Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
Republic Water Directorate

WFD – SERBIA TOWARDS FULL IMPLEMENTATION

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Dublin, September 2017
• Surface area: 88.407 km²
• Population: 7.120.666 without Kosovo and Metohija

• Most of the territory belongs to the Danube River Basin
• All major rivers, except the Morava whose entire course lies within Serbia, either cross or define the state border
WATER RESPONSIBILITIES

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, its operational body Republic Water Directorate is responsible:

- for **integrated water resources management** in Serbia, according to the Water Law
- according to the Law on Ministries for:
  - water resources management policy
  - multipurpose water usage
  - water regime
  - protection from water
  - water protection measures maintenance
EU ACCESSION PROCESS – CHAPTER 27

- 21 January 2014 in Brussels - the First Intergovernmental Conference - the formal start of Serbia's negotiations to join the EU
- 15-19 September and 17-21 November 2014 in Brussels – SCREENING
- January 2017 - Screening report without benchmarks

ON-GOING ACTIVITY – PREPARATION OF NEGOTIATION POSITION
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RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

- International Commission for the Protection of Danube River (ICPDR)
  - RBMP for the Danube River Basin (adopted on December 10, 2009)
  - Update of RBMP for the Danube River Basin (adopted on December 9, 2015)
  - Integrated RBMP for Tisza River Basin (adopted on April 11, 2011)
- International Commission for the Sava River Basin (ISRBC)
  - RBMP for the Sava river Basin (adopted on December 2, 2014)
- Draft RBMP for the territory of the Republic of Serbia – done in December 2015 – not in accordance with WFD
- ON-GOING ACTIVITY – Preparation of RBMP 2021-2027 for the territory of the Republic of Serbia – fully in accordance with WFD
MAIN ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Pollution from untreated urban and industrial waste waters
  - In settlements > 2000 PE - 26 WWTPs, of which 8 works according to designed parameters
  - <8% inhabitants have adequate treatment

- Pollution from agricultural sources

- Adequate monitoring programme
CHALLENGES TO BE SOLVED BY 2021

- Establishment of an adequate water management system and strengthening the capacities of institutions in the water sector
- Establishment of stable financing, introducing the "user pays" and "polluter pays“ principle
- Transposition of EU water related directives
- Adoption of planning documents in the field of water management by 2021 (RBMP and FRMP for the territory of the Republic of Serbia)
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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