



GOOD PRACTICE

Title of the practice

The existence of the International Sava River Basin Commission (Sotla is a tributary to Sava river)

Detailed description of the practice

The International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) has been established for the purpose of the implementation of the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB), namely the provision of cooperation of the Parties to the FASRB, for realization of the following goals:

1. Establishment of an international regime of navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, which includes provision of conditions for safe navigation on the Sava River and its tributaries, inter alia.
2. Establishment of sustainable water management, which includes cooperation on management of the Sava River Basin water resources in a sustainable manner, including integrated management of surface and ground water resources.

3. Undertaking of measures to prevent or limit hazards, such as floods, ice, droughts and accidents involving substances hazardous to water, and to reduce or eliminate related adverse consequences.

A principle scheme of decision-making process with its legal basis is following: In general, the Sava Commission, on its sessions, raises specific issues to be investigated by the Secretariat and/or an expert group. After a solution is found, the Secretariat presents it to the Sava Commission with the recommendation on next steps. According to the recommendations of the Secretariat, the Sava Commission, on its regular or special sessions, adopts decisions and recommendations to the Parties. Decisions adopted by the Sava Commission in the field of navigation are binding for all Parties, aiming to provide conditions for safe navigation and conditions for financing the construction of waterways and their maintenance. In the field of water management, the Sava Commission adopts only recommendations. Both the decisions and recommendations are passed unanimously.



Evidence of success

The elaboration of Sava River Basin Management Plan (Sava RBMP) which has been developed according to the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD), which establishes a legal framework to protect and enhance the status of all waters and protected areas including water dependent ecosystems, prevent their deterioration and ensure long-term, sustainable use of water resources. The Sava RBMP establishes several integrative principles for water management, including the integration of water protection into other developments. The Seat of the Sava Commission is Zagreb, Republic of Croatia.

Location of the practice

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