



*Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus Assessment in the Drina River Basin
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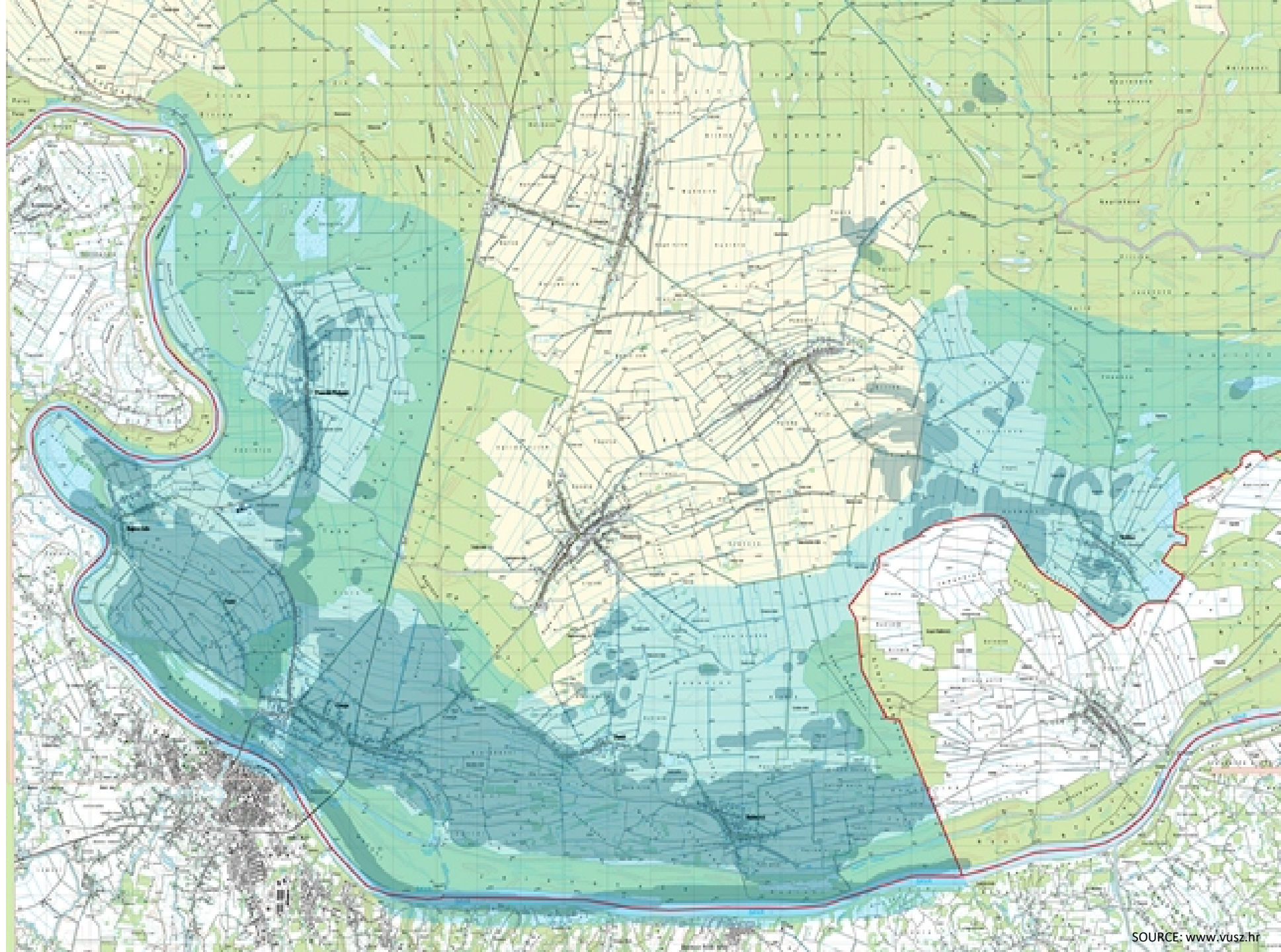


