Prospects of the Global Alliances for Water and Climate Incubation Platform (GAWCIP)

ISRBC- its role and activities regarding climate change adaptation

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Framework

- **Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB)**

  Sustainable development of the region through transboundary water cooperation

- **Particular objectives – to establish:**
  - Sustainable **water management**
  - Sustainable **hazard management** (floods, droughts, accidents, etc.)
  - International regime of **navigation**

- **International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)**
  (4 member countries + Montenegro)

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Scope

• **Management plans**
  (river basin, flood risk, sediment, climate adaptation, contingency)

• **Integrated systems**
  (information exchange- *SavaHIS, SavaGIS*, forecasting, warning)

• **Economic activities**
  (navigation, river tourism, ...)

• **Policy**
  (harmonization, policies / guidelines, protocols to FASRB)
Climate change transboundary activities

- **Basic transboundary project on CC**
  - *Danube Water Nexus Project – Sava Case Study*, implemented by the EC Joint Research Center (*finalized in 2016*)
  - Project *Water and Climate Adaptation Plan for the Sava River Basin (WATCAP)*, implemented by World Bank (*finalized in 2015*)
  - 1st *Sava River Basin Management Plan* (*endorsed in 2014*)
  - Process of 2nd *Sava River Basin Management Plan* started

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Climate change adaptation

• Development of the Outline of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and priority measures for the SRB

  – Purpose
    • to develop the Outline in consistence with ICPDR’s regional adaptation strategy;
    • to identify some priority basin-wide measures building on documents and studies available at national and regional levels;
    • to suggest modalities and cost estimates for the full development of the strategy and of its action plan.

  – Timeframe (June-October 2017)

The project was supported by:
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**Future steps**

- Develop full **Climate Adaptation Strategy** for the Sava River Basin
  - Ensure consistency between work being done at basin and national levels

- Implementation of CC **adaptation measures**
  - Identify priority CC adaptation measures for the SRB
  - Integrate actions into planning activities at national level
  - Ensure integration of CC measures into RBM Plan
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