

Cooperation in transboundary river basin management in the Balkans

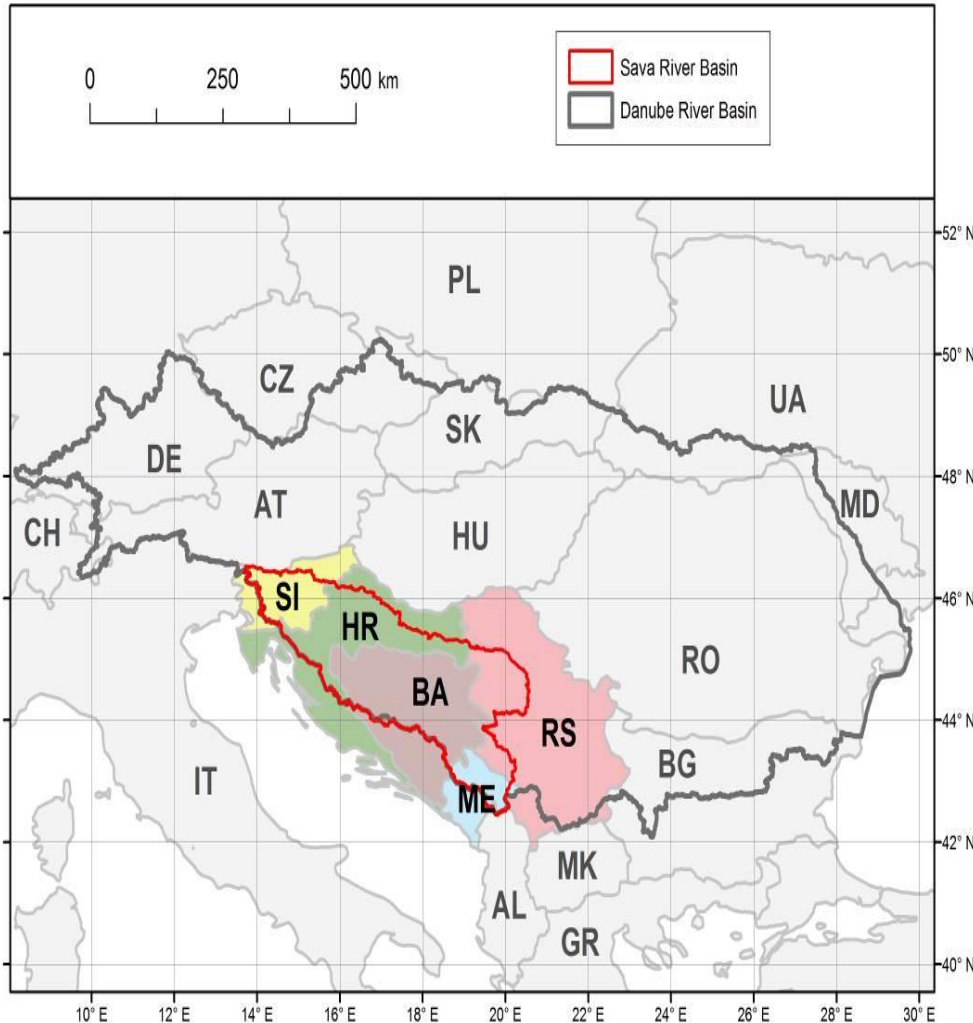
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Sava River Basin – general info



• Main facts & figures

- **Area:** 97 700 km² (2nd Danube sub-basin; share: 12%)
- **River length:** 990 km (594 km of which is the waterway)
- **Discharge (mouth):** 1722 m³/s (1st Danube tributary; contr. 25%)
- **Population:** approx. 9 million

Country	Share of the basin (%)	Share of the territory (%)
Albania	0.2	0.6
Bosnia & Herzegovina	39.2	75.8
Croatia	26.0	45.2
Montenegro	7.1	49.6
Serbia	15.5	17.4
Slovenia	12.0	52.8

