

# Overview of activities in the Sava River Basin

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# SHORT INTRODUCTION

- ISRBC– platform for cooperation within Sava River Basin
- Intersectoral coordination - basin and country level
- Impact of climate change on the water sector
- Recent floods

# CONCRETE RESULTS IN THE PAST YEAR

- **Sava RBM Plan (EU WFD)**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Plan approved in 2014
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle in progress
- **Climate change issues in RBM Plans**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Plan: Recommendations on further activities
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle: More detailed elaboration

# TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Signing of **Paris Pact** on Water and  
Adaptation to Climate Change in the  
Basins of Rivers, Lakes and Aquifers (2015)

Budapest, 17 Nov. 2015



# OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

- **Climate simulations in two projects:**  
**Sava Nexus Assessment (UNECE Water Convention) – 2015**  
**Danube Water Nexus – Sava Case Study (EC JRC) – 2016**
- **Water and Climate Adaptation Plan (2015)**
  - **Hydrologic model** (hydrologic response to future climate scenarios)
  - **Consultation** with stakeholders
  - **Main report**
  - **Guidance notes**
    - Navigation
    - Hydropower
    - Agriculture
    - Flood protection
    - Economic impacts of climate change

# CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNED

- So far, **limited funds** have been allocated for a **comprehensive elaboration of adaptation measures**
- To agree upon **adaptation measures** than will be **implementable on the ground**, it is necessary to:
  - Keep the process of development of the Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan **transparent and interactive**
  - Ensure **strong involvement of national institutions from all relevant sectors** in the whole process

# ONGOING / FUTURE PROJECTS

- **Nexus assessment in the Drina River Basin** (the largest Sava sub-basin) – Implemented jointly with UNECE through 2016
- **Climate-related project** potentially to be implemented under the UNECE Water Convention – expected to contribute to:
  - Development of **Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan** for the Sava Basin
  - Updated **Sava River Basin Management Plan**
  - **Flood Risk Management Plan** for the Sava River Basin

# QUESTION TO THE OTHER PILOT PROJECTS?

Good practices - challenges:

- Basin agreed policies – part of countries strategies, plans?
- Financing of agreed activities
- Implementation of basin agreed activities on country level