

NOTIFICATION TO AN AFFECTED PARTY OF A PROPOSED PLAN OR PROGRAMME UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF THE PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

General information on the plan or programme	
Name of the plan or programme	River Basin Management Plan (2016 – 2021)
Type and sector of plan or programme (e.g., local land-use plan, national energy strategy)	The Water Framework Directive (WFD) requires Member States to update the River Basin Management Plans and Program of Measures and also first Flood Risk Management Plans under the Floods Directive must be drawn up. This document represents 2nd national Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plan together with 1st Floods Directive Flood Risk Management Plan as its constituent part.
Territorial coverage (e.g., regional, national)	National
Main content and purpose of the plan or programme (e.g., framework setting for projects, determination of use of land) and its links with other plans or programme	Measures for achieving good status of water bodies. Measures for flood risk management improvement. The purpose of the Plan is enhancing water quality and flood protection and will enable to achieve good status of water bodies by 2021. Its objectives are to: a. prevent further deterioration, protect and enhance the status of aquatic ecosystems and, with regard to their water needs, terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands directly depending on the aquatic ecosystems; b. promote sustainable water use based on a long-term protection of available water resources; c. aim at enhanced protection and improvement of the aquatic environment, inter alia, through specific measures for the progressive reduction of discharges, emissions and losses of priority substances and the cessation or phasing-out of discharges, emissions and losses of the priority hazardous substances; d. ensure the progressive reduction of pollution of groundwater and prevent its further pollution, and

	e. contribute to mitigating the effects of floods and droughts.
Whether the plan or programme is binding	Binding
Submitted documents	
Draft plan or programme	Enclosed – full draft in Croatian together with the Executive summary in English is available
Environmental report	Enclosed – Non technical summary in English and Croatian is available
Other documents (with description)	/
Languages into which documents are or will be translated	Croatian; Summaries of RBMP and SEA in English
Description of the decision-making procedure and of the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) procedure in the Party of origin	
Description of the phases of the planning procedure	The RBMP will undergo Government of the Republic Croatia procedure. The Government of the Republic of Croatia will enact the RBMP.
Legal basis for the planning procedure (quoting the regulation or other legal basis)	Environmental Protection Act (OG No. 80/13, 78/15) Water Act (OG 153/09, 63/11, 130/11, 56/13 and 14/14, Art. 34, 36 & 112).
Present phase of the planning procedure and of the SEA procedure	- Preparing final drafts of RBMP and SEA for public hearing
Time schedule of the foreseen continuation of the planning procedure and of the SEA procedure	- Public hearing January/February 2016 - Procedure of the Government of the Republic Croatia - gathering of opinions of relevant national Ministries and local/regional authorities on RBMP – February 2016 - Enact of the RBMP – end of February 2016
Process and timing of the possible adoption of the plan or programme	February / March 2016

Information on the public participation process in the Party of origin	
Opportunities for the public to participate:	
Start and end dates for the public to provide comments on the environmental report and draft plan or programme	Public hearing January 2016 – February 2016
How the public is informed of the public participation process	According to the national law on SEA process, the public is informed through the publication of Information on public hearing in national newspaper (information on start and end of public hearing, address for delivery of opinions, address of web site where RBMP and SEA are published and dates for public consultations (presentations of RBMP and SEA) . RBMP and SEA together with all relevant information are published on the official websites of the Ministry of Agriculture and Croatian Waters (Hrvatske vode).
Whether a public hearing is organized and, if so, when	It will be organized during period of 30 days (January – February 2016)
How the public is informed of the adoption of the plan or programme and how the information specified in article 11, paragraph 2, is made available	RBMP will be published in Official Journal of Republic of Croatia and on official websites of Government of Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Agriculture and Croatian Waters (Hrvatske vode).
Expected time schedule for transmittal of comments and questions by the public of the affected Party on the draft plan or programme and on the full environmental report	Start: January 2016, duration: 30 days
Affected Parties	
List of Parties to which notification has been sent	Republic of Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Italy.
Point of contact for the transboundary procedure	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the transboundary SEA	Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

procedure: name, address, e-mail, telephone and fax numbers	Radnička cesta 80, HR – 10 000 Zagreb Phone: +385 1 3717-111 Fax: +385 1 3717-149
Deadlines for response to the notification	
Deadline for responding to indicate whether the affected Party wishes to participate	30 days
Deadline for transmission of comments on the draft plan or programme and the full environmental report by authorities of the affected Party (if different from above)	30 days
Means of communication	
Means by which letters from the Party of origin are sent (e.g., e-mail, fax, post, via embassy)	
Means by which affected Parties are asked to send their letters	