Legal basis of cooperation

➤ **Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (2004)**

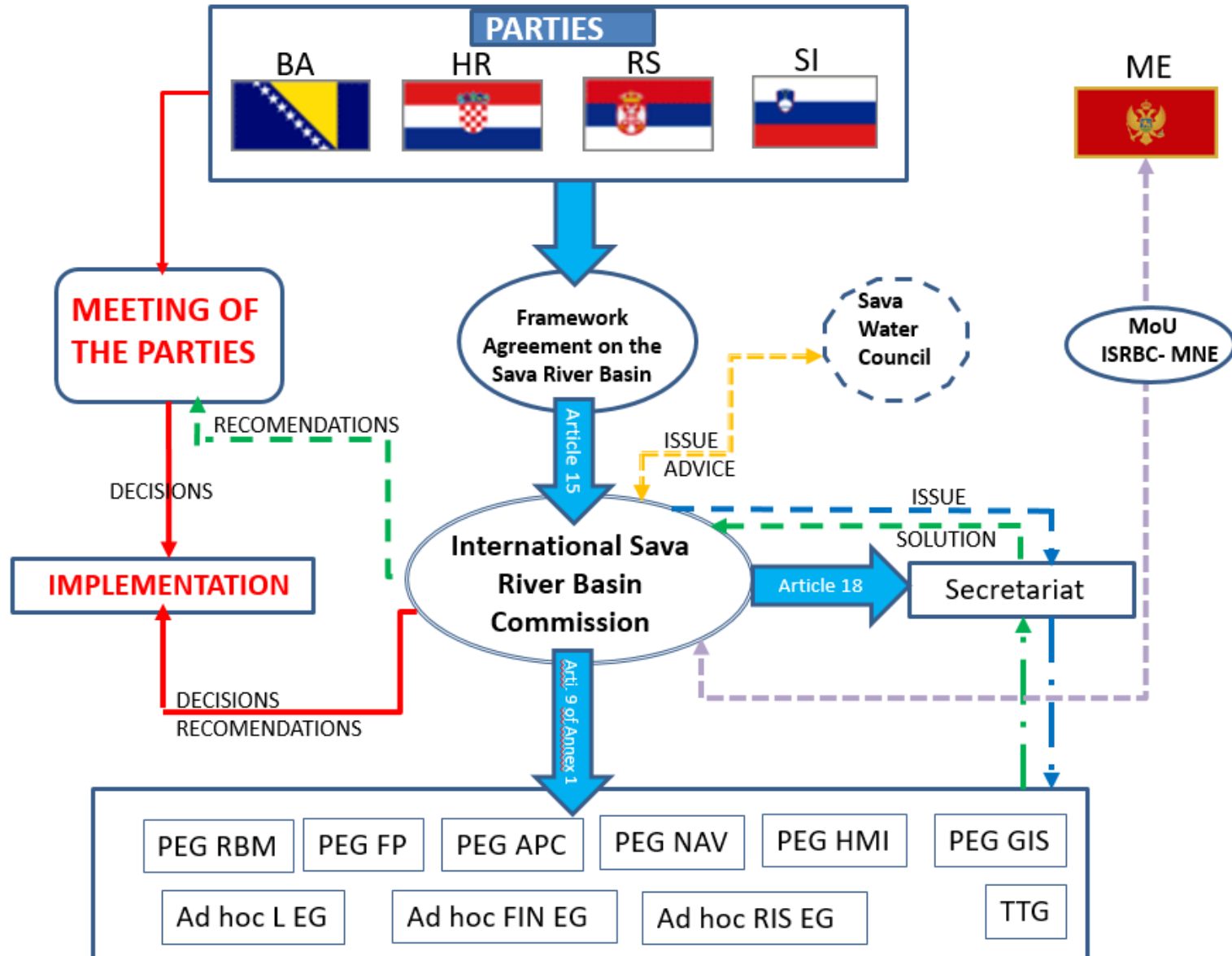
- **Member countries** : Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia; Montenegro – MoU
- **Scope of cooperation**: water management and navigation
- **Implementation** coordinated by the **ISRBC**

➤ **Protocols to the FASRB**

- Navigation regime
- Prevention of water pollution caused by navigation
- Flood protection
- Sediment management

Country	EU membership status
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Potential candidate
Croatia	Member
Montenegro	Candidate (2010)
Serbia	Candidate (2012)
Slovenia	Member

