

Water Management and Navigation Conclusions (I)

- Presentations:
 - Recent EU-WFD Implementation Recommendations
 - Prospects of Sava Rehabilitation
- Discussion:
 - Feasibility Study of Navigation
 - Will Include among Other Things:
 - Evaluation of the whole Traffic and Logistic System
 - Private and Recreational Traffic Needs
 - Impacts on Other Uses and vice versa
 - Impacts on „Good Status“
 - Ecologic Efficiency
 - Cost-Benefit Analysis (incl. External and Running Costs)
 - Further Decisions on Rehabilitation after Feasibility Study
 - Role of Harbours in the whole traffic system

Water Management and Navigation Conclusions (II)

- Additional Information:
 - Sava Comm., ICPDR and Danube Navigation Comm. Have Mutual Observer Status
 - Slovenia Joins Sava Navigation Protocol To Be Informed
 - Morphological Assessment Exists
 - Of Sava and Will be Actualised in 2nd Joint Danube Survey 2007
 - Of Some Small Pilot Basins in EU-CARD Project
 - German Experiences
 - Business Transport Needs
 - >345 Days Navigability
 - for Container Ships
 - Moratorium on New Dams for Navigation

Water Management and Navigation Recommendations

- Include an Open Dialogue in the Feasibility Study
 - Public Tendering for a Multi-User Consortium
 - Public Results Discussion Meeting with Relevant Stakeholders

- Enhanced cooperation with ICPDR will be beneficial for the Sava Commission in its tasks to provide the framework for cooperation between the riparian countries, and coordinate relevant activities. Relevant potentials should be further explored. The establishment of a common set of principles for navigation and nature protection should be explored.

- Need to identify the trade-offs between navigation (a developmental activity - one of the water uses in the river) and nature conservation. Sectoral Environmental Assessments can be used and serve this task. Available, appropriate, methodologies to assess the externalities created should be used to support decision making.
- Experiences and lessons learned in other river basins from outside the region (e.g. Elbe, Danube; here with regard to navigation and its possible impacts to the status of natural resources) should be used.
- A comparable methodology to assess possible hydro-morphological alterations as a result of interventions for the rehabilitation of the waterway should be developed for the whole Sava river basin (-> Danube?).
- Market forces have to be taken into account since these will – up to a point - define cost-effectiveness and the viability of investments made for the development of navigation in the Sava River.
- Integrated Planning and Assessment of all Uses