

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

**1. Country/ organization: Serbia, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management**

**2. Title of the action:**

**Negotiations on trans-boundary water management agreements with neighboring countries (AWA paragraphs 19 and 20)**

**3. Description of the action and if possible target date:**

Republic of Serbia is contracting Party to the UNECE amended Water Convention since 2010. Agreements on Cooperation on trans-boundary waters with Romania and Hungary are signed in 1955, by-lateral commissions were established. Negotiations on new agreement with Romania started in 2010. We expect that negotiations with Hungary and Croatia will start in 2012.

Negotiations finalized, agreements with Romania, Hungary and Croatia signed and ratified in 2013.

**4. Expected outcome:**

New trans-boundary water management agreements signed, ratified and implemented.

**5. Partners:**

Ministries and institutions responsible for water management and/or environment in neighboring countries; Serbian ministries responsible for water management, environment, foreign affairs, infrastructure and public water management companies.

**6. Contact points:**

UNECE Water Convention focal point: Aleksandar Prodanovic, director, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management, Directorate for Water

**2. Title of the action:**

**Preparation and implementation of the national Danube River Basin Management Plan (AWA paragraphs 11 and 12)**

**3. Description of the action and if possible target date:**

Water Law in accordance with WFD is adopted in 2010. National Danube River Basin Management Plan is expected to be finalized and adopted by the Government in 2012.

Following the adoption of the first *Plan*, the implementation of the *Programme of Measures* will start and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of RBM planning will be launched.

**4. Expected outcome:**

The national *Danube RBM Plan*, as a detailed account of how the environmental objectives of the EU *WFD* are to be reached, accompanied with the *Programme of Measures*, where further steps toward the achievement of good ecological status of surface waters and good chemical status of groundwater will be elaborated.

**5. Partners:**

Ministries responsible for Water Management and Environment, Public Water Management Companies, Institutes, towns and municipalities, water users, water polluters.

**6. Contact points:**

UNECE Water Convention focal point:

Aleksandar Prodanovic, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Forestry and Water Management, Directorate for Water.

**2. Title of the action:**

**Preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan** (AWA paragraphs 17 and 18)

**3. Description of the action and if possible target date:**

By signing the *Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB)*, the Parties (BA, HR, RS and SI) committed themselves to develop a common *Sava River Basin Management Plan (Sava RBM Plan)*, in accordance with the EU *Water Framework Directive*. Based on the successful preparation of the characterization report in accordance with Article 5 of the EU *WFD*, the first *Sava RBM Plan* is being developed with financial support of the European Commission and under the coordinating role of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC). The *Plan* is expected to be finalized and adopted by the Parties in 2012. Following the adoption of the first *Plan*, the implementation of the *Programme of Measures* will start and the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of RBM planning will be launched.

**4. Expected outcome:**

The *Sava RBM Plan*, as a detailed account of how the environmental objectives of the EU *WFD* are to be reached, accompanied with the *Programme of Measures*, where further steps toward the achievement of good ecological status of surface waters and good chemical status of groundwater will be elaborated.

**5. Partners:**

Ministries of the Parties, responsible for water management and/or environment

**6. Contact points:**

UNECE Water Convention focal point:

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