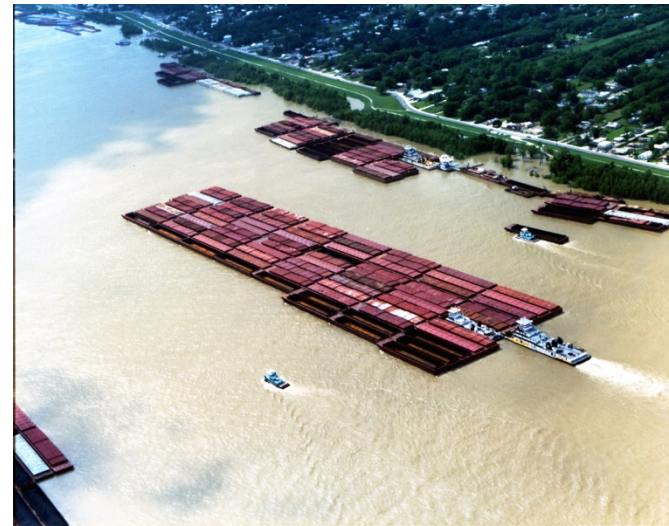


# Rehabilitation and Development of the Navigation and Transport on the Sava River Waterway-sector Novi Grad *Stakeholders Forum*



10th Joint Statement Implementation Meeting,  
Budapest, September 11-12, 2019

# Sava River Waterway-History

- In 1982 transport on the Sava was approx. **9mil. tons**
- Due to lack of proper waterway maintenance during long period in '90s the waterway is in very poor condition
- Rehabilitation of the waterway is one of the priorities of the Sava Countries and Sava Commission
- Part of the planning documentation for the waterway has been prepared so far and countries started with some rehabilitation activities on most critical sectors of the waterway
- Role of the SC-crossborder coordination

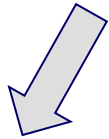
# Rehabilitation of the Waterway- Coordination Committee

- **Established by SC Decisions 7/11 and 11/12 in 2011**
- **Membership:** competent ministries of the Parties, ICPDR, Danube Commission, regional/national NGO community, economic/navigation sector
- **Tasks:** monitoring and coordination of the activities on the whole waterway, exchange of information, stimulation of implementation of the principles of the JS
- **SC Decision 2/19** allowed the Committee, in an extended form, to fulfill the role of the Stakeholders Forum for projects relating to particular parts of the Sava River Waterway - for the first time this opportunity was used for the Jaruge-Novigrad sector

## COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION AND MONITORING

(coordination, exchange of information, JS implementation...  
for the whole waterway rkm 0-rkm 594)

**SC Decision 2/19:** Committee=SF for  
specific actions



**SF Novi Grad  
Comm.Members  
+  
Local Stakeholders**



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# Jaruge-Novi Grad – Stakeholders Forum



# Intervention area



- Sava rkm 300 – rkm 329

## Basic facts

- **Development of project documentation and EIA Study for the improvement of the navigation condition on the Sava River Waterway sector from rkm 300 to rkm 329**
  - Presentation of the conceptual solutions
  - EIA Study
  - Preliminary and Main Design
  - All necessary permits
- **Implementation period 2018-2020**

# Establishment of the Stakeholders Forum

- Pursuant to Decisions 7/11, 11/12 and 2/19, and the conclusions of the 6th and 7th Committee meetings, the SC adopted Decision 7/19 establishing a Stakeholders Forum for the preparation of the EIA study and the design for the activity: improving navigation conditions on the river Sava from rkm 300 to rkm 329 - SF
- An integral part of the Decision are the list of members and the methodology of work
- Members from the local stakeholders was determined by public call for expressions of interest for Membership in Stakeholders Forum announced on the web sites of the Ministries for Transport from B&H and Croatia (all applications was accepted)



# Membership

## SF Members:

- Committee Members
- Nongovernmental and org. of civil society, professional associations
- Regional and local authorities



## Field of interest:

- Nature and environment protection
- Inland waterway transport
- Water management



## Basic principles

- Full transparency
- Voluntary membership
- A multidisciplinary approach
- Advisory character
- Respect for all needs and joint planning
- Mutual respect and confidence building



# Main tasks of the Stakeholders Forum

- **Exchange of information about the development of Project**
- **Formulation of the Project-related information needs, comments, questions and recommendations to the Project team**
- **Elaboration of proposals for required improvements of the activities in different parts of the Project**
- **Stimulation of implementation of the principles of the Joint Statement**
- **Consideration of other relevant recommendations and proposals regarding the Project**

