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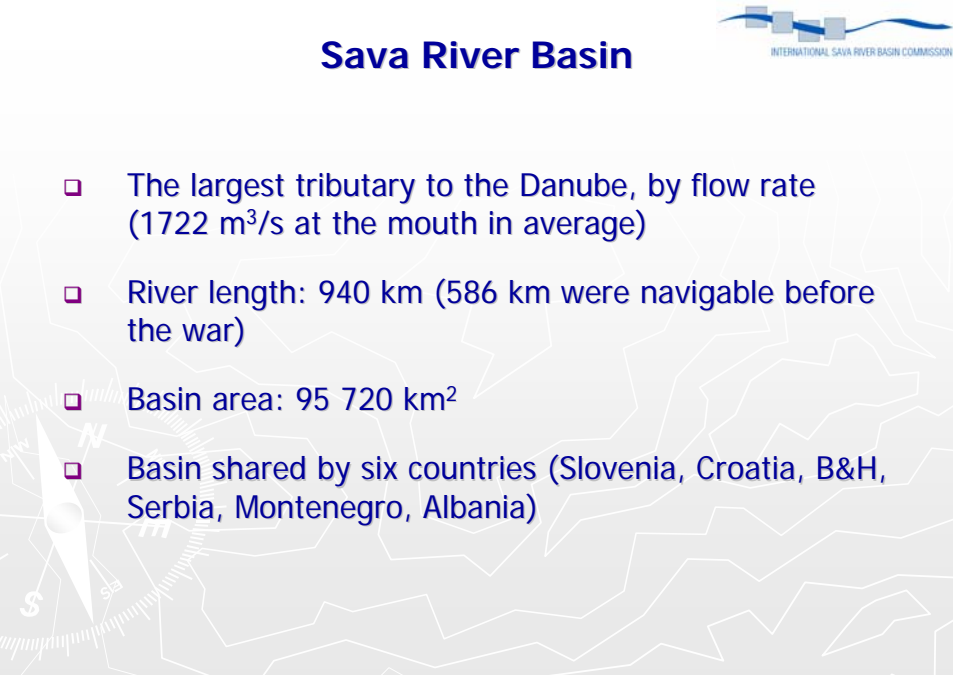
Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Dejan Komatina, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission delivered at the Plenary Session 6 – Co-operation in transboundary water courses and rivers, First Preparatory Conference to the 16<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum “Maritime and inland waterways co-operation in the OSCE area: Increasing Security and protecting the environment” held in Helsinki, 10 - 11 September 2007.

## Transboundary Cooperation in the Sava River Basin

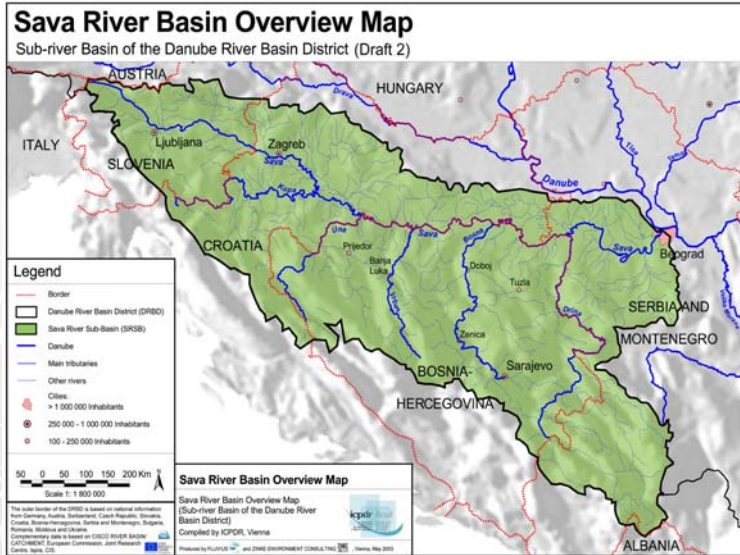


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## Sava River Basin

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- ❑ The largest tributary to the Danube, by flow rate (1722 m<sup>3</sup>/s at the mouth in average)
  - ❑ River length: 940 km (586 km were navigable before the war)
  - ❑ Basin area: 95 720 km<sup>2</sup>
  - ❑ Basin shared by six countries (Slovenia, Croatia, B&H, Serbia, Montenegro, Albania)

