

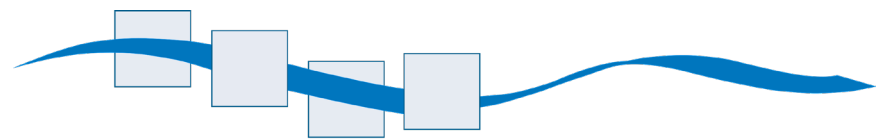


*Convention of the Protection of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
Task Force on The Water-Food-Energy_ecosystem Nexus
Seventh meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, 12-13 December 2022*

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Promoting resilience and economic growth across
sectors, through river connectivity

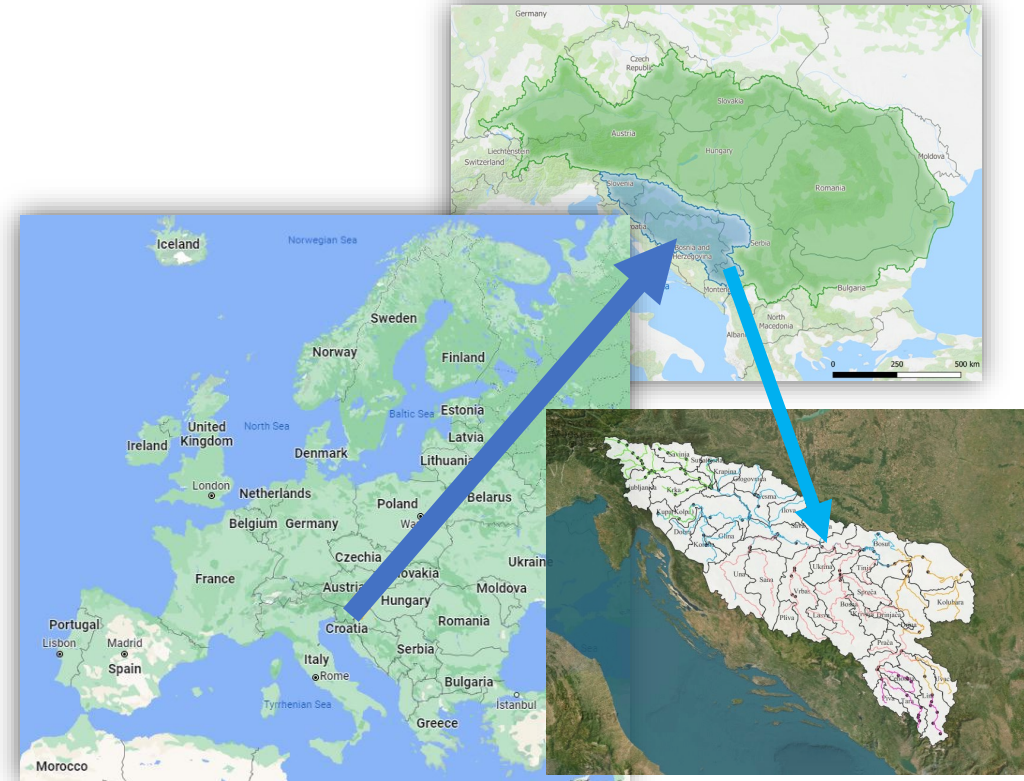
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The Sava River Basin- in brief

Area of the Sava River Basin (12% of the Danube Basin)	app 97,000 km ²
Average flow at mouth (thelargest danube tributary; 25% contribution)	app 1,722 m ³ /s
The Sava River length	940 km
Population living in the basin	app 8.1 million
Agglomerations	431
Significan industrial polluters	168
Hydropower plant > 20 MW	20
Protected areas > 100 ha	519



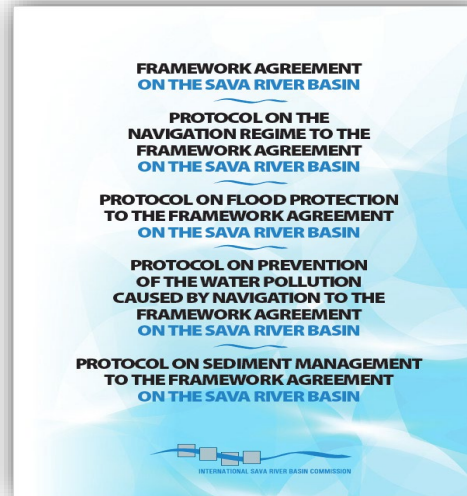
The Sava Commission- implementation of the FASRB