ISRBC principal scheme of functioning

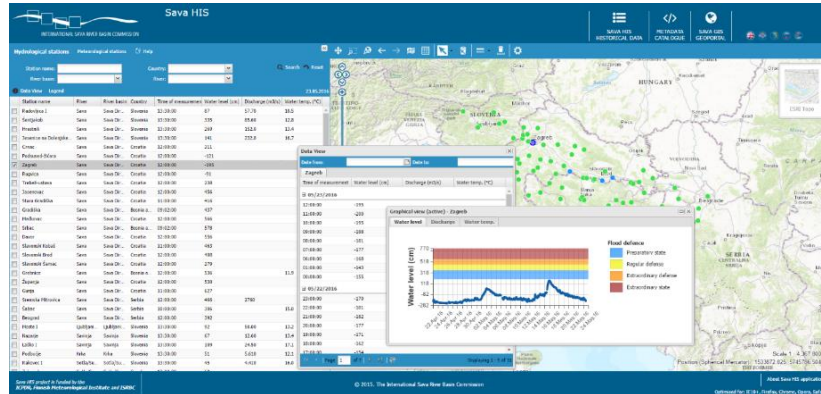


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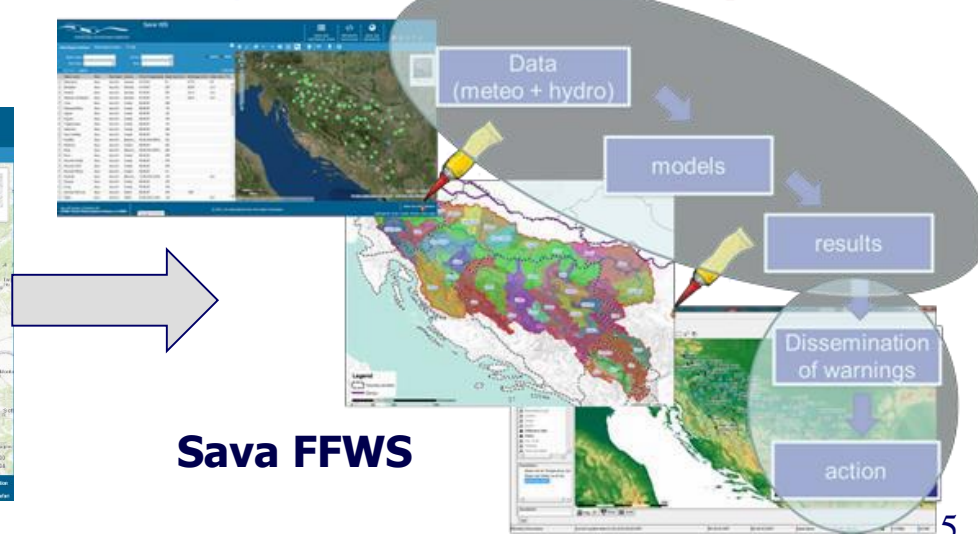
Hydrological and meteo data management



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Built upon existing tools & knowledge

