

Transboundary Groundwater Body Karavanke/Karawanken Between Slovenia and Austria - Management and Governance



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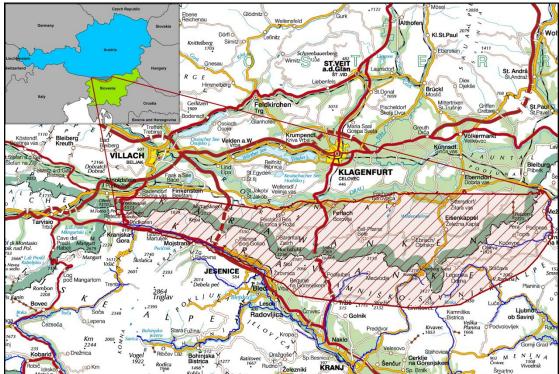
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SETTING THE SCENE

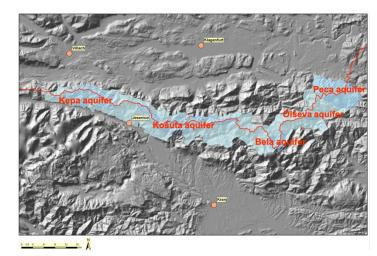
- Karavanke/Karawanken is narrow mountainous range stretching along the border between Republics of Austria and Slovenia (Central Europe):
 - Good water balance in surface water and groundwater.
- Cooperation on hydrogeological / hydrological issues started in 80's of 20th century as a consequence of common investment in infrastructure:
 - First step extensive investigations,
 - Latter stages management issues.



CWM IN TRANSBOUNDARY SETTINGS

- Karavanke/Karawanken mountain range is predominately formed by calcareous rocks forming large karstic aquifers:
 - Big karstic springs recharge rivers and creeks,
 - Recharge areas of several springs are transboundary.
 - Sometimes no visible springs are developed:
 - Thorough surface water investigation are needed to understand groundwater occurrence.
- Natural conditions in Karavanke/Karawanken mountain range are such that is not possible to consider separately surface water and groundwater.
- Conditions in the area are fostering Conjunctive Water Management:
 - It is self evident and taken for granted.





LEGAL ASPECTS – CONVENTIONS

- Republics of Austria and Slovenia proclaimed Transboundary groundwater body - TGWB under the EU directive called Water Framework Directive – WFD.
 - There is no special (separate) legal document defining TGWB.
 - However, TGWB is legally binding.
- States are cooperating through Drava/Drau Commission which was established by international agreement signed in 1954 in Geneva between Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia and Republic of Austria:
 - In the accession Republic of Slovenia accept this agreement as a valid and obligatory international contract.