Objectives of the FASRB

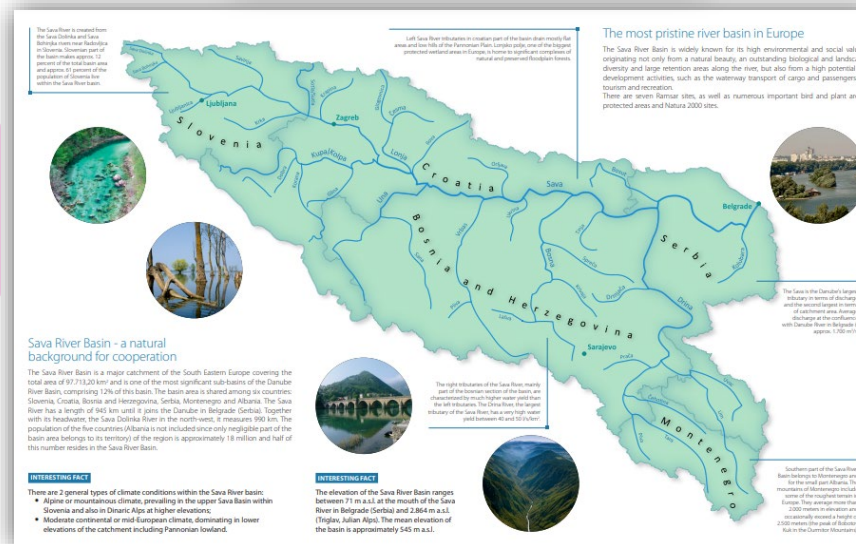
Safe Navigation

Sustainable water management

Accidents and hazards prevention, management, and control



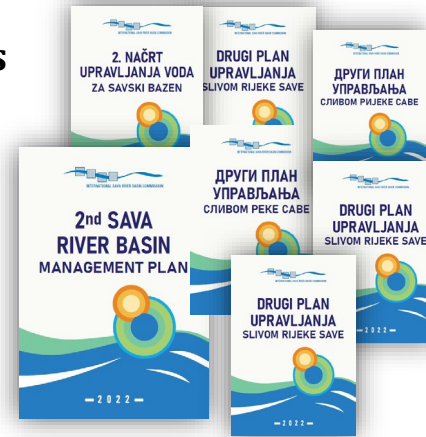
Sustainable development of the region through transboundary water cooperation



1	International multilateral agreement-Framework Agreement on the sava River Basin (FASRB)
4	Countries (Parties to the FASRB)
21	National institutions responsible for FASRB implementation
4	Protocols regulating specific cooperation issues
11	Expert groups (permanent, ad-hoc, task)
162	Experts involved in group works
1	International commission established for FASRB implementation (ISRBC)
1	Secretariat of the ISRBC

9th Meeting of the Parties

- More than 40 participants (**High level delegation from the Parties and Representatives of the Partners of the Sava Commission**)
 - Montenegro, European Commission, UNECE, UNESCO, WMO, ICPDR, Danube Commission, Scheldt Commission, INBO
- **Message for the youth from the basin (Sava Youth Parliament)**
- **Message for the challenges ahead- World Bank**
- **Declaration from the 9th Meeting of the Party adopted**
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 - Encourage the Sava Commission to *continue and further enhance the dialogue with relevant stakeholders from the navigation, hydropower, agriculture, nature conservation and flood management sectors*, for integration of the environmental, social, and economic aspects into the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects, while respecting the principle of sustainable development in the basin,
 - ➤ Having in mind the likely consequences of climate change on the water regime in the Sava River Basin and the need for effective adaptation measures, we *encourage* the Sava Commission and the Parties to *undertake further activities leading toward climate change adaptation* in the basin.....



2nd Sava RBMP with Programme of Measures – framework for **transboundary basin wide, integrated, technically, environmentally and economically sound and sustainable water management** in the **Sava River Basin**.

