

**Astana Water Action (AWA)
Actions by CROATIA**

Country/organization: Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management

Development of River Basin Management Plan (I. General actions ((a), (b), (c), (f); II. Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, A., 1. & 2.& 3.)

Due to the negotiation process for the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU, Croatia was obliged to develop draft of RBMP till November 2010. At the moment, the public discussion is coming to the end. After this, next step is finalization of the Plan, taking into consideration the recommendations and objections given through the public discussions and stakeholders meetings. There is also parallel procedure of SEIA for the RBMP.

More info: www.mrrsvg.hr (only Croatian)

Expected outcome:

Finalization and adoption of RBMP for Croatia and implementation of first cycle of measures by the end of 2015.

Partners:

All stakeholders (NGOs, agricultural sector, public health sector, navigation, energy, industry, utility sector, nature protection etc.

Contact points:

e.g. CEP delegate and the UNECE Water Convention focal point/Ministry dealing with water

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Implementation Plan for water utility directives (Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) and Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC)) (I. General actions ((d), (e)); II. Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, B., 1. & 2.)

The main measure from the RBMP is Implementation Plan for water utility directives. It is both financially and technically very demanding, the value of this Plan is about 4,5 million EUR. Final target date: end of the 2023.

Expected outcome

the growth of percentage of access to public water supply system from present average 75% to average 85% to 90% until 2023, including small local systems presently unsupervised and the growth of percentage of access to public sewage system from present average 43% to average 60% including the treatment on 294 agglomerations larger than 2000 ES, in accordance with UWWTD.

Partners

All citizens, local authorities, public water utilities (operators)

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Introduction of “recovery of costs for water services” principle (II. Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, B., 1. (c), (d), (e); III. Sustainable management of water and greening the economy, A.)

By Water Act and Water Financing Act, which both entered into force in June 2010, this principle was integrated in national legislation. By the Water Act, the Council for water services was established in order to, inter alia, assure the legacy of prices for water services. The principle of economically sustainable performance of public services for operators/utilities is demanded through the Government Ordinance. Due to the large number of small utilities, the rationalization and merge into larger utilities is expected (the service area will consist of one or more present water supply systems and/or agglomerations). For this purpose, the Government of the Republic of Croatia will adopt the Regulation on establishment of service areas by the end of 2011.

Expected outcome

Full implementation of “recovery of costs for water services” principle

Partners

All citizens, local authorities, public water utilities (operators), economy sector

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