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Sava Project

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How to implement Sava project using SEETCP mechanism?

Priority axes of the SEETCP

1. Protection and improvement of the environment;
2. Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship;
3. Improvement of the accessibility;
4. Development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas;
5. Technical assistance to support implementation and capacity building.

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APPENDIX D – Map programme area South East Europe



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Activities in Priority axis No. 2

- **Improve integrated water management and flood risk prevention;**
- **Improve prevention of environmental risks;**
- Promote cooperation in management of natural assets and protected areas;
- Promote energy and resource efficiency.

Relevant activity under PA 2: Coordinating, harmonizing and developing of monitoring systems and alert mechanisms



How to implement Sava project using SEETCP mechanism?

To prepare application and partnership for next Project call (2010 ?) by

- Selecting a leading partner and
- Setting up partnership – all “Sava countries” are eligible, in addition to HM services other partners are most welcome (water authorities etc.)
- Coordination in the above process – Secretariat of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)



Immediate steps

- Based on Immediate objectives and Outputs set in the Sava project document and taking into account the fact that only 85% of needed financial resources is covered by the SEETCP funds and 15% is covered by the partner, each potential partner should propose his involvement in implementation of one or more working packages of interest, including realistic estimation of resources needed.
- Proposals could be prepared with the help of the Secretariat of the ISRBC, SEETCP focal points and national coordinators and submitted together with statements of commitment to the Secretariat of the ISRBC for the next project call (2010). Main players are the national HM services in the Sava River countries.



How to proceed?

Problems concerning SEETCP:

- SEETCP funding mechanism is generally not intended for infrastructure investments;
- Only Slovenia is EU country, other SRB countries can use IPA funds → only smaller part of activities could be implemented.

Could some other options be used?



Sava Project - Points for Discussion

Is the Sava project still relevant to NMHS's of the SRB?

Have the NMHS's communicated to the respective Government Authorities their interest in, and commitment to, the Sava project?



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What is the World Bank doing or planning to do to secure funds and support implementation of the Sava project?

What is WMO, the proposed Executing Agency of the project, doing or attempting to do to secure financial support for the project, possibly from sources other than the World Bank?



Sava Project - Points for Discussion

Is this forum, the 9th ICEED, to reiterate its support to the project and possibly propose the follow up steps, it considers appropriate under the circumstances?

Would it be opportune to establish a small but competent Sava task force at this meeting (9th ICEED), which would be given mandate to seek funding for the project and coordinate further efforts in this respect on behalf of the NMHSs of the SRB states (and the Sava Commission?)?