## Sava River Basin



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## Sava Commission

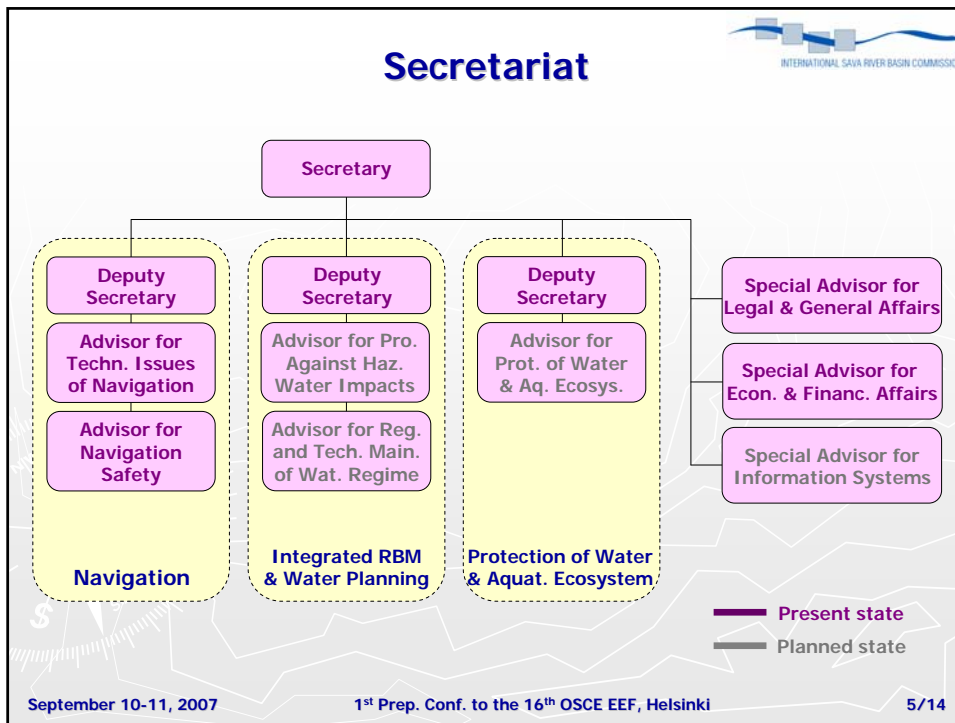


- ❑ Established in June 2005
- ❑ Established for implementation of the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB)
- ❑ Four parties to the FASRB (Slovenia, Croatia, B&H, Serbia)
- ❑ Secretariat started to work in January 2006
- ❑ Seated in Zagreb (Croatia)

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- ## Fields of work
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- INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
- ❑ (Inland) Navigation
  - ❑ River Basin Management
  - ❑ Water and Aquatic Ecosystem Protection
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## Activities



- Development of the **Sava RBM Plan** (EU WFD)
- Establishment of **integrated systems** for the whole basin (flood forecasting & warning, accident prevention & control)
- Preparation and realization of **projects**
- Harmonization of **legislation** (national → EU)
- Creation of additional **protocols** to the FASRB

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## Navigation



- Creation of **documents**:
  - to improve **navigation safety** (e.g. Navigation Rules on the Sava River, Rules for Waterway Marking on the Sava River, etc.)
  - to promote **development** and improve **maintenance of the waterway infrastructure** (e.g. Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River)
- **Harmonization** with the EU regulation:
  - Rules for mutual recognition of **boatmasters' certificates** (CCNR)
  - **Technical standards** and requirements for inland waterway vessels (DC)

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## Navigation



### □ Projects

- Study on the waterway traffic on the Sava River
- **Pre-feasibility Study** – finalized
- **Feasibility Study and Project Documentation**  
(Detailed Design, Plan for Rehabilitation and Development of Trade and Navigation on the Sava River)
- **Project Preparation and Management:** ISRBC Secretariat

### □ A high **priority** for the future work

- **Prevention of the pollution** caused by navigation  
(establishment of the system for collection of waste from vessels)
- So far: Involvement in the development of such systems on the Danube and Rhine Rivers

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## Protocols



### □ Creation of **Protocols**, on:

- **Transboundary Impacts**
- **Emergency Situations**
- **Protection against Floods**
- **Prevention of water pollution caused by navigation**
- **Exploitation of stone, sand, gravel and clay**

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## Joint Statement



- Joint Statement on Development of Navigation and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin
  - Joint effort, with the **Danube Commission** and the **ICPDR**
  - Finalization until the end of 2007
  - Implementation by the three river commissions

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Parties



- Held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007
- A high-level meeting (ministerial level of delegations)
- Attended by **representatives** of:
  - International river commissions (ICPDR, DC, ICPR)
  - International and regional organizations (UNECE, Stability Pact for the SEE, SEETO)
  - Governments, financial institutions, NGOs and other organizations
- **Documents** adopted:
  - Report on implementation of the FASRB and work of the ISRBC
  - Declaration of the 1<sup>st</sup> MoP
  - Methodology for permanent monitoring of implementation of the FASRB
- The June 1<sup>st</sup> was proclaimed as the official **Sava Day**

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## OSCE support - ideas



Topic	Type of support
Unification of legal regulations related to inland navigation (e.g., technical rules for vessels and transport of dangerous goods)	Providing framework for joint work of international navigation commissions of the OSCE region
Collection and treatment of the oily waste water and waste occurring on board inland navigation vessels	Promotion of best practices from other regions in the Sava region
Sustainable development of inland waterways infrastructure	Promotion of best practices from other regions in the Sava region

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