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Na osnovu čl. 79 st. 1 tač. 5 Ustavnog z nizaciji i poslovanju Saveznog izvršnog veća,	sakona, a u vezi sa čl. 18 st. 2 Uredbe o etga- Savezno izvršno veće donosi
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O RATIFIKACIJI SPORAZUMA IZMEĐU FE SLAVIJE I SAVEZNE VLADE REPUBLIKE KOJA SE T	DERATIVNE NARODNE REPUBLIKE JUGO- AUSTRIJE O PITANJIMA VODOPRIVREDE IČU DRAVE
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Savezne vlade Republike Austrije o pitanjina Zenevi 25 maja 1954 godine, zajedno sa priloz	Federativne Narodne Republike Jugoslavije i vodoprivrede, koja se biču Drave, podpisan u ima A i B i Ugovotom o isporuci energije i skog sistema Slovenije i Österreichische-Elek- slovenačkom i nemačkom jeziku glasi:
ÜBEREINKOMMEN	SPORAZUM
ZWISCHEN DER REGIERUNG DER FÖDERATIVEN VOLKSREFUBLIK, JUGOSLAWIEN UND BUNDES- REGREUNG DER REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH ÜBER WASSREWINTSCHAPTLICHE FRAGEN AN DER DRAU	MED VLADO FEDERATIVNE LJUDSKE REPUBLIK JUGOSLAVIJE IN ZVEZNO VLADO RRPUBLIKE AVSTRIJE O VODNOGOSPODARSKIH VPRAŠA NJH, KI SE TIČEJO DRAVE
Im Bestreben die gut nachbarlichen Besichungen zu Im festigen die Entwicklung der wassrwirtschaltlichen Zusammenarbeit zu fördern und die Wasselkräfte der Drau im grösstmöglichen Mösse energiewerkenhaltlich durch beide Veringspartner zu nutzen, instessondere um echekliche Fölgen durch die Art der Beinnbatüh- traug der österreichlichen Kraftwurke Schwaneck und Tawamind zu verhnderen, ferreir auch im Rinblick- auf die Begerungen der Eiderunditen Volk- regulahlt, Jugeslewien und der Republik Orierteich im Zu Fehrunz 1956, in Velden vom 10 Mai 1962 und in Opship vom 10. Juli 1963 vereinburt:	V stremljenju, da je utrdijo dobri zosedni odnošu da je popelju je ravoj vdokogovjačirskog oddovanj in da se vodne ilio Drave izkoričajo v sonogelizkog spodarskem podeda v avljevelji molni meti po obe pogodovih strankah, zlasti da je preprečijo škodiljv posiodiou iz začina obretivenji a svirijskih elektra Schrabsek in Lavennina stvrijskih elektra Schrabsek in Lavennina stvrijskih elektra Schrabsek in Lavennina stvrijskih elektra Schrabsek in Lavennina stvrijskih elektra Schrabsek in Jereša Dreve, sta je Vladi Pedera livne Ludvien Republike Jupolačiji in Republike Av strje v snish sreulatov kofernoc ne Didul od 31 februarja 1962. v Veldenu od 10 maja 1982 in v Opači od 10. julije 1965 dogovorili:
Artikel I.	Clen 1
Fur die Regelung des Wastenzbilusses ab Krati- werk Lawamind gült: ab Der Betraeb zu den österweichischen Dwaukralt- werben wird susstührt werden, dass der Wassenzbiluss verschiedenen nutlieren Tasswurflüsse der Drau nie- dergelesten Regelungen entepricht.	Za ureditev vodnege odloka od elektrarne Lawa mund velja: s) Obratovenje v avstrijskih dravskih elektrarna se bo vršilo teko, de odgevarja vodni odbik od elek trarne Lavamund ureditvi sa različne arednje dnevn dotoke Drave, vsebovani v prilogi A.
b) Outerreich wird bestreht sein, das Prequent- fahren im Kraftwerk Schwabeck grundsätzlich zu ver- neiden. In Aussahmerfällen, in denen das Prequent- fahren im Kraftwerk Schwabeck jedoch notwendig isk wird diesen so beschränkt weden, doss die in der Anlage A midergelegte bzw. die jeweils geltende Regelung des Wasserlaftungen eingeltender.	b) Avstrija se bo trudila, da bo načelno izbegaval vožajo frekvence v elektrarni Schwabeck. V izjemali primerih, v Storin pe je vožnja hrajevance v elektravn Schwabeck potrebna, bo ta iako cmotena, da as b izpolnjevala v prilogi A vrekovrana oda, vsakoknata veljavna ureditev vednega odloka.
e) Treten wesentitutuse eingenatien werd, e) Treten wesentitute Anderungen an bien jugosla- wischen Draukraftwerken oder im Flussregine der Drau ein, so kant jeder Vertragsprinter Anderungen der in der Anlage A festgelegten Vereinberungen in der Genüchten Drautommission verlangen, wo ise	c) Ako nastopijo bistvene sprevnembe v jugoslo vaoskih dravskih elektrovnah sil v rečnem režmu Drave, more vaska pogodena stranka rahtevati spre membe v präogi A vzebovanih dogovorov v Mešar dravski konstiji, kter ih is obravnovnih v sovih

Result ta behanderin sind. Als eventileven prevente preve

Artikei z. der Tragebrisse der Konferenz in Opatijs V amidu rerultatov konferenze v Synau-BERS (Elektrosenzgetaki astem Slovenije) (Elektrosenzgetaki astem Slovenije) (Elektrosenzgetaki astem Slovenije) erbangssellacht Överrereicher Elektristikov-schaft dan Skrom- und Materiälbe-schaft (Statisticker Elektristikov-schaft) sPogotbo dobavi anergije in materiala-schaft (Statisticker Elektristikov-schaft) sPogotbo dobavi anergije in materialaierungen nehmen diesen Vertrag zustim-

Artikel 2

Der Text dietes Vertrages wird im Anschluss an das

uzenica anzusehen

15. aprila 1954. m- Obe vladi vzameta to poj znanje ^v) Besecilo te pogodbe se priključuje radi značja.

LEGAL ASPECTS – CONVENTIONS

- Drava/Drau commission is responsible for all mutual bilateral water management and governance issues.
 - Meetings of commissions are regular once per year.
 - Meetings are taking place under the ministries responsible for environment indirectly also foreign ministries are involved.
 - Commission lead authorized representatives of both sides:
 - Experts are involved in preparation and meetings.
- TWB Karavanke/Karawanken was proclaimed under the Drava/Drau commission protocols and therefore it is binding.

LEGAL ASPECTS – CONVENTIONS

DRAVA/DRAU COMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL BILATERAL WATER ISSUES -> CONJUCTIVE WATER MANAGEMENT IS ITS CORE DUE TO NATURAL CONDITIONS IN THE REGION

KEY MASSAGES

- Cooperation in transboundary water bodies is necessary and crucial:
 - It can foster many aspects of good and mutual cooperation between states involved:
 - Effective sharing of water resources, knowledge exchange, upbridging political divergences, ...
- Water cycle must be comprehend as a whole:
 - Influences on one part influence other parts and vice versa,
 - Holistically understanding of water cycle is crucial for better knowledge.
- Conjunctive water management is not only about efficient water usage it is crucial for water protection and sustainable development.

