

Testimonial – Sava River Basin

International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) is an international organization coordinating the transboundary water cooperation in the Sava River Basin - the major basin of South-East Europe (SEE) and the second largest sub-basin of the Danube River Basin. The ISRBC, which is the first development-oriented mechanism of transboundary cooperation in the region following the geopolitical changes in the region in 1990-ies (established in 2005), has the broadest scope of work among international basin organizations in Europe, being the only one dealing with all aspects of water resources management simultaneously.

There has been a fruitful cooperation with the Convention since the establishment of the ISRBC. So far, the Convention's support has primarily targeted the ISRBC efforts to ensure an integrated approach to water resources management, by supporting the ISRBC activities related to:

- preparation of the first Sava River Basin Management Plan in accordance with the EU Water Framework Directive
- facilitation of inter-sectoral coordination, through water – food – energy – ecosystems nexus assessment, and
- facilitation of integration of climate change assessment into flood risk management planning.

Focusing the future Convention's support to the climate change adaptation in the Sava River Basin, by supporting development of the adaptation strategy and action plan, as well as integration of climate change into ongoing and future cycles of river basin management planning, would be of considerable value for further improvement of the integrated water resources management, and the transboundary water cooperation in the Sava River Basin, in general.