

Towards a shared vision for the integrated management of the Sava River  
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# The Sava River - a transboundary river of national and international importance

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# What it is about?

- Slovenia in the Sava River Basin
  - National Environmental Priorities
  - International Activities
- An eco-region concept
- A vision of an effective integrated management



# The Sava River Basin - National Priorities

- Water management-WFD and Flood Directive
- Environment measures - reduction of pressures and impacts
- Nature and biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable use of renewable resources

*Achieving the 2020 targets and post 2010 biodiversity target in the context of sustainable use of natural resources in the river basin*



# Implementation - 56% of Slovenia



## Inclusion of biodiversity:

- Focusing on NATURA 2000 network:
  - Management plans
  - Monitoring
  - Rural development plans
- Ecologically important areas (EPO)
- "Natural values"
- Protected areas
- Threatened species...

*Achieving the integrated river basin management at the national level- RBMP*

# The Sava River Basin - International Activities 1

## Existing regional structures:

- **ICPDR**

Implementation of the Danube River Basin Management Plan by 2015 (adaptation to climate change!!)

- **The Sava Commission**  
the coordination role at  
the subregional level



# The Sava River Basin - International Activities 2

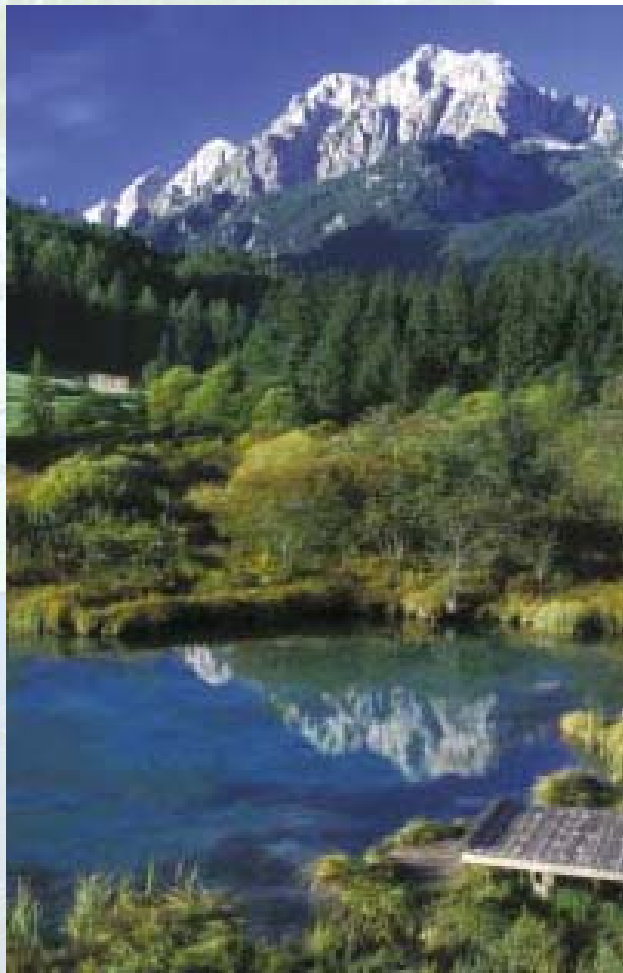


## *At project level:*

- *Dinaric Arc Project* - added value: an eco-region approach (richness of water resources in the Dinarides; management of biodiversity- PAs)
- *The Sava River Basin Biodiversity Project* - biodiversity protection; data exchange; sustainable land use practices

***Achieving the integrated transboundary  
management in the region***

# ... new perceptions and interfaces ...



- Management of biodiversity and river dynamics
- Valuation of ecosystem services
- Biodiversity and climate change
- Scale - "ecoregion": crossing the borders
  - spatial and temporal
  - geographical, societal/political

# An eco-region concept...

- Scale of application - a management unit
- Interdisciplinary approach / river basin cooperation
- Response driven activities
- Alternatives/choices: best options to maintain ecosystem services





# The Sava River Vision

- The role of Slovenia as
  - The EU Member State
  - The Sava Commission
  - Bilateral cooperation (SI-CRO)
  - National experiences
- Functioning of an eco-region
  - Managing different interests
  - River basin transboundary scale
  - Cooperation and coordination of management activities using the existing organisational structures

***Integrated management and sustainable use of natural resources in the region***



A landscape photograph showing a wide body of water in the foreground, reflecting the sky and distant mountains. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright light source breaking through on the right side, creating a glow. In the middle ground, a city skyline is visible, silhouetted against the lighter sky. The water is calm, creating a clear reflection of the city and the sky. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

Thanks!