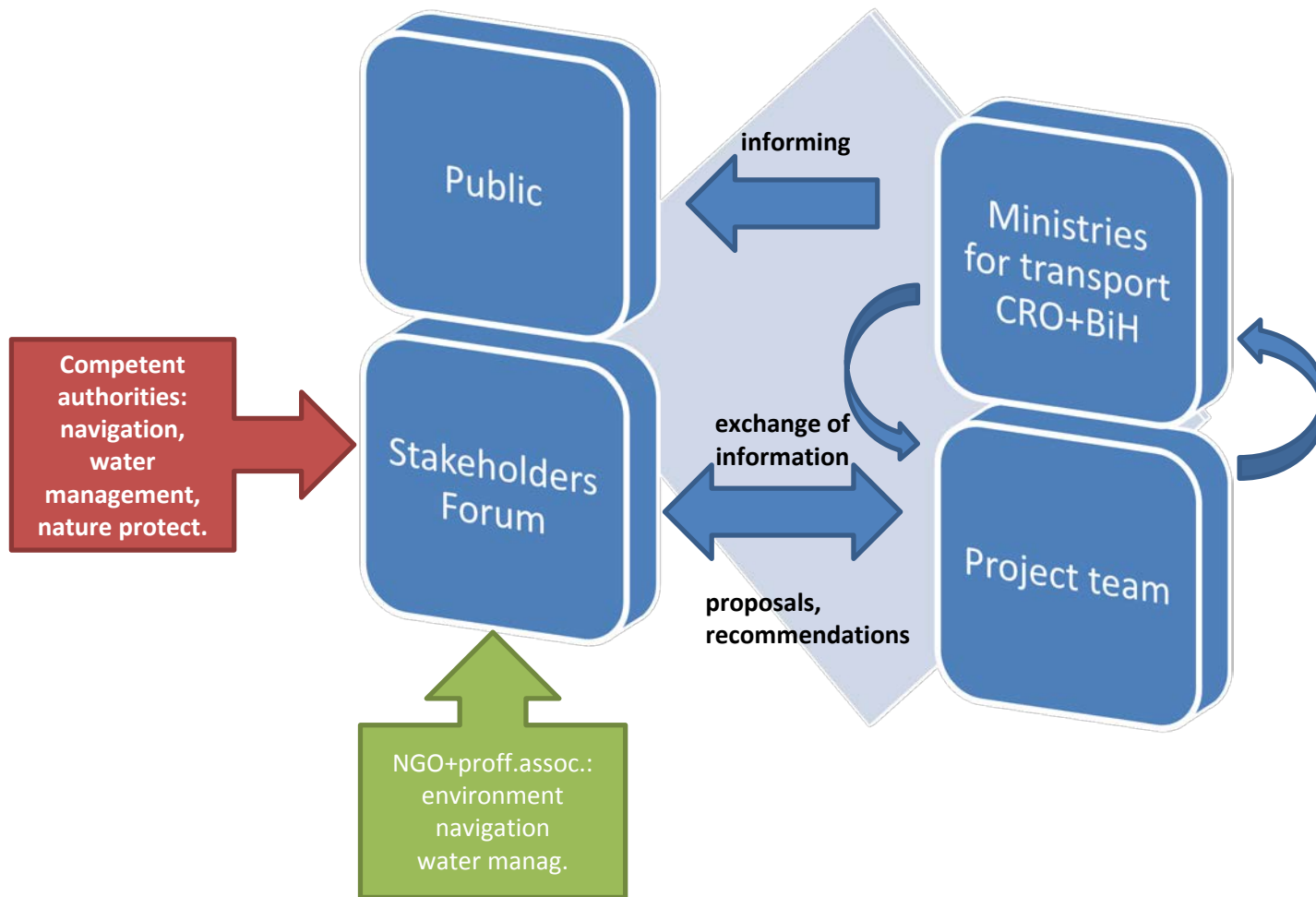
# Methodology of work

- **The SC Secretariat is responsible for organization and execution of the SF meetings**
- **Documents shall be distributed not later than 10 calendar days prior to the meeting**
- **Meetings of the SF can also be attended by representatives of the NGOs who are not members of the SF, as well as representatives of the relevant governmental organizations interested in the Project, as observers**
- **The maximum number of observers per meeting is ten (10). Registration of observers is obligatory at least three working days prior to the meeting, on the first come first served basis**

# Methodology of work

- **Members and observes have the right to participate in the SF meetings, express their position and views, and have them reflected in relevant meeting documents, as well as to submit documents and proposals to the Forum, to be discussed or adopted at the meeting**
- **All conclusions shall be agreed unanimously by the attendant members. If no consensus is achieved, a majority approved statement can be issued instead. In such case, dissent must be documented appropriately. In any case, points of dissent can be directly addressed to the Project team as questions**
- **Working languages are English and official languages of the Sava Commission.**
- **Reports from the SF meetings shall be published on a publicly available section of the SC web site.**





# 1st SF Meeting

- General rules on organization and work of the SF
- Presentation of the Project in general
- 3 variant solutions for the improvement of the fairway presented and discussed




# 1st SF Meeting

- All participants supported the establishment of the SF
- Detailed discussion of all participants
- Agreement on recommendations for further actions to the Project team



## Final comments

- **Transboundary character of this SF adds new positive element in the JS implementation**
- **It is especially important for the further rehabilitation of the Sava River Waterway where lot of other critical sectors are on the border part of the river**
- **Use of the existing international frameworks (e.g. River Commissions) for the JS implementation on the border sectors of waterways can significantly speed up the process and minimize the administrative burden in the specific project implementation**

A wide river flows from the foreground towards the background. In the foreground, a boat's wake is visible, showing white foam and dark water. The riverbank in the distance is lined with a dense forest of trees. The sky is a pale, clear blue. A small white buoy is visible on the left side of the river.

**Thank you for your attention!!!**

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