


INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Security-related Benefits of Sustainable Management of Water Resources in Transboundary Basins

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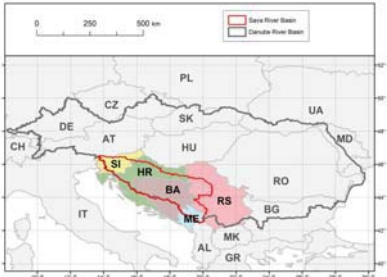
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Background to cooperation

- **Challenges**
 - **Use of water resources:** development and protection
 - **Management of water resources:** national → transboundary
- **Legal and institutional framework**
 - **Framework Agreement** on the Sava River Basin (2002)
 - **ISRBC (2005), Secretariat (2006)**
 - **Participation:** 4 member countries + 1 country (technical level)



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Scope of cooperation

- **Management plans**
(river basin, flood risk, sediment, climate change adaptation)
- **Integrated systems**
(information, forecasting, warning)
- **Economic activities**
(navigation, river tourism)
- Harmonization of **regulation**
(national → EU)
- **Protocols** to the FASRB

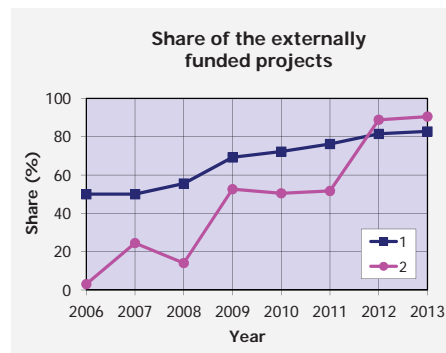


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Projects

- **Agreed** by all countries
- **Direct** benefits
 - **Preparation and/or implementation** of projects
 - **Raising funds** from external sources (~ 90%)
- **Indirect** benefits
 - **Facilitation of fund-raising** for the countries
 - **Lower costs** for the countries in case of joint ventures



1 – Share in terms of the projects' **number**
2 – Share in terms of the projects' **budget**

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Stakeholders

- **Wide range** horizontally, **all sectors** of society
- **Inter-sectoral coordination** – an important task of ISRBC

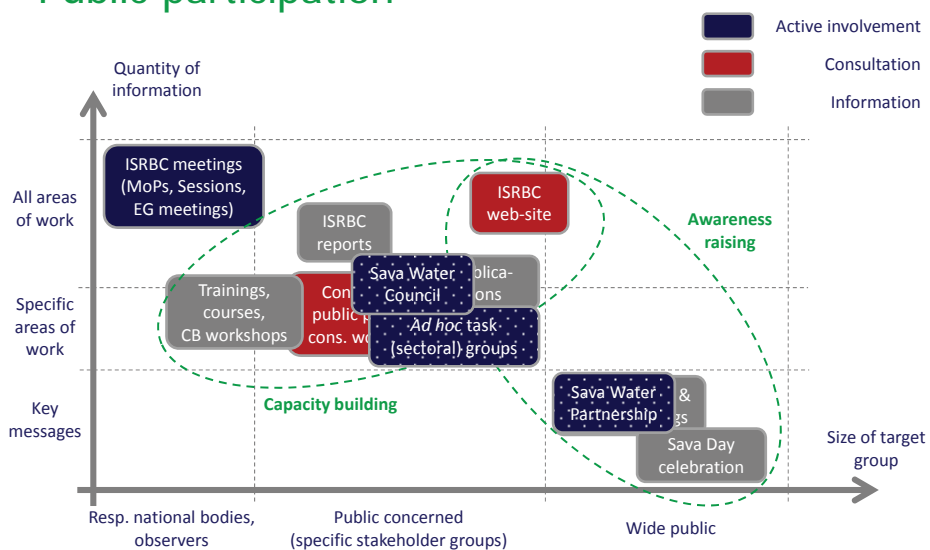
Activity / Field of work	P	F	N	H	A	T	C
River Basin Management Plan (EU WFD)	+	+	+	+	+		+
Water and Climate Adaptation Plan		+	+	+	+		+
Integrated Information System (INSPIRE Dir.)	+	+	+	+	+		
Navigation	+		+	+		+	
River Tourism	+	+	+	+		+	

P – Water and aquatic ecosystem protection
F – Flood management

N – Navigation
H – Hydropower
A – Agriculture

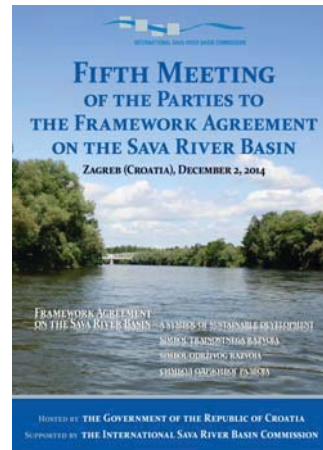
T – Tourism
C – Climate change

Public participation



Approach

- **Integrated** (whole basin, scope of work, all societal sectors, 'top-down' + 'bottom up')
- **Aligned** with the UNECE and EU regulation and strategies
- **Complementary** with the processes on the Danube level
- **Pragmatic and practical**
- **Educative** (capacity building, awareness raising)



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Benefits

- Improved **cooperation** / Increased **level of mutual trust** among the countries
- Implementation of **projects of common interest**
- Harmonization of **regulation, methodologies** and **procedures**
- Enhancement of **cross-sectoral cooperation on national level**



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Key messages

- **Make the best use** of basin organizations
 - Legal framework
 - Regional network of institutions / people (political and expert levels)
 - Achievements, ongoing and planned activities (on regional level)
 - Mechanism for preparation and implementation of regional projects
- **Support** basin organizations to increase benefits further
 - Creation of new organizations
 - Fund-raising and/or implementation of activities
 - Implementation of plans (e.g. RBM plan, FRM plan)
 - Development of economic activities (e.g. navigation, river tourism)
 - Coordination of multi-stakeholder processes (e.g. Sava Water Council)

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