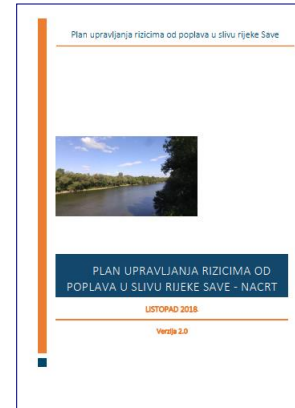


Flood management

➤ Protocol on flood protection

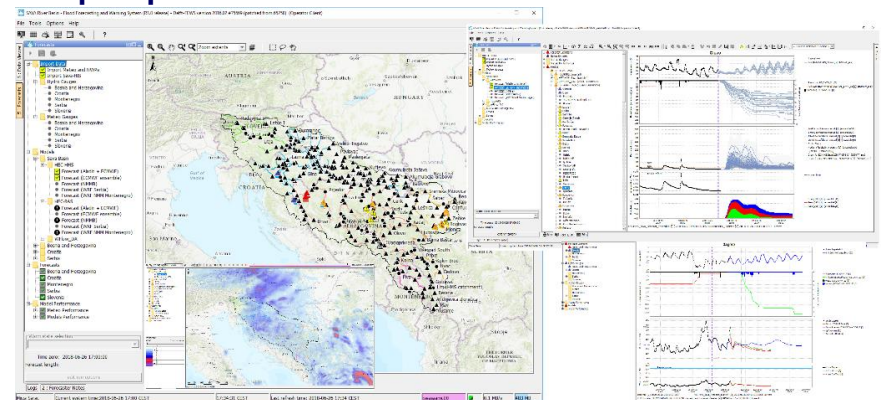
● Sava Flood Risk Management Plan

- Start of the preparation – March 2017
- Public consultation 31 Oct – 01 Dec 2018
- Stakeholder Forum (Belgrade 14 – 15 Nov 2018)
- Acceptance of the draft by ISRBC as a proposal (31 May 2019)
- Final approval – 8th Meeting of the Parties (Sarajevo, 24 October 2019)



● Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System

- Start of the activities – June 2016
- Final workshop and hand-over ceremony (25 Oct 2018)
- MoU on the post-project organization prepared on technical level
- Signing – 8th MoP



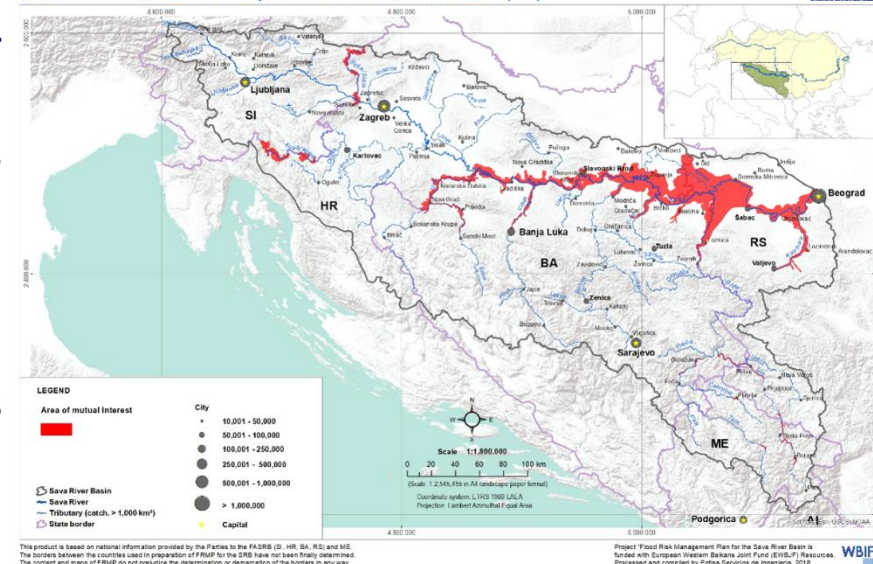
Sava Flood Risk Management Plan

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- **Common goals agreed**
 - Avoiding new risks
 - Reduction of existing risks during and after the flood
 - Strengthening resilience
 - Raising awareness of risks
 - Applying the principle of solidarity
- **Basic elements of the analysis**
 - **251 potential flood areas** of importance for Sava FRMP identified,
 - Further grouped into **20 Areas of mutual interest (AMIs)**, as the basic element for basin level analyses
 - Total surface of AMIs is 5,659 km², 1.4 million people;
- **Catalogue of measures**
 - 42 non-structural measures
 - 38 (national) structural measures in AMIs (> 250 mil EUR)
- **Modes of cooperation in emergencies**



Areas of Mutual Interest for flood protection in the Sava River Basin (AMI)



Stakeholder involvement

- Wide range of stakeholders
- Participation through:
 - Informing (web, publications...)
 - Consultation (web, workshops, forums)
 - Active involvement (observers)
- **Sava Water Council**
 - Advisory body (any issue)
- **Stakeholder Forum**
 - Advisory body in navigation
- **Youth Parliament**
 - web page: <http://sava-youthparliament.com/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SavaYouth/>



8th Youth Parliament

– Theme: ***Let's cooperate for water!***

» *How to reconcile different interests between water users and how young people would solve potential conflicts between different stakeholders at local, regional and/or transboundary level*



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