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RESULT FLOODED AREA DAY AFTER

**Flooded area
18 May 2014**

**3 villages
completely flooded
3 villages
partially flooded
2 fatalities
11.172 buildings/
houses flooded
8.635 evacuated**





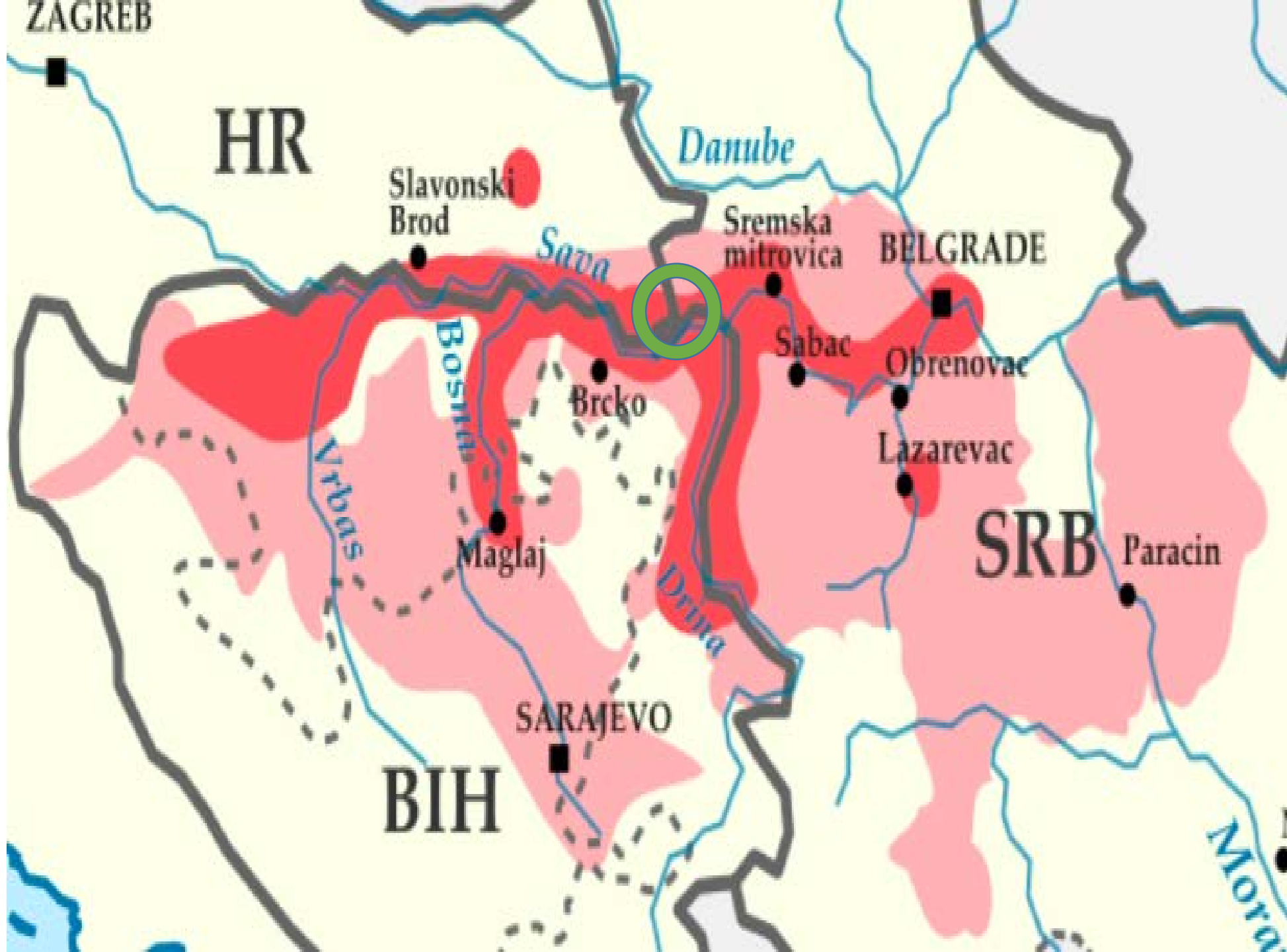
Why SEE URBAN regional level

**Flooded SEE area
May 2014**

➤ **Over 2,6 million
affected person**

➤ **79 fatalities**

➤ **137.000
evacuated**



Global recommendations– EU theory :

