

**NOTIFICATION TO AN AFFECTED PARTY OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY
UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION**

I. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

(i) Information on the nature of the proposed activity

Type of plan proposed

Adoption of the River Basin Management Plan for the Danube River Basin in Serbia

Is the proposed activity listed in Appendix I to the Convention? YES

Scope of proposed activity

The RBMP for the DRB in Serbia is comprised of two parts. The heading of Part 1 (Characterization of the river basin) and Part 2 (River Basin Management Plan and Program of Measures).

The international Danube River Basin Management Plan (ICPDR DRBMP) and the Integrated Tisza River Basin Management Plan have been developed and adopted within the framework of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR). The Sava River Basin Management Plan has been developed and adopted within the framework of the International Sava River Basin Commission.

Scale of proposed activity

(e.g. size, production capacity, etc.)

The ICPDR DRBMP addresses watercourses whose catchment area is larger than 4,000 km², whereas the plans for the Sava and Tisza sub-basins consider catchment areas larger than 1,000 km². However, the RBMPDRBS covers watercourses relevant to the Danube River Basin (DRB) in Serbia, that is, all watercourses whose catchment area is larger than 500 km², as well as all transboundary watercourses whose catchment area is larger than 100 km² or are addressed in existing bilateral agreements with neighboring countries.

With regard to lakes, the ICPDR DRBMP includes all lakes larger than 100 km², whereas the plans for the Sava and Tisza sub-basins address lakes larger than 50 km². Given that Serbia has no lakes whose size would make them relevant to the DRB in Serbia (i.e. lakes larger than 10 km²), the subject of lakes will be addressed in water (river basin) district management plans.

Kosovo and Metohija is an autonomous province of the Republic of Serbia and based on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999, it is under temporary UN civil and military administration. Due to a lack of data, the territory of Kosovo and Metohija is addressed only in sections that describe the natural characteristics of the DRB in Serbia, on which information is available from the previous period.

<p>Description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)</p> <p>Principal objectives and measures of the RBMP of the DRB in Serbia are: Water use segment (Municipal water supply, Industrial water supply, Irrigation, Hydropower harnessing, Navigation, Fish farming, sports, recreation and tourism), Water protection, Point sources of pollution, Diffuse sources of pollution, Protected areas, Groundwater: protection of quality and quantity, Hydromorphological pressures, Protection against the adverse effects of water, River engineering, Flood protection, Protection from waterlogging, Protection from erosion and flashfloods, Drought and water scarcity, Objectives and measures relating to multi-purpose use of water, Water storage reservoirs, Regional drinking water supply schemes and Supplemental measures.</p>
<p>Description of purpose of proposed activity</p> <p>The implementation of the measures needed to improve the state of affairs in the water sector over the 6-year planning period.</p>
<p>Rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical geographic basis)</p> <p>The establishment of a suitable legislative environment requires full implementation of the Water Law, including drafting and passing of missing implementing legislation within the timeframe stipulated by law. This also applies to planning documents (water management plans for water districts, flood risk management plans and water pollution control plan), which need to be passed not later than the end of 2017. The completion of missing documentation also applies to the environmental sector, specifically the segment that involves water.</p>
<p>Additional information/comments No</p>
<p>(ii) Information on the spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity</p>
<p>Location</p> <p>The territory of the Danube River Basin in the Serbia</p>
<p>Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic, socio-economic characteristics)</p> <p>The Danube river basin in Serbia extends approximately between 42 ° 12'12 "and 46 ° 11'25" north latitude and 18 ° 49'13 "and 23 ° 00'43" east longitude. On this territory, whose area is about 80,948 km² (approximately 92% of the total territory of Serbia).</p> <p>Kosovo and Metohija is an autonomous province of the Republic of Serbia and based on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999, it is under temporary UN civil and military administration. Due to a lack of data, the territory of Kosovo and Metohija is addressed only in sections that describe the natural characteristics of the DRB in Serbia, on which information is available from the previous period.</p>

Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic, physical-geographic basis)
Time-frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation) 2015-2021
Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity
Additional information/comments No
(iii) Information on expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures
<p>Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities, etc.)</p> <p>The strategic and operational objectives and implementation measures, as defined in the RBMPDRBS, can only be achieved if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an appropriate legislative environment is provided, including regulation of property rights; • an organizational and institutional system, capable of ensuring integrated water management in the river basin, is established; • conditions for industrial development are provided; • an investment and profitable business environment is created; • a system of government priorities is defined, and incentives and favorable credit lines provided for financing; • water sector self-funding is established through the implementation of “user pays” and “polluter pays” principles, and economic water pricing achieved, consistent with the economic and social standing of users of services; • a multi-tariff system is established in the municipal water supply and sanitation segment; • designated use of financial resources is ensured via the Water Fund or appropriate financial institutions; • the use of EU funds is defined; • a legislative framework for public-private partnerships is instituted; • a regulatory function and standards for water sector operations are established; • the public is more motivated and involved in all stages of water sector planning; • the level of cooperation between government bodies, public enterprises, and public, scientific, technical and financial institutions is raised; • better relationships are established between the state, provincial and local administrations in the areas of capital project planning, financing and spending.
<p>Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)</p> <p>The Danube River Basin Management Plan serves as the means of identification of priority</p>

activities defined in the Republic of Serbia's Water Management Strategy for a six years' period. The solutions envisaged by the Plan treat the territory of the water basin of the river Danube in Serbia as a single water management space. The Danube River Basin Management Plan for the territory of the Republic of Serbia offers solutions with highly positive impacts on the environment, both on the territory of the Republic of Serbia and the territories of the surrounding countries. By means of adequate planning, certain negative impacts can be considerably reduced or compensated by other beneficial impacts. In terms of its impact on the environment, this document can be considered fully acceptable.

Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources, etc.)

Outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)

Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)

In the context of possible transboundary impacts, the solutions envisaged by the Plan do not include any facilities that could have any significant impact on the neighbouring countries, with the exceptions of the systems planned in the areas of middle and lower Drina. Those systems belong both to the Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Republika Srpska) and therefore both countries are obliged to cooperatively and jointly take measures for smooth incorporation of those systems in the surrounding. A beneficial circumstance is that the realization of those systems coincides with the goals of flood protection, river basin regulation, stabilization of the currently unstable river banks and riverbed of the lower Drina and with the management of the water regimes in the riverine flood plains. Other identified possible negative transboundary impacts are considered strategically insignificant since they do not considerably infringe on the capacity of space.

Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)

In order to keep the positive impacts of the planned solutions within the estimated values that will not jeopardise the capacity of the space, as well as to minimise and/or prevent the possible negative impacts of the solutions planned, certain environmental protection guidelines are determined, which are necessary to follow. Separate monitoring systems for different environmental factors are developed as well, as an instrument for following the implementation of the planned activities and monitoring the current condition of the environment.

Additional information/comments No

(iv) Proponent/developer

Name, address, telephone and fax numbers

(v) SEA documentation

Is the SEA documentation (e.g. SEA report) included in the notification?
If no/partial, description of additional documentation to be forwarded and
(approximate) date(s) when documentation will be available.

SEA documentation is included in the notification.

Additional information/comments NO

2. POINTS OF CONTACT

(i) Points of contact for the possible affected Party or Parties

Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the SEA (refer to
decision I/3, appendix)

Name, address, telephone and fax numbers

To be delivered by the diplomatic post

List of affected Parties to which notification is being sent

Hungary, Republic of Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and
Montenegro.

(ii) Points of contact for the Party of origin

Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the SEA (refer to
decision I/3, appendix)

- Name, address, telephone and fax numbers

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3. INFORMATION ON THE SEA PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS LOCATED

(i) Information on the SEA process that will be applied to the proposed activity

Time schedule

- 2015

Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the SEA process

- During 2015

Nature and timing of the possible decision

- During 2015

Process for approval of the proposed activity

- During 2015

Additional information/comments

4 INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Public participation procedures

Public consultation on the Draft Report on SEA shall include publishing of text at the premises of the Water Directorate and its website (www.rdvode.gov.rs). Public consultation shall also include public hearing which will be held in October 2015.

Expected start and duration of public consultation

Public consultation will be organized in period 01st October – 01st November 2015

Public hearing (presentation) will be held on 28th October 2015 in Belgrade

Additional information/comments NO

5 DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

Date

According to the date of receipt of notification, within 30 days