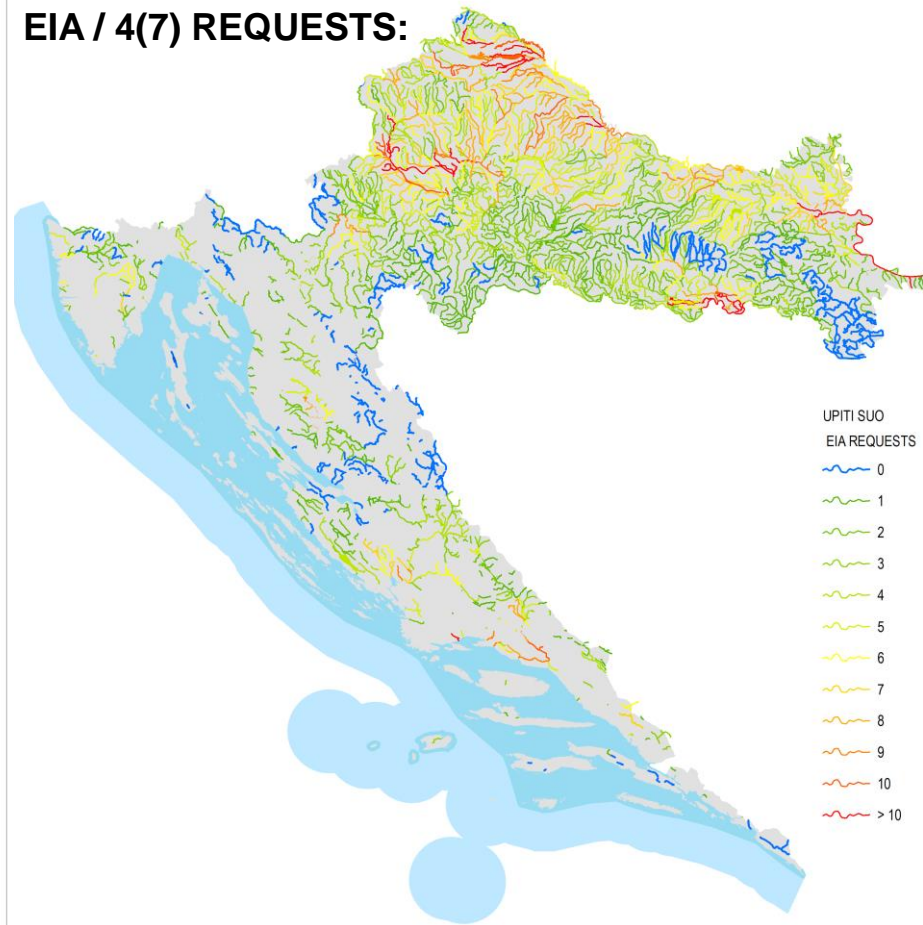
Competent Authority does not have legal right to ask for / verify the purpose of request

WATER BODIES – CUMULATIVE IMPACT

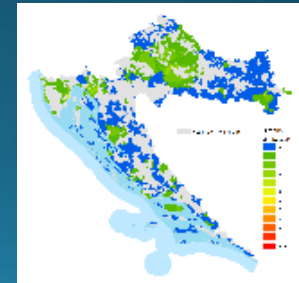
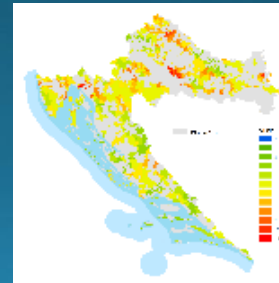
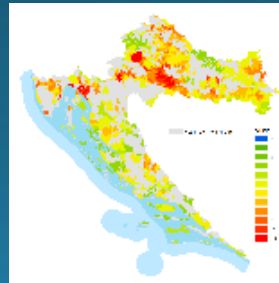
ALL REQUESTS:



EIA / 4(7) REQUESTS:



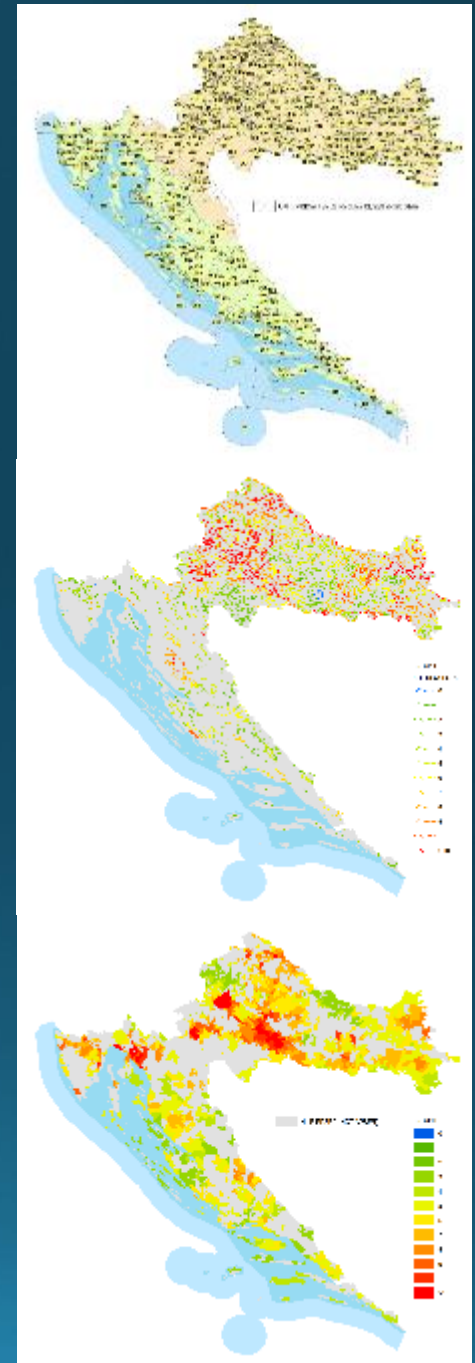
ALSO TRACKING OF FD RELATED REQUESTS,
APSFR and NON-APSFR AREAS



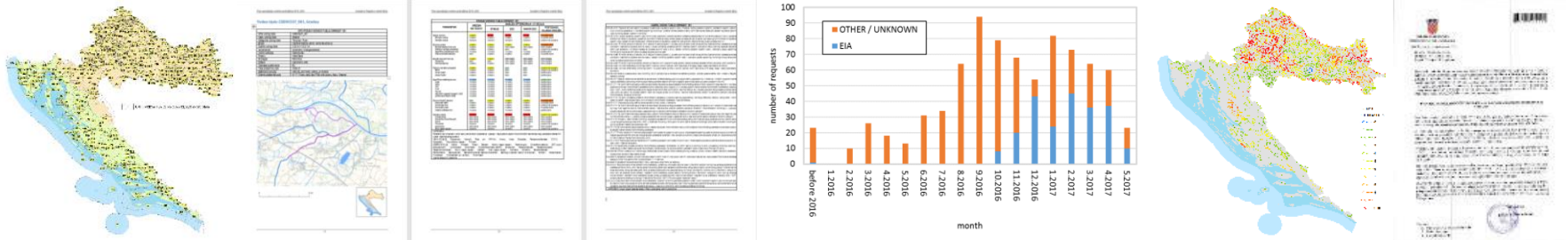
FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS / STEPS

Preliminary assessment of the efficiency and completeness of the procedure justified needs for further improvements:

1. Implementation of Guidance (as much as possible)
2. Development of procedures in more detail
3. Improvement of technical aspects and setting of technical standards
4. Full and harmonized implementation in legal framework
5. Better integration of FD and WFD from the point of 4(7)
6. Inclusion of information in Risk assessment according to WFD and FD
7. Better tracking of the requests / extracts / projects
8. Better integration of FD and WFD in the extract
9. In the next phase, information about programme of measures related to each water body should be included in the extract as well as information about already received requests (cumulative impact)
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Thank you!



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