➤ **European Forum Disaster Risk Reduction:**

- Request authorities to include **representatives of communities** especially ...vulnerable groups, in national and local strategies for disaster risk reduction through a participatory and human rights-based approach.
- **Recognize resilient local communities as the foundation of a resilient society.**
- Promote inclusive coordinated and subsidiary multi-level governance across vertical and horizontal boundaries to **empower and build the capacities of local authorities.**

Global recommendations– SENDAI theory:

➤ **SENDAI Declaration of local and subnational governments:**

- **RECOGNIZE** the important role of local and subnational governments in disaster risk reduction ;
- **REALIZE** the empowerment and coordination with relevant stakeholders in disaster risk management at local level ;
- **RECOGNIZE** the role of local governments as the primary responsible authority in disasters
- **ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN government coordination forums composed of all stakeholders at local levels, such as local platforms for disaster risk reduction**

Project in brief:

- **Project Area: South East Europe**
- **Duration: 24 months (01.01.2017-31.12.2018)**
- **Total Eligible Costs: 576.990 EUR**
- **EC co-financing: 429.661 EUR (74,47 %)**



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Project objectives :

- **formalize local level cooperation in urban DRR**
(both at city/municipality/county and cross-border/regional level)
- **forming a network of urban local level DRR stakeholders (SEE URBAN)**
- **develop SEE URBAN electronic DRR library**
- **strengthen local level DRR practitioners' knowledge on urban risks**

SEE URBAN analysis of DRR networking modality

A comparative analysis of potential models of local DRR association has determined that the following options are achievable in accordance with the relevant national legislation or given possibilities:

- a) Establishment of a non-governmental organization and / or institution or agency (formal body) that will work exclusively on issues of DRR networking;*
- b) Use of already existing cooperation structure at the level of local authorities and the introduction of DRR as a new topic in their work;*
- c) Formal DRR Inter-municipal / city cooperation with the aim of forming body/ies that will in the future conduct joint activities on behalf of the founder;*
- d) Voluntary DRR cooperation through an agreement between local authorities on the basis of pre-agreed common interests.*

SEE URBAN results

(number of local authorities connected in DRR platforms 2018.)

	BIH		MNE	ALB	SRB				KOS	MKD	TOTAL
	RS	FBIH			ZM	KOL	VM	DBV			
No. of local authorities	64	81	3	61	17	8	12	19	5	10	
TOTAL	125		3	61	56				5	10	280

SEE URBAN transboundary/regional networking

➤ **Advantages of formal networking:**

- Fulfilment of Sendai recommendations for action (positive for all countries / territories and the entire SEE region)
- Increasing the potential for participation in joint projects
- Strengthening mutual cooperation

➤ **Potential problems:**

- Political issues
- Possibility of participation of local DRR platforms in regional DRR platform (remains to be checked for each SEE country / territory separately)
- Determining form of regional cooperation?

SEE URBAN and DRINA NEXUS project synergies

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- On 13 June in Loznica, Serbia joint initiative was signed to establish Protocols for cooperation of municipalities in River Drina Basin
- Signatories are: 7 Serbian municipalities namely M. Zvornik, B.Basta, Ljubovija, Osecina, Loznica, Nova Varos and Krupanj whilst Priboj, Prijepolje and Sjenica are also supporting the initiative.
- Observers were 5 BIH municipalites namely: Bratunac, Ugljevik, Srebrenica, Zvornik and Bijeljina
- The idea is to formalize transboundary cooperation and in that sense Serbia is introducing amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government

