

Intervention on 25th of May 2023

At the Sava Commission the climate change activities continued after development of the Outline on CCA Strategy. The Outline, which was supported by the UNECE, was finalized in 2018.

The elements of the Outline have been incorporated in the chapter on climate change adaptation in the 2nd Sava RBM Plan. The Plan was adopted by the Parties to the FASRB (SI, HR, BA and RS) on 9th of MOP in December 2022.

Beside this the delegation of the Republic of Slovenia promoted the ISRBC at the UN 2023 Water Conference, held in March this year, as a good practice of collaboration and cooperation in the international river basin and as a contribution to the field of water and peace.

The Sava Commission commitment to the Water Action Agenda is focused on the integrated water resources management and transboundary cooperation on flood and drought monitoring and mitigation, thereby making the countries more resilient to climate shocks.

During the development of the Outline on CCA Strategy the following future steps have been recommended to be implemented:

- Assessment of vulnerability,
- Analysis of cost and benefits of climate change adaptation
- Raising awareness and the scale of adaptation by assessment of climate change at the SRB level.
- Identification of principles of measures implementation and
- Monitoring and evaluation of adaptation measures

Those issues will be addressed in the full-fledged strategy on CCA which is foreseen to be implemented in scope of the Sava and Drina River Corridors Integrated Development Program (SDIP), financed by the World Bank/GEF. The implementation of this Program became effective in November 2022 while development of the Strategy on CCA is foreseen to start in 2024.

We expect that with the full-fledged Strategy the gaps and uncertainties, which have been recognized in the process of the CCA, will be addressed in the most appropriate way