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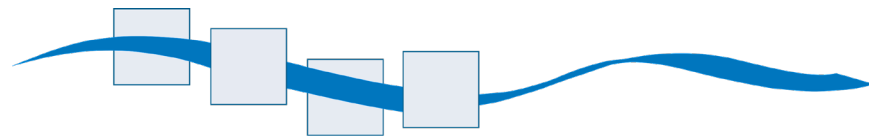
SAVA RIVER Transboundary Solutions – Sustainable Future
 REKA SAVA Prekomejne rešitve – trajnostna prihodnost
 RIJEKA SAVA Prekogranična rješenja – održiva budućnost
 РИЈЕКА САВА Прекогранична рјешења – одржива будућност
 PEKA SABA Прекогранична решења – одржива будућност

9th Meeting of the Parties to the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin

Zagreb, December 9, 2022

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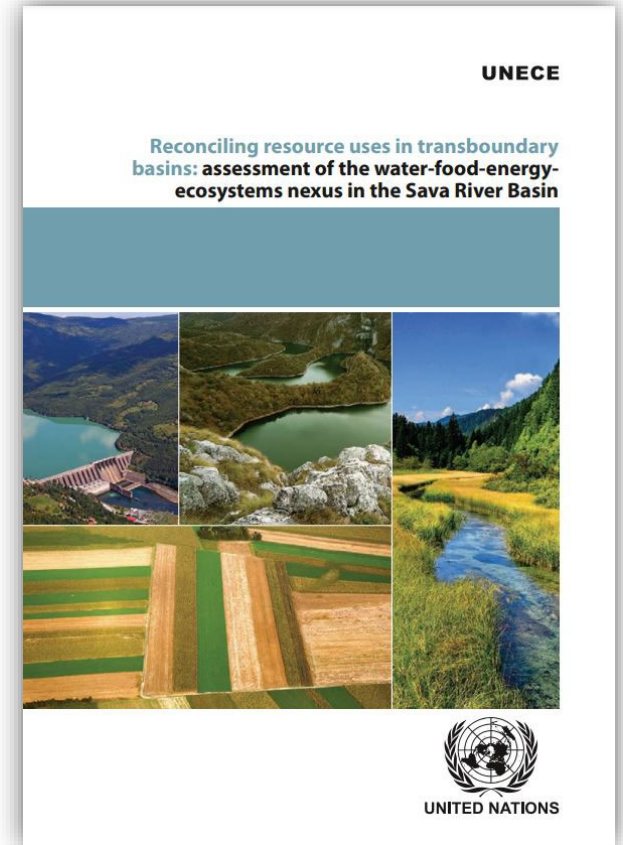
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Implementation of the NEXUS approach in the Sava River Basin

- *Sava Nexus assessment (2014-2015)*- Identification of stakeholders, issues, possible directions, for solutions
- *Drina assessment (2016-2017)*- Clusters of challenges and solutions defined, benefits of coordinated hydropower operation
- *Drina follow up project (2018-2019)* - Recommendations on monitoring, sedimentation, e flows, sustainable energy.
- *Drina Phase II (2022-2022)*
 - Integrated water-energy modelling
 - Flow Regulation in the Drina basin and the eventual formalization of related aspects
 - Established Expert Group on Flow Regulation and Environmental Flows
 - Steps towards political commitments with Road-map
 - Follow up project documents on Sediment management and Climate change adaptation



Implementation of the NEXUS approach in the Sava River Basin

➤ Main benefits

- **Strengthening** existing transboundary cooperation by intersectoral cooperation
- Further **integration** of the other sectors in the RBM and FRM planning and measures implementation process
- **Building capacity** to assess and address intersectoral impacts
- **Development** of the common language and **understanding** between different actors with specific needs

➤ Challenges

- Limited human resources
- Numerous initiatives with the similar goals



Looking at key challenges ahead

- Based on the Joint Plan of Actions for the Sava River Basin (2017)
- **SAVA AND DRINA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME** (*World Bank, GEF grant*)
- 2 phases - 10 years
- National and regional (basin-wide) component
- **ISRBC- regional component** substantially contributed to the implementation of the FASRB– aimed at
 - supporting **policy dialogue** and consultations and facilitation and **implementation**
 - **Joint planning** and *sustainable* management and *development* of water resources
 - **Building resilience** to climate shocks

Hydrological Study for the Sava River Basin

Sediment, Water, Biota,
Sediment Management Plan

Sava GIS, Sava HIS Upgrade

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

RBM and FRM planning

Sustainable Ecotourism

Advanced flood and drought monitoring,
forecasting and management systems

Other unspecified activities aimed at filling the
gaps in transboundary water management



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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