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DRINA NEXUS

- The idea of Drina Nexus Platform which include horizontal transboundary cooperation
- Aims to increase resilience of local communities
- The need to cooperate between sectors and to have transboundary dialogue
- In UNECE 2017 assessment of river Drina basin, out of the 7 noted recommendations, there is one particularly dealing with *“Broadening and developing the scope of cooperation”* i.e. *“exploring the establishment of a platform focused on inter-sectoral issues in the Drina basin”*

SEE URBAN and DRINA NEXUS project synergies - RECOMMENDATIONS

- Discuss complementarity between environment, energetics and DRR
- Projects could benefit from each other by using multi-sectoral approach from Drina Nexus and top-down and local level approach from SEE URBAN
- Aim for more comprehensive approach towards sustainable development
- Joint work in formalizing cooperation i.e. networking in the Drina river basin (build up on the already initiated process)
- Joint resource mobilization
- Exchange of best practices

SEE URBAN e-library ; <http://www.seeurban.eu>

SEE URBAN regional conference in Skopje in mid October.

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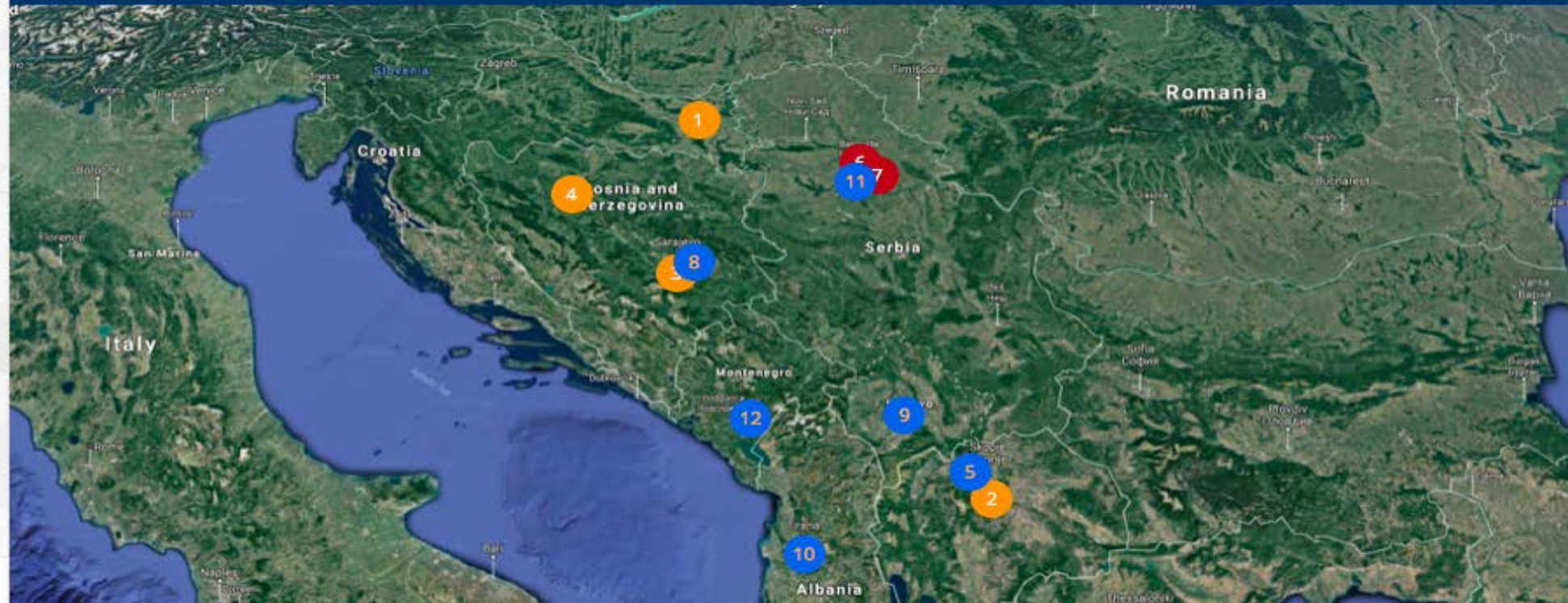
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